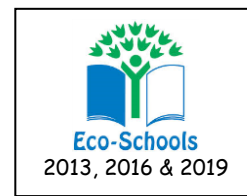




Bargarran Primary School  
Newsletter for Parents and Carers  
November 2020



Renfrewshire has been placed into the highest level of Coronavirus restrictions, Level 4. Schools will remain open at this level and I would like to ask for your continued support to ensure our school remains a safe place for children to learn. The support we have received from parents and carers on the wearing of face masks on school premises is greatly appreciated by all staff. If I could please ask for a similar level of support with the following;

**Access to the School Building** - this is by appointment only. If you require to speak to a member of the school's Senior Management Team (SMT) please phone the school office in advance of visiting the school. We would prefer not to have face to face meetings at present, but under certain circumstances a meeting may be necessary. If a meeting is required suitable arrangements need to be put in place and this may result in the meeting being scheduled for a future date.

**Contact with School Staff** - could we please ask parents and carers, due to the current circumstances, not to approach teaching staff when they are bringing in their class at the start of the school day, or letting the class out at the end of the day. If you require to speak to a member of school staff please contact the school office.

As soon as circumstances allow us to return to our previous 'Open Door' policy we will do so. Until then your support with the above is greatly appreciated.

**Values Assembly Winners**

Our weekly assemblies are an important part of our school ethos. We have started holding our awards assemblies virtually. The assembly is taken by a member of the school's SMT and classes join in using Microsoft Teams. The most recent assembly was our School Values Assembly. Children are nominated by their class teacher for being a good example of our chosen value or values. The following children were presented with their certificates on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November;

Class	'Be Honest'	'Be Kind'
Primary 1	Cobie	Mia
Primary 2	Yasmin	Caelan
Primary 3	Elizabeth	Sofia
Primary 4	Nathan	Oliver
Primary 5	John	Cara
Primary 6	Kieran	Ronnie
Primary 7/6	Jamie	Erin
Primary 7	Onur	Amy

**Congratulations to all our winners!**

**Pupil Progress Updates**

A written interim report on your child's progress will be issued on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. These reports are in place of the traditional October Parents' Evening.

Examples of children's work will be made available through the Evidence App between October and Christmas. If you do not have access to the Evidence App please contact the school office and a permission form will be sent home with your child. If you have previously signed up to use the App but need help to log on please contact the school office also.

## Parents and Carers Survey Results

Thank you to all the parents and carers who responded to our recent survey on our approaches to attainment and achievement. The results were as follows:

Responses = 36					
Question/Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The school's ethos encourages my child/children to make good progress with their work.	15	19	2	0	0
The development of Literacy and Numeracy skills is an important part of the school's ethos.	21	15	0	0	0
The school's approach to supporting learning during lockdown was effective.	10	20	5	1	0
The school's approach to learning and teaching after children returned to school in August 2020 has been effective.	9	24	1	2	0
The school provides my child/children with the opportunities for wider achievement.	9	21	4	2	0
The school seeks and celebrates my child's wider achievements.	11	19	5	1	0
Overall, I am happy with the school's approach to supporting my child's attainment and achievements.	14	20	1	1	0
I am aware the school has received whole school awards for the following: Rights Respecting Schools, Eco Schools, Fairtrade and Social Enterprise.	Yes		No		
	34		2		

There were a variety of comments left with most being supportive of the school's approach to attainment and achievement. The comments where parents and carers raised concerns were regarding the amount of homework issued since children returned to school in August and updates on pupil progress.

## Wet Weather Arrangements

On mornings when the weather is too wet Primary 1, 2, 6 and 7 will be afforded early access to the building at 8.45 a.m. and Primary 3, 4 and 5 at 8.55 a.m.

We would encourage all parents, carers and children who arrive at the school before these times to take advantage of the shelter the school building and playground provides.

## Social Media

We have been contacted by a number of parents and carers raising their concerns over the use of social media by children who attend the school. The concerns relate to the use of social media outwith school hours. Could I please ask parents and carers to be aware of your child or children's use of social media. Children require to be 13 years of age to have a Facebook or a Tik Tok account and 16 to have a What's App account.

## Christmas Show

This year we will replace our Christmas Show with individual class performances that will be available to view on Class Dojo from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The current guidance does not allow children to sing and teaching staff have had to take this into account when choosing an item. We hope you enjoy your child's class performance and we also hope that our annual Christmas Show will return in December 2021.

## St Andrew's Day Holiday

The school will be closed on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November for the St Andrew's Day holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## Non Uniform Days

The following days will be non-uniform days; Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November we are working with our campus partners, St John Bosco Primary, and are asking children to bring an item for a local foodbank for coming to school out of uniform. Children can still come to school out of uniform if they do not bring an item to donate.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December both schools are having a Christmas Jumper Day. If children could wear a Christmas jumper on the day if they have one. If children do not have a Christmas jumper please do not buy one especially for the event.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of term, there are no donations or requests to wear certain items of clothing.

## Christmas Pantomime Day and Class Parties

We are replacing our annual visit to the pantomime with a Christmas Pantomime Day this year. During the day children will undertake pantomime themed activities and watch a pantomime from the internet. Our Parent Council have kindly agreed to provide ice -creams for all children on the day.

The dates of our Christmas parties are included later in this newsletter. Children can wear their party clothes to school for the whole day on the day of their party.

## Christmas Events

The following events will be taking place in the next few weeks;

Date	Event
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Interim Reports issued
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Non - Uniform Day (donations to local foodbank)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	School Closed - St Andrew's Day Holiday
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Pantomime Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Primary 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/6 and 7 Class Parties
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Primary 1 and 2 Class Parties
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Non-uniform Day School Closes at 2.20 p.m. for P 1, P 2, P 6 and P 7. School Closes at 2.30 p.m. for P.3, P.4 and P.5.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	School Opens at 8.50 a.m. for P 1, P 2, P 6 and P 7. School Opens at 9.00 a.m. for P.3, P.4 and P.5.

## Thank You

Thank you to all the parents and carers who donated to Poppy Scotland recently through Parent Pay. A donation of £48 will be made on behalf of the school.

Yours sincerely

*A. Lyle*

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Head Teacher