

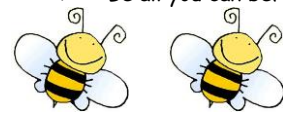
Bargarran Primary School
Newsletter for Parents and Carers
May 2023

Our School Vision

'At Bargarran Primary School we learn and grow together'

Our School Values

- Be happy
- Be honest
- Be kind
- Be respectful
- Be responsible
- Be all you can be!



WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



This month's newsletter looks ahead to our plans for next session, areas we would like the support of parents and carers to make a positive difference to our school and shares the successes of our children and our school.

Class Structure 2023-24

During the final session, many children and I expect parents, will be keen to find out who their child's teacher will be for the next session. At present, I can provide the following update on the number of classes and our staffing for next session.

The number of classes the school is organised into is determined by the local authority and relates to the number of pupils attending the school. Our anticipated school role for session 2023-24 is 211. Next session the school will continue to be structured into 8 classes.

The local authority provides a suggested class structure and number of pupils for each class, although the Head Teacher does have the opportunity to implement a different structure. Any revised structure must have the same number of classes determined by the local authority.

Classes also need to be within legal requirements regarding a maximum number of pupils, and one space per stage left vacant for children who may move into the school catchment area. The legal maximum class sizes are: Primary 1 - 25 pupils, Primary 2 and 3 - 30 pupils, Primary 4 to 7 - 33 pupils and composite classes - 25 pupils.

Next session our proposed class structure is: Primary 1, Primary 2/1, Primary 2, Primary 3, Primary 4, Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7.

The staffing allocation for the school is not normally confirmed by the local authority until closer to the end of term. This means it is not possible to allocate staff to classes, as changes could be made to our staffing right up until the end of term.

When I am in a position to inform you of your child's class allocation and teacher for session 2023-24, I will do so.

I hope the above update is helpful. If parents and carers would like to discuss any of the above information, please contact the school office.

School Garden

Our school garden continues to 'grow' from strength to strength. Children from all classes are given the opportunity to maintain the garden and grow a range of plants and vegetables. All this work has recently been rewarded by the accreditation of Level 2 It's Your Garden Award - the second highest level of accreditation.

Pupil Awards 1 - Growth Mindset Awards

We regularly celebrate children's work and successes at our weekly virtual assembly. Congratulations to the following children who recently received a Growth Mindset award:

| Class | Resilience | Effort | Attitude |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| Primary 1 | Matthew | Emilia | Alex |
| Primary 2/1 | Faye | Alexander | Miller |
| Primary 3/2 | Isaac | Joshua | Riley |
| Primary 3 | Mia | Chloe | Zach |
| Primary 4 | Gracie-Beaux | Anna-Jayne | Elena |
| Primary 5 | Bailey | Jessica | Eva |
| Primary 6 | Struan | Declan | Quinn |
| Primary 7 | Millie | Hayleigh | Bradley |
| Support Staff | Lacy (P.1) | Barry (P.3/2) | Jack (P.4) |

Pupil Awards 2 - Bargarran Bookworm Certificates

This session we have been continuing to develop a reading culture across the school. One of the initiatives we use to promote reading is a certificate system to encourage children to read more. The system uses information provided by our Accelerated Reading on-line resource. When P.3 - P.7 children finish a book they complete a short quiz to check their understanding of the book they have just read. If the children pass a threshold mark in the quiz they are awarded the number of words the book contained into their reading account.

Our Bargarran Bookworm certificates are issued when the threshold of a number of words read has been reached. The Bronze Award is for reading 5,000 words, Silver for 25,000, Gold for 100,000 and Platinum for 500,000. Children who have read over a million words become word millionaires. We also keep a record of the number of words read across the school.

Certificates are presented at regular assemblies. Congratulations to the most recent winners who received their awards a whole school assembly. The children who received a certificate were as follows:

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| Bronze | P3: Sophia and Theo |
| Silver | P3: Ellie P4: Sandy, James P6: Beth |
| Gold | P3: Alexander P4: Jaimie and Yasmin P5: Jay, Arran and Hollie P6: Annie and Oliver P7: Hayley |
| Platinum | P5: Olly and Sarah P.7: Grace and Stuart |
| Word Millionaire | P4 : Francesca P7: Jacob and Morgan |
| School Word Count | 25,631,850 |

Congratulations to all the winners and a special mention to our three new word millionaires!

School Uniform

This session we have been grateful of the support of parents and carers to return to the consistent use of school uniform after the previous two Co-vid impacted sessions where changes had to be made to the uniform. In preparation for next session we would like to share our school uniform guidance with you:

- Grey blazer and school badge
- Grey or red fleece, with or without badge
- Grey pinafore, grey skirt or grey trousers
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Grey or red v-necked pullover or red or grey cardigan
- School tie

On outdoor learning days uniform of: a red sweatshirt or red hooded top and black tracksuit trousers or black jogging trousers can be worn. If possible, these should not contain an over-sized logo. On outdoor learning days children should also bring a suitable jacket with them. Details of the allocated outdoor days will be provided at the start of next session.

Apart from outdoor learning days, we would ask that children do not wear hooded tops and tracksuit tops to school, including red hooded tops with the school badge. Leavers' hoodies are part of our traditions for Primary 7 pupils in their last term at the school and we would prefer if this was the only time hoodies were worn.

Our school has a uniform bank to provide items of uniform to parents. If you would like to use the uniform bank please contact the school office. All requests will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Parent Helpers

As the Covid guidance we have been working under over the last 2 years has been removed we are looking to build a bank of parents or carers who would be willing to support the school on a regular basis.

If you have some spare time and would like to work with the school on a regular basis, please phone the school office 0300 300 1447 and ask for Mr Lyle or Mrs Mackenzie. Contact can also be made through the school e-mail address: bargarranenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk .

Support activities could include: hearing children read, supervising play based activities, supporting outdoor learning and facilitating community activities. These are only suggestions, and we would be willing to use any skills you feel you may be able to offer.

Adults who work on a regular basis with children are required to be PVG checked and the cost for this will be met by the school.

Preparation for School

We request that children bring the following resources with them to school next session: pencils, rulers, sharpener, rubber, a packet of coloured pens and a packet of coloured pencils. The resources can remain in school for your child to use. We will provide labels for children to label the resources they bring to school.

All these resources are provided by the school free of charge, but it would help stretch our budget out further if parents and carers were able to provide them for their child.

P.E Kit

Unfortunately, we have an increasing number of children who come to school without P.E kit or not prepared to take part in P.E.

The positive impact of P.E. on health and wellbeing and mental health is well documented. The Scottish Government has a mandatory allocation of 2 hours per week towards P.E. that all schools must meet.

For these reasons we would like your support with the following to ensure all children are participating in every P.E. session:

- ❖ Children taking part in P.E. wear our school P.E. kit consisting of red or white t-shirt or polo shirt, black or grey shorts or cycle shorts, socks and indoor shoes.
- ❖ Primary 3 to 7 children should have a change of top for P.E.
- ❖ Leggings or tracksuit trousers are not suitable to be worn for indoor P.E.
- ❖ Football tops or tops with over-sized logos are not suitable to be worn for P.E.
- ❖ Children should have a pair of indoor shoes suitable for taking part in P.E. and a bag with their name on it to store the shoes in. The bag and shoes can be kept in school.
- ❖ Shoes worn to school and outdoors while at school should not be worn to P.E.
- ❖ Ear-rings and jewellery should not be worn for P.E.

Primary 1 and 2 children can take part in P.E. with the polo shirt they wear to school and can wear their shorts under their uniform.

Any families who require support to provide the P.E kit requested above should contact the school office. All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Friday 26 th May 2023 | Local Holiday - School Closed |
| Monday 29 th May 2023 | Bank Holiday - School Closed |
| Tuesday 30 th May 2023 | In-service Day - School Closed |
| Wednesday 31 st May 2023 | School re-opens at 9.00 a.m. Mental Health Day |
| Thursday 1 st June 2023 | School Sports |
| Friday 2 nd June 2023 | School Sports Reserve Day |
| Monday 5 th June 2023 | P.1 - P.3 trip to Finlaystone Estate |
| Tuesday 6 th June 2023 | P.4 - P.7 trip to Finlaystone Estate |
| Monday 19 th June 2023 | P.7 Leavers Dance 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. |
| Thursday 22 nd June 2023 | P.7 Leavers Service 9.30 a.m. |
| Tuesday 27 th June 2022 | End of Term - School Closes 1 p.m. |

Your sincerely

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