



Bargarran Primary School  
Newsletter for Parents and Carers  
September 2023



The month just ending has been a busy one for the school. It was wonderful to see such a good turn out of parents and carers for the 'Let Your Child Be Your Guide' event. The responses received from the completed surveys were very positive and we plan to continue holding the event next session.

**Parent Partnership AGM**

The Parent Partnership AGM took place on Wednesday 6th September. Reports from the Chairperson of the Formal Committee, the Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee, Treasurer and Head Teacher were presented. The election for office bearers for the coming year took place and the following parents were elected:

Chairperson	Mrs G. Mills
Secretary	Mrs L. Pearson
Treasurer	Mrs S. Stalker

Minutes of meetings and agendas can be found on our school web site. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 p.m. in the school staffroom.

**The Parent Partnership would welcome new members as many of our current members are due leave at the end of this session, without new members it is a possibility that the Parent Partnership will not have enough numbers to continue after June 2024. This would result in annual events such as school discos, Primary 7 Prom and Christmas Fayre no longer being part of our school calendar.**

**Growth Mindset Awards**

We held our first Growth Mindset awards of the session on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

As part of our whole school ethos we encourage children to develop a Growth Mindset to their school work and challenges they may meet outside school. A copy of our leaflet explaining our approaches to developing a growth mindset is attached to this newsletter.

The winners of the awards were:

Class	Resilience Award	Effort Award	Attitude Award
P.1	Cameron	Isla	Olivia
P.2/1	Rebecca	Bella	Ollie
P.2	Eira	Gabriel	Harrison
P.3	Aidan	Arrya	Autumn
P.4	Alex	Zach	Amelia
P.5	Bella	James	Francesca
P.6	Jay	Charley	Isla
P.7	Alfie	McKayla	Leyton
Support Staff	Aria (P.3)	Jack (P.5)	Oliver (P.7)

**Autumn/Winter Clothing**

The change in season has brought a change in our weather. Could we please ask that all children come to school with a suitable jacket to wear outside in the colder weather. Weather permitting, we always try and allow the children outside to play at intervals and lunchtimes. We can support families in providing warm winter jackets for children. Please contact our school office where all contact will be treated in strictest confidence.

## Bud Bus

The Bud Bus is Poppy Scotland's micro museum that shares the story of the poppy with children. The Bud Bus will visit the shared campus on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October when our Primary 7 children will get the opportunity to visit. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November it will be the turn of our Primary 5 and 6 children. More information can be found by visiting the web site. (<https://www.poppyscotland.org.uk/learning/book-a-visit/bud-home>)

## Primary 6 Swimming Lessons

Our Primary 6 children will take part in two swimming sessions at Erskine Swimming Pool on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

## Non-Uniform Day - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

We are holding a joint non-uniform day with our campus partners, St John Bosco Primary School, on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Voluntary donations of food items are welcome with all donations going to our school partner EBI unites. Children can come to school out of uniform on the day regardless if a donation is made.

## Halloween Fun Day - Tuesday 31st October

Wearing costumes at Halloween is a long established Scottish tradition, one which teachers and pupils at Bargarran Primary have joined in with for many years.

We would like to continue this school tradition and therefore invite children to come to school in costume rather than school uniform on **Tuesday 31st October**. Teachers will plan fun Halloween themed activities as part of the school day, including 'dookin' for apples. The cost for the apples will be met out of the school fund.

Children who choose not to come to school in costume can treat the day as a non-uniform day.

I would ask that children planning on coming to school in costume, come to school with their costume on and wear the costume for the full day. Staff will not be able to support children in changing into or out of a costume.

If your child would like to take part, but you may have difficulty in providing a costume, please contact the school office at the earliest opportunity. Any calls will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Parents who do not wish their child to take part should contact the school office to let us know.

## Dates for your Diary

The following events are planned for October:

Date	Event
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	P.7 Residential Information Event 3.15 p.m.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents and Carers Appointments 3.20 - 5.30 p.m. & 6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Campus Non-Uniform Day - Foodbank donations welcome School Closes for October break at 3 p.m.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Closed - In-Service Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School Re-opens at 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Council Halloween Discos P.1-P.3 6.15 - 7.15 p.m. and P.4 -P.7 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Fancy Dress Day (letter to follow after October week)