



Bargarran Primary School  
Newsletter for Parents and Carers  
October 2023



### Welcome Back!

We welcomed our pupils back for the second part of the first term on Tuesday 24 October. It was great to see all the children happily coming back to school with exciting stories about the activities they had taken part in during their time away from school spent with friends and family.

### Bargarran Parent Partnership

The next meeting of the Parent Partnership is on Wednesday 6 November in the school staffroom. The meeting will start at 6.30 p.m. and finish no later than 8.00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the school web site and shared through our school app and Class Dojo. The agenda will include fundraising and formal items. Parents, carers and community members who would like to support the school and can attend for all or part of the meeting, are welcome to join us.

### Halloween Discos

The Halloween discos, organised by the Parent Partnership, took place on Wednesday 25 October. Both the discos were very well attended and enjoyed by the children. There was a wonderful range of costumes on display. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the event by supervising on the evening.

### Christmas Fayre

Our Parent Partnership Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 24 November in the school building. The event will start at 5p.m. and finish at 7p.m. There will be a variety of different stalls and hot food will be available. All the money raised is spent to the benefit of the children who attend the school.

### Pantomime

On Friday 15 December our annual whole school pantomime visit is taking place. We will be going to the Beacon Theatre in Greenock to watch the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast.' Details were sent out over Class Dojo before the October break. The cost has been kept to £9 per child as our Parent Partnership is paying the cost of the buses. The aim of the visit is to provide all our children with the experience of visiting a theatre and experiencing a live performance. We would ask any parents and carers who would like to discuss the cost to contact the school office. All calls will be treated in confidence.

### Football

This session we have started a girls' football team. The team will play matches against local schools and in local festivals. A big thank you to our Parent Partnership for donating a new kit for the team to wear when representing the school.

Our football team were due to play in their first festival of the season at Park Mains on Wednesday 1 November. The team would have played matches against local primary schools. Unfortunately, due to schools being closed the festival was cancelled. The festival has been rescheduled for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 12.30 - 2.30 p.m.

## Remembrance

Our Primary 7 pupils will be selling poppies during the week beginning Monday 6 November. The minimum donation for a poppy is 20 pence.

The Primary 7s will be holding a Remembrance Service for their parents, carers and senior classes at 9.45 a.m. on Friday 10 November.

The school will be represented by Pupil Council members at the Erskine Community Garden remembrance service on Friday 10 November at 11.00 a.m. The Community Garden remembrance service is open to the general public and any parents and carers who wish to attend the service at the Community Garden are welcome.

## Winter

As we draw closer to winter, could I please ask that all children come to school with appropriate winter clothing (jacket, hat and gloves) and footwear. Weather permitting, we plan to spend intervals and lunchtimes outdoors as, due to the darker mornings and evenings, children's time to play outside is restricted.

A school gritting plan is available to view from the school office and will also be issued through the Class Dojo. On frosty mornings the entrance close to the community nursery will remain closed as there is not a gritted path from this entrance to the building. We will try to let you know, in advance through the School App, if this entrance is closed to allow journeys to school to be adjusted accordingly.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by this, but the janitor only has a certain time allowance between starting his working day and the children arriving at school. It has been decided to prioritise gritting paths from the two main playground entrances to the school building.

## Communication

Class Dojo is used by class teachers to communicate class related events and provide reminders to parents and carers. Please be aware that our school policy is only to provide information over Class Dojo and do not respond to comments. School staff can be contacted through the school enquiries e-mail address [bargarranenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:bargarranenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

## A.C.E. Awards

The following awards were presented at an assembly on the day we stopped for the October break. The A.C.E Awards are nominated by the class teachers and the categories relate to the four capacities of the Scottish Schools Curriculum, A Curriculum for Excellence.

Class	Successful Learner	Confident Individual	Responsible Citizen	Effective Contributor
Support Staff	Grace (P.4)	Arthur (P.5)	Caitlin (P.6)	Molly (P.1)
P.1	Ella	Emily	Theo	Ruairidh
P.2/1	Max	Eilidh	Oscar	Eva
P.2	Rowan	Hallie	Cameron	Miller
P.3	Carter	Lewis	Kyle	Libby
P.4	Adam	Joshua	Eilidh	Chloe
P.5	Thomas	Maren	Sofia	Jack
P.6	Ella	Aaron	Rebecca	Connor
P.7	Callum	Amelia	Amy	Ellie

Congratulations to all our winners! 👍👍👍

## School Clubs

During November the following extra-curricular activity clubs will be organised by school staff:

Club	Date and Time	Age Group	Staff Member(s)
Netball	Monday 3 - 4 p.m.	P.6 and P.7	Mrs Hunter
Chess	Monday 3 - 4 p.m.	P.5 - P.7	Mr Lyle
Arts and Crafts	Wednesday 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	P.5	Miss MacVicar and Mrs Provan

## Active Schools Clubs

We are still awaiting information from Active Schools regarding their programme for this session. When we have the information available we will share it with you.

## Nut Free School

We have a number of children who attend our school who have an allergy to nuts. As a school we operate a nut free policy to ensure the wellbeing of all our pupils. I would ask when sending snacks or packed lunches to school this policy is followed. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

## Hair

Could we please ask that you check your child/children's hair on a regular basis. If you find any nasty surprises the link below should provide suitable support.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits>

## Primary 1 Registration

Register your child for school between Wednesday 1 and Tuesday 7 November.

If your child will turn 5 between 1 March 2024 and 28 February 2025, you should register them for school.

If you, or someone you're helping, can't register online, you can contact your local primary school and make an appointment to register in person during the registration dates.

To register your child to go to another school outside of your catchment area, you'll need to register them at a school within your catchment area first, then make a placing request.

If you can't register your child for school till after Tuesday 7 November, please contact your local primary school directly.

Children who will be 4 when school starts in August 2024 can be deferred and get an additional year of free nursery and childcare. Please talk to your child's nursery or childminder.

Please visit [Renfrewshire Council's website](#) to apply for any of the above.

## **And finally....**

Our Parent Partnership sent out a letter recently outlining the support they provide the school with, and the events they organise for the children. The letter also informed that the Parent Partnership was in danger of ceasing to exist due to lack of members. Certain events in this month's newsletter are only possible due to the Parent Partnership support. It would be a great shame if they were to disappear from the school calendar next year.