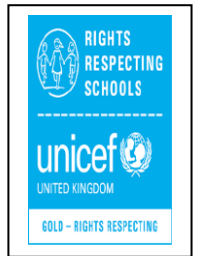




**Bargarran Primary School**  
**Newsletter for Parents and Carers**  
**November/December 2023**



**Welcome**

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2023. The month of November has been a very busy month in the life of our school with our the following having taken place: our annual remembrance service led by Primary 7, very well supported book gifting events for Primary 1, 2 and 3 as part of Literacy Week, a visit for Primary 5 and 6 pupils from Poppy Scotland's travelling museum, flu vaccinations for all children with permission, a Primary 7 pupil workshop on CPR life saving techniques delivered by HeartStart and rehearsals for our Christmas performances underway in all classes.

**Bargarran Bookworm Awards Winners**

Our Bargarran Bookwork Awards aim to encourage reading through using the information we gain from our Accelerated Reading programme. Children take quizzes at the end of each book they have read. If the result of the quiz is over a certain percentage score children are awarded the number of words that book contains. Each level of the award is based on the number of words a child has read. The most recent winners are:

Bronze (5,000 words)	Silver (25,000 words)	Gold (100,000 words)	Platinum (500,000 words)	Word Millionaire (1,000,000 words)
Emma (P.3)	Sienna (P.5)	Lewis (P.5)	Imogen (P.6)	Fiona (P.6)
Brodie (P.5)	Ella (P.6)	Isla (P.6)	Melek (P.6)	
Rebecca (P.6)	Jessica (P.6)	Finlay (P.6)	Cairn (P.6)	
Leon (P.7)		Mirren (P.7)	Millie (P.7)	
				Special Certificate (3,000,000 words)
				Maren (P.5)

**Congratulations to all our winners! 👍**

**Non - Uniform Day**

We are holding a non-uniform day with our campus partner St John Bosco on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in support of our community partner EBI unites. A voluntary donation of a small selection box, chocolates or sweets that could be given to a child as a Christmas gift are requested. Children can come to school out of uniform whether a donation is provided or not.

**School Sports Award**

We recently received Sport Scotland's Bronze Level School Sports Award. Our plan is now to work towards the Silver Level of the award. Mr Martindale will be working with children and parents to help us achieve our goal.

**Unwelcome Guests**

Unfortunately, we have been made aware of some unwelcome guests in our school. Could I please ask that you check your child/children's hair on a regular basis. The link below should provide support should you require it.

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

## **Fruity Friday**

We have extended our approaches to promoting Health and wellbeing this session by introducing a weekly walk as part of our curriculum. The walk takes place in the school playground and can be for up to one mile in length.

From Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 we would like to re-introduce Fruity Friday. Every Friday we would ask that, if possible, children bring a health snack only for interval.

Our Pupil Council will visit all classes and count the number of healthy snacks each Friday. The Pupil Council decided they would like the class who has the most children with healthy snacks to receive a reward.

## **Parent Partnership**

There was a positive response to the recent letter from our Parent Partnership inviting parents to attend meetings and join should you wish to do so. The next meeting of the Parent Partnership is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 p.m. in the school staffroom. All parents and carers are welcome to come along to find out more about the work of the Parent Partnership and see what the meetings involve.

## **Football**

Our football team took part in the first Active Schools Football Festival of the session played at Park Mains on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The ethos of the festival does not allow scores to be kept and reported. The team played eight matches against other local schools and played very well in them all.

For the first time our girls' football team took part in a Renfrewshire wide festival at Ferguslie Sports Centre on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Again, the ethos of the festival does not allow scores to be kept and reported. The team played six matches against local schools and played very well in them all. The team were accompanied by our Active Schools co-ordinator, Fraser Buchan, and we would like to thank Fraser for giving his time to support the school.

## **Christmas Events**

The following events are scheduled to take place in the run up to Christmas:

Date	Event
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Parent Council Christmas Fayre (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	School Closed - St Andrew's Day Holiday
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Non-Uniform Day - Christmas Chocolate Donations in favour of EBI Unites
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	P.4 and P.5 Community Carol Singing visit to Blantyre Care Home
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	School Lunch Hall - Christmas Dinner
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	School Christmas Shows 10.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	School Christmas Show 10.00 a.m.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Whole School Pantomime Visit
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Parties (arrangements to follow over Class Dojo)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Primary 7 to Erskine Home for Christmas Songs Performance
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day (no donation required)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Non-Uniform Day with optional 'Dress for Christmas' theme School Closes at 2.30 p.m.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School Opens at 9.00 a.m.

## **Finally....**

On behalf of all the staff of Bargarran Primary we would like to wish all pupils, parents, carers and their families a Merry Christmas and our best wishes for 2024.