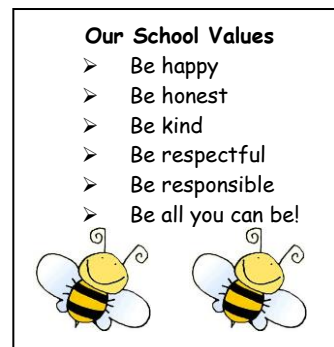




Bargarran Primary School
January 2023



Christmas 2023

Thank you to everyone in the school community who supported our school activities in the lead up to Christmas. It was wonderful to see the Christmas Fayre and Christmas Show so well supported. A special thank you to our Parent Partnership for their support in providing a range of Christmas treats for the children.

School Awards

We regularly celebrate children's work and successes at our weekly assembly. Congratulations to the following children who have won awards recently:

A.C.E Awards				
Class	Successful Learner	Confident Individual	Responsible Citizen	Effective Contributor
Primary 1	Ryan	Jessica	Bethany	Kallan
Primary 2/1	Orlagh	Caleb	Victoria	Asher
Primary 2	Alivia	Jack	Reuben	Sophya
Primary 3	Lucy	Lewis	Olivia	Cara
Primary 4	Cobie	Chloe	Nina	Grace
Primary 5	Elena	Poppi	Yasmin	Alannah
Primary 6	Charley	Jessica	Olly	Finlay
Primary 7	Alex	Beth	Emily	Millie
Support Staff	Aaron (P.6)	Emma (P.3)	Beth (P.7)	Jaimie (P.5)

Growth Mindset Awards			
Class	Resilience	Effort	Attitude
Primary 1	Kayden	Sonny	Libby
Primary 2/1	Evan	Zac	Eva
Primary 2	Kyle	Aidan	Sophie
Primary 3	Paige	Olivia	Chrissie
Primary 4	Mia	Leo	Savannah
Primary 5	Gracie-Beaux	Timothy	Bryan
Primary 6	Hope	Emily	Rebecca
Primary 7	Quinn	Kallan	Kerem
Support Staff	Libby(P.1)	Eira (P.2)	Aila (P.5)

Well done to everyone who received a certificate! 👍👍👍

House Points

House Points are awarded to children for following the school values. Points are collected through the Class Dojo and totalled up each week. Congratulations to everyone in Davaar (green house) on winning the House Points competition for last term.



Attendance and Latecoming

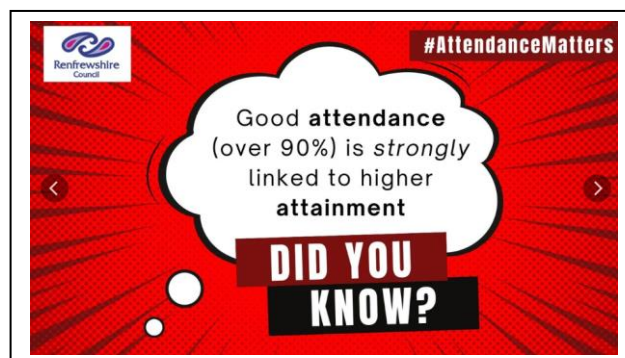
Attendance and latecoming is monitored on a regular basis. Letters are sent out to parents and carers of children whose attendance falls below 90% or who are late on more than 6 occasions.

The average attendance of children who attend Bargarran Primary has fallen by 2.7% over the last 10 years, or absence has risen by 2.7 % over the past ten years. The attendance data for the school is as follows:

School Year	School Average Attendance
2014-2015	96.0%
2015-2016	96.1%
2016-2017	95.5%
2017-2018	95.5%
2018 -2019	95.6%
2019-2020*	95.4%
2020-2021*	96.0%
2021-2022	93.2%
2022-2023	93.3%

*2019-20 and 2020-21 school years were impacted by Covid pandemic

The average attendance for primary schools in Scotland in 2022-23 was 92.2%.



School Uniform Hub

We will be opening our School Uniform Hub during February. The uniform hub will provide school uniform and school resources free of charge. The cost of setting up the uniform hub is met from our Cost of the School Day budget allocation.

Survey - December 2023

We had 61 responses to the survey about school procedures that we carried out in December 2023. The results were as follows:

Theme of Question	Yes	No	Undecided
1. Support the introduction of a school P.E. uniform from August 2024. Approximate cost of uniform is £10 - £20.	24	26	11
2. Children attending the twice yearly meetings between class teachers and parent and carers.	30	10	21
3. Withdrawal of P.7 residential trip.	16	23	21
4. Support introduction of no homework policy.	21	31	9

Planned Action

Question 1

The responses did not favour the introduction of a school P.E uniform so this will not be taken forward. For parents and carers who may wish to purchase P.E kit with the school badge we will provide a link to a supplier.

Question 2

The responses were in favour of giving children the opportunity to attend the meetings. We will hold a trial at certain stages where we will, with parents and carers permission, provide children with the opportunity to attend the next meeting in March 2024.

Question 3

The P.7 residential trip places pressure on the day to day running of the school in terms of staffing and on the school budget to pay for the supply staff required. We are not able to offer an alternative experience for children who do not wish to take part in the residential trip. The responses received are in favour of continuing the P.7 residential trip so we will continue to do so.

Question 4

The responses supported the school continuing to provide homework. We will review the use of Teams for completing and returning homework for Primary 4 to 7 pupils and seek an alternative method. While this review is taking place Primary 4 to 7 homework will return to being paper based.

Thank you to all the responses received. We hope that you feel your views have been taken into account in reaching our decisions.

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>

Earrings/Jewellery

Our P.E risk assessment does not allow jewellery to be worn for P.E. All children who wear jewellery to school must be able to remove the jewellery themselves before taking part in P.E. Earrings and other body jewellery are not allowed to be taped up and must be removed. We would also suggest children bring a small box to store any jewellery they have to remove to take part in P.E. Children wearing jewellery will not be able to take part in P.E.

Scottish Learning

From returning to school in January all classes have been taking part in Scottish themed learning. This will culminate in a whole school Scottish themed assembly on the morning of Wednesday 7th February.

Wednesday 7th February will continue to be a school uniform day, although children can wear Scottish themed clothing as part of their uniform. We would ask that football and rugby strips are not worn.

The assembly will include Primary 1, 2/1, 2 and 3 performing their class Scots verse items. The class winners from the Primary 4 to Primary 7 Scots verse class competitions will compete for the school's Scots verse shield. Primary 4 to Primary 7 classes will give a short presentation to the assembly on their learning.

Primary 6 are hosting a Scottish themed Community Café for parents and carers in the studio on Thursday 8th February from 10.00 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. More information will be provided through the Class Dojo.

Outdoor Learning

Our children enjoy the opportunity to learn outside and our teachers plan regular opportunities for their classes to learn outdoors. Could I please ask that children come to school prepared to learn outdoors by bringing a warm winter jacket to school with them. A hat and a pair of gloves would help children keep warm when outside. There have been occasions when we have not been able to take children outside to learn as they have not had the appropriate clothing. We would be happy to support any families in providing warm jackets for children. Please contact the school office where any requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Diversity Day - Friday 9th February

As part of our rights respecting schools programme we are holding our annual Diversity Day on Friday 9th February. The day will focus on learning about Chinese New Year and relates to two articles from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The articles are Article 14 'The Right to Have the Freedom to Thought and Belief' and this term's article of the term, Article 29 'The Goals of Education'.

Reporting to Parents - Open Afternoon

The next event in our reporting calendar is an Open Afternoon on Thursday 22nd February. The Open Afternoon is an opportunity for parents and carers to visit the classrooms during the school day and work with your child or children. Due to the size of the school the afternoon will be split into two sessions as follows:

1.15 - 2.00 p.m.	Surnames M-Z
2.00 - 2.45 p.m.	Surnames A -L

If parents and carers could please keep to the time allocated it would be greatly appreciated.

The annual written report will be sent home on Friday 22nd March. The second Parents' Appointment of the session will take place on Wednesday 27th March with appointments from 3.30 until 8.30 p.m.

Mid -Term Holiday

The school will close on Friday 9th February at 3.00 p.m. for the mid-term break. We will open again for all children at 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 15th February.