



Bargarran Primary School
Newsletter for Parents and Carers
February 2024

Our School Values

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



Our School Vision

'At Bargarran Primary School we learn and grow together'

Scots Verse Competition

We held our annual Scots Verse competition as part of our Scots Learning assembly on Wednesday 7th February. Congratulations to the following children who won their class competition:

Class	Winner	Class	Winner
Primary 4	Ava	Primary 6	Jessica
Primary 5	Francesca	Primary 7	Mason

The final between the class winners was of a very high standard. The winner was **Jessica** from **Primary 6** who recited 'Street Talk' by J.K Annand.

School Uniform Hub

Our School Uniform Hub opened after the February mid-term holiday. The hub has a range of school uniform items and other materials children require for school. There is no need to contact the office if you would like to use the hub. The hub is open during the school day and is available for parents and carers on a drop-in basis.

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)
Kerr (P.2)	Oliver (P.4)	Ellie (P.4)	Alexander (P.4)	Sarah (P.6)
Louis (P.2)	Brodie (P.5)	Arthur (P.5)	Connor (P.6)	
Odhran (P.3)	Rebecca (P.6)	Jack (P.5)	Caitlin (P.6)	
Olivia (P.3)			Eva (P.6)	
Reuben (P.4)				
Charlotte (P.4)				
Grace (P.4)				
Eilidh (P.4)				
Armino (P.5)				
Aaron (P.6)				

Congratulations to all our winners! 👍 📚

Standardised Assessments

During March all Primary 1, 4 and 7 children will undertake standardised assessments. The information gained from standardised assessments are considered, along with on-going formal and informal assessment, to plan future programmes of work and to support teacher judgement of the Curriculum for Excellence levels attained by children. The levels attained support transition between stages in the school as well as between Primary and Secondary school. The standardised assessments are I.T. based and children complete them using an i-pad or a lap top computer. During March all Primary 1 children will undertake a Literacy and Numeracy assessment with Primary 4 and 7 pupils undertaking Numeracy, Reading and Writing assessments.

Communication

We strive to engage as effectively as we can with parents and carers. We use X (formerly Twitter) to provide information on class activities and school events. Parents who are regular users are encouraged to follow our school page. Please be aware that we only post information and do not respond to comments. If you have any queries regarding the information provided please contact the school office.

We have developed our school web site to make the site easier to navigate and information easier to locate. Each class has an allocated page that is kept up to date by teaching staff and there are pages providing information on each area of our curriculum.



The majority of school correspondence, including newsletters, are posted on the 'School Story' or 'Class Story' section of Class Dojo. Class Dojo is also used by class teachers to communicate class related events and provide reminders to parents and carers. At present we have over 90% of parents and carers signed to Class Dojo. Please be aware that we only provide information over Class Dojo and do not respond to comments.



This session we have moved from using our School App in favour of Class Dojo. We will discontinue using the School App from June 2024. The reason for this is there is a cost associated to the School App where Class Dojo is free to use.

Parent Partnership Meeting

The next Parent Partnership meeting take place on Wednesday 6th March in the school staffroom. The meeting will start at 6.30 p.m. and will finish at 8.00 p.m. at the latest. The initial part of the meeting focuses on fundraising and event organisation. The formal business of the school including the Head Teacher's report is then discussed. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

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>

Easter Holidays

The school will close on **Thursday 28th March** at **2.30 p.m.** for the Spring Holiday. We will re-open at **9.00 a.m.** on **Monday 15th April.**