

Bargarran Primary School
Newsletter for Parents and Carers
May 2024



Our School Vision
'At Bargarran Primary School we learn and grow together'

Our School Values

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

Two cartoon bees with yellow and black stripes, wings, and antennae are positioned at the bottom of the values list.

Class Structure 2024-25

During the final session, many children and I expect parents, will be keen to find out who their child's teacher will be for the next session. At present, I can provide the following update on the number of classes and our staffing for next session.

The number of classes the school is organised into is determined by the local authority and relates to the number of pupils attending the school. Our anticipated school role for session 2024-25 is 218. Next session the school will continue to be structured into 8 classes.

The local authority provides a suggested class structure and number of pupils for each class, although the Head Teacher does have the opportunity to implement a different structure. Any revised structure must have the same number of classes determined by the local authority.

Classes also need to be within legal requirements regarding a maximum number of pupils, and one space per stage left vacant for children who may move into the school catchment area. The legal maximum class sizes are: Primary 1 - 25 pupils, Primary 2 and 3 - 30 pupils, Primary 4 to 7 - 33 pupils and composite classes - 25 pupils.

Next session our proposed class structure is: Primary 1, Primary 2/1, Primary 3/2, Primary 3, Primary 4, Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7.

The staffing allocation for the school is not normally confirmed by the local authority until closer to the end of June. This means it is not always possible to allocate staff to classes, as changes could be made to our staffing right up until the end of June.

When I am in a position to inform you of your child's class allocation and teacher for session 2024-25, I will do so.

I hope the above update is helpful. If parents and carers would like to discuss any of the above information, please contact the school office.

Health and Wellbeing

During the week beginning Tuesday 28th May we are holding a variety of health and wellbeing related events. Children can come to school in clothing suitable for these events e.g. t-shirts, shorts, trainers, tracksuit, sweatshirt and jogging trousers. The dates and events are as follows:

Date	Event
Tuesday 28 th May	Wellness Day (Focus on Mental Wellbeing)
Wednesday 29 th May	Sports Day (p.m.)
Friday 31 st May	Outdoor Learning Day

For a variety of reasons, we are moving the school's approach away from a once a year 'Health Week' focus to regular initiatives that take place as part of the life of the school such as our 'Weekly Walk' and 'Fruity Friday'.

Pupil Awards 1 - Growth Mindset Awards

We regularly celebrate children's work and successes at our weekly assembly. Congratulations to the following children who recently received a Growth Mindset award:

Class	Resilience	Effort	Attitude
Primary 1	David	Bethany	Blake
Primary 2/1	Eilidh	Caleb	Oscar
Primary 2	Hanna-Lia	Alex	Lacy
Primary 3	Aria	Libby	Kyle
Primary 4	Reuben	Emily	Peyton
Primary 5	Jaimie	Anne-Jayne	Thomas
Primary 6	Elizabeth	Finn	Ruby
Primary 7	Annie	Ben	Jack
Support Staff	Theia (P.4)	Olly (P.6)	Theo (P.2)

Congratulations to all the winners! 👍👍👍

School Uniform

This session we have been grateful of the support of parents and carers in upholding the wearing of school uniform and would like to continue to build on this next session. In preparation for next session we would like to share our school uniform guidance with you:

- Grey blazer and school badge
- Grey or red fleece, with or without badge
- Grey pinafore, grey skirt or grey trousers
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Grey or red v-necked pullover or red or grey cardigan
- School tie

On outdoor learning days uniform of: red sweatshirt or red hooded top and black tracksuit trousers or black jogging trousers can be worn. If possible, these should not contain an over-sized logo. On outdoor learning days children should also bring a suitable jacket with them. Details of the allocated outdoor days will be provided at the start of next session.

Apart from outdoor learning days, we would ask that children do not wear hooded tops and tracksuit tops to school, including red hooded tops with the school badge. Leavers' hoodies are part of our traditions for Primary 7 pupils in their last term at the school and we would prefer if this was the only time hoodies were worn.

Our school has a uniform bank to provide items of uniform to parents. If you would like to use the uniform bank please contact the school office. All requests will be treated with the strictest confidence.

P.E Kit

Unfortunately, we have an increasing number of children who come to school without P.E kit or not prepared to take part in P.E.

The positive impact of P.E. on health and wellbeing and mental health is well documented. The Scottish Government has a mandatory allocation of 2 hours per week towards P.E. that all schools must meet.

For these reasons we would like your support with the following to ensure all children are participating in every P.E. session:

- ❖ Children taking part in P.E. wear our school P.E. kit consisting of red or white t-shirt or polo shirt, black or grey shorts or cycle shorts, socks and indoor shoes.
- ❖ Primary 3 to 7 children should have a change of top for P.E.
- ❖ Leggings or tracksuit trousers are not suitable to be worn for indoor P.E.
- ❖ Football tops or tops with over-sized logos are not suitable to be worn for P.E.
- ❖ Children should have a pair of indoor shoes suitable for taking part in P.E. and a bag with their name on it to store the shoes in. The bag and shoes can be kept in school.
- ❖ Shoes worn to school and outdoors while at school should not be worn to P.E.
- ❖ Ear-rings and jewellery should not be worn for P.E.

Primary 1 and 2 children can take part in P.E. with the polo shirt they wear to school and can wear their shorts under their uniform.

Any families who require support to provide the P.E kit requested above should contact the school office. All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence.

There is a P.E. kit available in the school colours available to purchase from Gilmour Sports (<https://schoolwearmadeeasy.com/collections/bargarran-primary>) consisting of a red t-shirt, black shorts and red kit bag. Please be aware there are other uniform providers.

Parent Helpers

We currently have a number of parent and carer helpers who provide valuable support to the school on a regular basis.

If you have some spare time and would like to work with the school, please phone the school office 0300 300 1447 and ask for Mr Lyle, Mrs Mackenzie or Mrs Thompson. Contact can also be made through the school e-mail address: bargarranenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk .

Support activities could include: hearing children read, supervising play based activities, supporting outdoor learning and facilitating community activities. These are only suggestions, and we would be willing to use any skills you feel you may be able to offer.

Adults who work on a regular basis with children are required to be PVG checked and the cost for this will be met by the school.

Summer Weather

We are all hoping for a warm and sunny summer term so as much time as possible can be spent learning outdoors. Could we please ask that children come to school properly prepared with a sun hat and wearing sun cream in suitable weather. We are sorry but staff members will not be able to apply sun cream to children.

Pupil Equity Fund Consultation

Surveys were recently carried out with parents, carers and children about how to spend the school's Pupil Equity Fund allocation of £31,320 for the financial year from April 2024 to March 2025.

The money is to be spent on interventions to close the poverty related attainment gap and to raise attainment for all children. The wider school community can also benefit from interventions put in place using Pupil Equity Fund allocation.

The responses received were as follows:

Possible Spend	Parents and Carers (33 responses)	Pupils (110 responses)
Additional teaching or support staff	24	9
Digital resources	11	23
After School Maths Club	7	6
Subscriptions for Learning Appa	11	6
Subsidise School Excursions	17	41
Provide Day to Day Learning Material	16	12
Provide School Uniform	6	4
Other	2	4

The responses received will be considered when creating the School Improvement Plan for academic year 2024/25. Details of the School Improvement Plan will be provided early in the new session.

Communication

We have taken the decision to stop using the school's X (formerly Twitter) account to share school events and will instead use Class Dojo. Class Dojo limits the people able to view class events to parents and carers who have signed up to use Class Dojo. Currently we have over 90% of parents and carers using Class Dojo. This change has been made as we feel this is the most appropriate way to share school events with our community.

Next session we are going to expand our use of Class Dojo to include individual pupil portfolios. Children will be able to select work they wish to share with those at home through their portfolio. The aim is for the current Class Story and the Pupil Portfolios to give parents and carers regular information on their child's time in school.

We are also moving the booking of appointments for Parents' Evening, issuing of tracking reports and annual reports to a Parent Portal from next session. Parent Portal is an app based programme to support digital communication with parents. Information will be provided between now and the summer by the school office and we would encourage all parents and carers to sign up when offered. The move from paper to digital based will provide a saving to the school and allow the money spent on printing and photocopying to be used elsewhere.

School Football Team

Our school football team participated in the final Active Schools festival of the session on Wednesday 15th May. The team played four matches, winning three and losing the other match.

The final girls football festival took place on Friday 10th May. The date clashed with the Primary 7 induction day at Park Mains and for that reasons we chose not to enter a team.

Preparation for School

We request that children bring the following resources with them to school next session: pencils, rulers, sharpener, rubber, a packet of coloured pens and a packet of coloured pencils. The resources can remain in school for your child to use. We will provide labels for children to label the resources they bring to school.

All these resources are provided by the school free of charge, but it would help stretch our budget out further if parents and carers were able to provide them for their child.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 24 th May 2024	Local Holiday - School Closed
Monday 27 th May 2024	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 28 th May 2024	Wellness Day
Wednesday 29 th May 2024	School Sports Day (p.m.)
Friday 31 st May 2024	Outdoor Learning Day
Tuesday 18 th June 2024	P.7 Leavers Dance 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Friday 21 st June 2024	P.7 Leavers Service 9.30 a.m.
Thursday 27 th June 2024	End of Term - School Closes 1 p.m.

Your sincerely

A. Lyle

Mr A Lyle
Head Teacher