



Bargarran Primary School
Newsletter for Parents and Carers
September 2024

Our School Values

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



Parent Partnership AGM

The Parent Partnership AGM took place on Thursday 12th September. Reports from the Chairperson of the Formal Committee, the Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee, Treasurer and Head Teacher were presented. The election for office bearers for the coming year took place and the following parents were elected:

Chairperson	Mrs Wyllie
Secretary	Mrs Mumford
Treasurer	Mrs Stalker

Minutes of meetings and agendas can be found on our school web site. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th November from 6.30 - 8.00 p.m. in the school staffroom.

Growth Mindset Awards

We presented our first Growth Mindset awards of the session at our weekly assembly on Monday 23rd September.

As part of our whole school ethos we work with children to develop a Growth Mindset to their school work and challenges they may meet outside school.

The winners of the awards were:

Class	Resilience Award	Effort Award	Attitude Award
Support Staff	Calum (P.5)	Sophya (P.3)	Sofia (P.7)
P.1	Georgie	Lewis	Harry
P.2/1	Caleb	Bethany	Hayden
P.3/2	Eilidh	Orlagh	Kieran
P.3	Louis	Harrison	Olivia
P.4	Olivia	Carter	Reigne
P.5	Theia	Zara	Theo
P.6	Anna-Jayne	Zac	Cole
P.7	Ella	Jessica	Imogen

School Uniform Bank

Thank you to everyone who recently made donations. Our uniform bank is available at any time for any family who would like to view the items we have. All items can be taken free of charge. As we move into autumn any donations of good condition jackets, hats and gloves would be gratefully received. All donations can be made to the school office.

Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 10th October

We are holding a joint non-uniform day with our campus partners, St John Bosco Primary School, on Thursday 10th October. Voluntary donations of food items are welcome with all donations going to our school partner EBI unites. Children can come to school out of uniform on the day whether a donation is made or not.

Halloween Fun Day - Thursday 31st October

Wearing costumes at Halloween is a long established Scottish tradition, one which teachers and pupils at Bargarran Primary have joined in with for many years.

We would like to continue this school tradition and therefore invite children to come to school in costume rather than school uniform on **Thursday 31st October**. Teachers will plan fun Halloween themed activities as part of the school day, including 'dookin' for apples. The cost for the apples will be met out of the school fund.

Children who choose not to come to school in costume can treat the day as a non-uniform day.

I would ask that children planning on coming to school in costume, come to school with their costume on and wear the costume for the full day. Staff will not be able to support children in changing into or out of a costume.

If your child would like to take part, but you may have difficulty in providing a costume, please contact the school office at the earliest opportunity. Any calls will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Parents who do not wish their child to take part should contact the school office to let us know.

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>

Mobile Phones in School

Children bringing mobile phones to school should turn them off when they enter the school playground in the morning and keep them in their school bag. Phones should remain in the school bag through out the school day. Any parent or carer who requires to contact their child during the school day can do so through the school office.

Smart Watches

We would ask that children do not to wear watches to school that have a text, phone or listening facility. If smartwatches are worn to school the listening facility should be turned off and text messages or phone calls should not be made to or from the watch. Any parent or carer who requires to contact their child during the school day can do so through the school office.

Children's use of Social Media

Could I please ask that you regularly check your child's use of social media. We have been made aware of occasions where children have not been using social media apps appropriately. This use is taking place outside of school and out with the school day. The minimum age to use What's App, Instagram or Facebook is 13years of age. We have a section of our school web site providing support with internet safety and cyber resilience. The link is -

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/bargarran/internet-safety-and-cyber-resilience/>

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.

Dates for your Diary

The following events are planned for October:

Date	Event
Monday 7 th October	P.7 Residential Information Event 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday 9 th October	Parents and Carers Appointments 3.30 - 5.30 p.m. & 6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Thursday 10 th October	Campus Non-Uniform Day - Foodbank donations welcome School Closes for October break at 3 p.m.
Friday 11 th October	School Closed - In-Service Day
Monday 21 st October	School Re-opens at 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 24 th October	Parent Council Halloween Discos P.1-P.3 6.15 - 7.15 p.m. and P.4 -P.7 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Thursday 31 st October	Halloween Fun Day

Yours sincerely

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