



Bargarran Primary School  
Newsletter for Parents and Carers  
October 2024



### Welcome Back!

We welcomed our pupils back for the second part of the first term on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. It was great to see all the children happily coming back with exciting stories about the activities they had taken part in during their time spent with friends and family.

### Bargarran Parent Partnership

The next meeting of the Parent Partnership is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November in the school staffroom. The meeting will start at 6.30 p.m. and finish no later than 8.00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the school web site and shared through our school app and Class Dojo. The agenda will include fundraising and formal items. Parents, carers and community members who would like to support the school can attend for all, or part of the meeting, are welcome.

### Halloween Discos

The Halloween discos, organised by the Parent Partnership, took place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Both the discos were very well attended and enjoyed by the children. There was a wonderful range of costumes on display. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the event by supervising on the evening.

### Christmas Fayre

Our Parent Partnership Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the school building. The event will start at 5p.m. and finish at 7p.m. There will be a variety of different stalls. All the money raised is spent to the benefit of the children who attend the school.

**Update - hot food will not be available at Christmas Fayre**

### Pantomime

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December our annual whole school pantomime visit is taking place. We will be going to the Beacon Theatre in Greenock to watch the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Details were sent out over Class Dojo earlier in the session. The cost has been kept to £10 per child as our Parent Partnership is kindly paying the cost of the transport. The aim of the visit is to provide all our children with the experience of visiting a theatre and experiencing a live performance. We would ask any parents and carers who would like to discuss the cost to contact the school office. All calls will be treated in confidence.

### Football

Our football team played in their first festival of the season at Park Mains on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The team played five matches against local primary schools. Scottish Football Association guidance does not allow scores to be kept. I can tell you that the team won all five matches scoring a total of twenty-seven goals. Well done to Aaron, Arran, Bailey, Charley, Jay, Olly, Robbie, Rory and Sofia.

### 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.

## **Remembrance**

Our Primary 7 pupils will be selling poppies during the week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. The minimum donation for a poppy is 20 pence.

The Primary 7s will be holding a Remembrance Service for parents, carers and senior classes at 10.55 a.m. on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

The school will be represented by Primary 6 Pupil Council members at the Erskine Community Garden Remembrance Service on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.55 a.m. The Community Garden remembrance service is open to the general public and any parents and carers who wish to attend the service at the Community Garden are welcome.

## **Winter**

As we draw closer to winter, could I please ask that all children come to school with appropriate winter clothing (jacket, hat and gloves) and footwear. Weather permitting, we plan to spend intervals and lunchtimes outdoors as, due to the darker mornings and evenings, children's time to play outside is restricted.

A school gritting plan is available to view from the school office and has been issued through the Class Dojo. On frosty mornings the entrance near to the community nursery will remain closed as there is not a gritted path from this entrance to the building. We will try to let you know, in advance through the School App, if this entrance is closed to allow journeys to school to be adjusted accordingly.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by this, but the janitor only has a certain time allowance between starting his working day and the children arriving at school. It has been decided to prioritise gritting paths from the two main playground entrances to the school building.

## **Communication**

This session we are holding a trial of using the messaging facility available through Class Dojo for parents and carers to communicate directly with class teachers. The content of messages and staff replies will be monitored. Parents and carers are asked to follow the guidance below during the trial period:

- Please only send messages on Monday to Friday and between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Length of response times may vary. Instantaneous responses or responses during class hours should not be expected. Responses will be provided within three working days.
- Please keep the subject of messages to your own child and relate to class procedures and organisation.
- Complaints or issues regarding children other than your own, absences and change of day arrangements should be directed through the school office (0300 300 1447 or [bargarranenquiries@renfrewshire.sch.uk](mailto:bargarranenquiries@renfrewshire.sch.uk))

## **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>

## A.C.E. Awards

The following awards were presented at an assembly on the day we stopped for the October break. The A.C.E Awards are nominated by the class teachers and the categories relate to the four capacities of the Scottish Schools Curriculum, A Curriculum for Excellence.

Class	Successful Learner	Confident Individual	Responsible Citizen	Effective Contributor
Support Staff	Grace (P.5)	Rebecca (P.7)	Emma (P.4)	Ollie (P.2)
P.1	Jack	Aaron	Jane	Rosie
P.2/1	Summer	Noah	Olivia	Evan
P.3/2	Lachlan	Alex	Daisy	Rhuairidh
P.3	Lacy	Kyle	Eva	Asher
P.4	Arrya	Rosa	Paige	Jack
P.5	Tamsin	Joshua	Emily	Chloe
P.6	Poppi	Arthur	Thomas	Caelan
P.7	Connor	Jessica	Hollie	Robbie

**Congratulations to all our winners!** 👍👍👍

## Primary 1 Registration starting August 2025

Renfrewshire Council has asked that the following is shared with parents and carers.

*If your child will turn 5 between 1 March 2025 and 28 February 2026, you should register them for school.*

*Register your child to start school in August 2025 between Friday 1 and Friday 8 November 2024.*

*If you, or someone you're helping, can't register online, you can contact your local primary school and make an appointment to register in person during the registration dates.*

*To register your child to go to another school outside of your catchment area, you'll need to register them at a school within your catchment area first, then make a placing request.*

*If you can't register your child for school till after Friday 8 November, please contact your local primary school directly.*

*Children who will be 4 when school starts in August 2025 can be deferred and get an additional year of free nursery and childcare. Please talk to your child's nursery or childminder.*

Please visit [Renfrewshire Council's website](#) for more information on registration.

## Reporting Calendar

The next event in our reporting calendar is sending home examples of children's work through Home Liaison folders. This was scheduled to take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November with the folders to be returned on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. This will be delayed slightly with the new date for the folders to go home with the children of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November with the return date of Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Kind regards,

*A. Lyle*

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Head Teacher