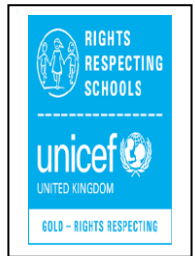




Bargarran Primary School
Newsletter for Parents and Carers
November/December 2024



Welcome

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2024. The month of November has been a very busy month in the life of our school with an inspection by Education Scotland from 11th - 15th November as well as the following events: our annual remembrance service led by Primary 7, our Primary 6 Pupil Council members representing the school at the Community Garden Remembrance Service and a very well supported book gifting events for Primary 1, 2 and 3 as part of Scottish Book Week.

Education Scotland Inspection - What Next?

A report from the inspection team will be available approximately 8-10 weeks after the end of the inspection. All parents and carers will be provided with a paper copy of the report and the report will also be shared through our class dojo and school web site.

The report will highlight strengths of the school and next steps for improvement. The next steps will guide the content of our future improvement priorities.

School Staffing - Mrs Mackenzie

We recently informed parents and carers through Class Dojo that Mrs Mackenzie is taking early retirement and is leaving Bargarran Primary on Friday 20th December.

Mrs Mackenzie has been a member of staff at Bargarran for over 20 years. She has taught at a range of stages, held the position of Principal Teacher and for the last six years Depute Head Teacher. This included a spell during the Covid closures when, in the absence of the Head Teacher, Mrs Mackenzie ensured all the mitigations were in place for the school to open again in August 2020.

It was lovely to see the number of complimentary posts on the Class Dojo and also the number of parents and carers who have passed on their thanks and best wishes in person.

Mrs Mackenzie will be missed by everyone at Bargarran Primary. The lead role she has taken in developing our Additional Support Needs procedures and developing our whole school approaches to Health and wellbeing are two of the many ways in which Mrs Mackenzie has worked with staff to make our school successful.

We are sure all our parents, carers and children will join me in thanking Mrs Mackenzie for all she has done for the school and wishing her all the best for her retirement.

We will provide an update on our plans to fill Mrs Mackenzie's role as Depute Head Teacher in due course.

School Staffing - Office Staff

There have been changes in our school office staff recently. Miss McKee is currently on maternity leave and Miss Paton has moved to another position with the council.

Mrs Jack has joined our staff team to cover Miss McKee's maternity leave. Miss Macfarlane has also joined our staff team to replace Miss Paton's position and ensure we have our full compliment of office staff.

We would like to welcome both Mrs Jack and Miss Macfarlane to our staff team. The lead up to Christmas is a very busy period for our office staff and I am sure many of you will speak with either Mrs Jack or Miss Macfarlane when you phone to book show tickets or for other reasons.

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)
Nour	Rosa	Kerr	Sofia	Aila
Jacob	Riley	Alannah	Elizabeth	Cairn
Isaac	Olivia	Thomas		Caitlin
Autumn	Kyle	Neve		Olly
Lucy	Elliot			
Emily	Lara May			
Callum				
Zara				
Zac				

Congratulations to all our winners! 👍 📖

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.gov.uk)

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>

Reporting to Parents

The second tracking report of the session will now be issued on Thursday 19th December rather than Friday 13th December as communicated previously.

Christmas Events

The following events are scheduled to take place in the run up to Christmas:

Date	Event
Friday 29 th November 2024	Parent Council Christmas Fayre (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.)
Monday 2 nd December 2024	School Closed - St Andrew's Day Holiday
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	School Lunch Hall - Christmas Dinner
Monday 9 th December 2024	School Christmas Shows 10.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.
Tuesday 10 th December 2024	School Christmas Show 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 11 th December 2024	Whole School Pantomime Visit
Monday 16 th & Tuesday 17 th December 2024	Christmas Parties (arrangements to follow over Class Dojo)
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Primary 7 to Erskine Home for Christmas Songs Performance
Friday 20 th December 2024	Non-Uniform Day with optional 'Dress for Christmas' theme School Closes at 2.30 p.m.
Monday 6 th January 2025	School Opens at 9.00 a.m.

Finally....

On behalf of all the staff of Bargarran Primary we would like to wish all pupils, parents, carers and their families a Happy Christmas and our best wishes for 2025.

