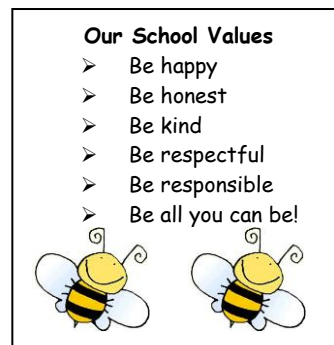




Bargarran Primary School
January/February 2025



Christmas 2024

Thank you to everyone in the school community who supported our school activities in the lead up to Christmas. It was wonderful to see the Christmas Fayre and Christmas Show so well supported. A special thank you to our Parent Partnership for their support in providing a range of Christmas treats for the children.

Parent Partnership Social Media Accounts

Our Parent Partnership have a number of social media accounts where they share information and can be contacted on the details are as follows should you wish to follow:

Instagram is - @Bargarranparentpartnership

Facebook is - Bargarran Primary parent partnership

The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064771624242>

School Awards

We regularly celebrate children's work and successes at our weekly assembly. Congratulations to the following children who have won awards recently:

A.C.E Awards				
Class	Successful Learner	Confident Individual	Responsible Citizen	Effective Contributor
Primary 1	Theo	Gregor	Jessica	Emily
Primary 2/1	Caleb	David	Isla	Molly
Primary 3/2	Kieran	Kayden	Victoria	Ella
Primary 3	Reuben	Aidan	Eira	Kerr
Primary 4	Lucy	Libby	Emma	Kyle
Primary 5	Reuben	Lucie	Sophia	Chloe
Primary 6	Elliot	Jaimie	Bella	Cole
Primary 7	Finn	Jessica	Imogen	Finlay
Support Staff	Freddie	Molly	Jay	Alannah

Well done to everyone who received a certificate! 👍👍👍

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.

House System - House Points

House Points are awarded to children for following the school values. Points are collected through the Class Dojo and totalled up each week. Congratulations to everyone in Bute (blue house) on winning the House Points competition for last term.

House System - House Football

Our Primary 6 and 7 House Football tournament took place at intervals last term with the finals afternoon on Friday 13th December. The teams are organised by our Primary 7 children. Congratulations to Davaar on winning the final on penalties after a 0-0 draw against Arran.

Handwashing

During the Covid period extra emphasis was placed on hand washing. We asked children to wash their hands before leaving for school, returning home from school and made handwashing part of our school routine. From listening to national and local news items you may be aware that there appears to be an increase in viruses this winter. Could I please ask for your support in asking children to wash their hands when they leave for school in the morning and when they return home at the end of the school day. As a school we will provide opportunities for children to wash their hands during the course of the day. Thank you for your continued support.

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>

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.

Outdoor Learning

Our children enjoy the opportunity to learn outside and our teachers plan regular opportunities for their classes to learn outdoors. Could I please ask that children come to school prepared to learn outdoors by bringing a warm winter jacket to school with them. A hat and a pair of gloves would help children keep warm when outside. There have been occasions when we have not been able to take children outside to learn as they have not had the appropriate clothing. We would be happy to support any families in providing warm jackets for children. Please contact the school office where any requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Mid -Term Holiday

The school will close on Thursday 13th February at 3.00 p.m. for the mid-term break. We will open again for all children at 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday 19th February.

Reporting to Parents - Open Afternoon

The next event in our reporting calendar is an Open Afternoon on Thursday 20th February. The Open Afternoon is an opportunity for parents and carers to visit the classrooms during the school day and work with your child or children. Due to the size of the school the afternoon will be split into two sessions as follows:

1.15 - 2.00 p.m.	Surnames A-L
2.00 - 2.45 p.m.	Surnames M-Z

If parents and carers could please keep to the time allocated it would be greatly appreciated.

The annual written report will be sent home with children on Friday 28th March.

We are renaming our Parents' Appointments as Pupil Progress Meetings to reflect the change of terms used across education. The next Pupil Progress Meetings will take place on Thursday 3rd April with appointments from 3.30 until 8.30 p.m.

Appointments for the Pupil Progress Meetings will only be available to book through Parent Portal from Monday 17 March.

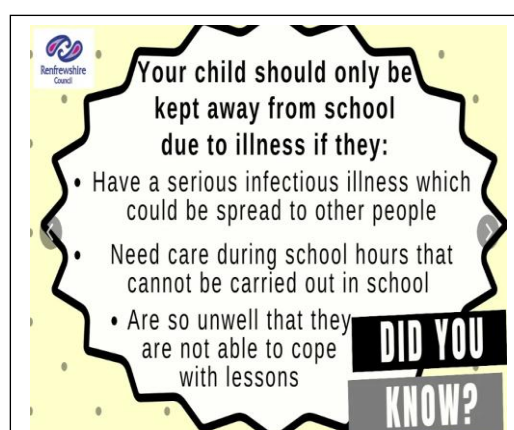
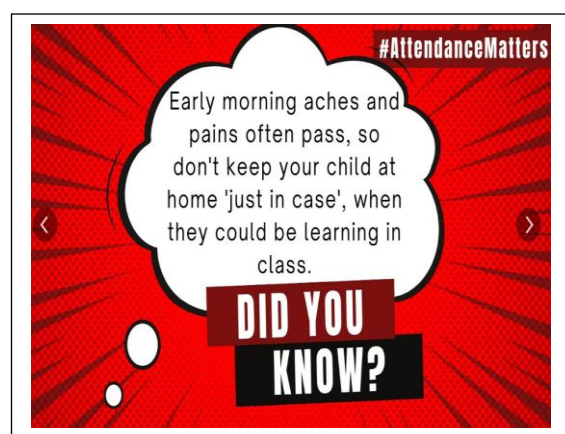
School Attendance Procedures

It is a Child Protection concern when children do not attend school without contact from a parent and carer to explain a reason for absence.

Office staff are having to spend a great deal of time contacting parents who have not shown the courtesy to contact the school and inform us of their child's absence and the reason.

The school reporting absence procedures are detailed below.

Step 1	Please consider the two slides below.
Step 2	<p>On the first day of absence contact phone the school office on 0300 300 1447 to report the absence before 9.00 a.m. or e-mail bargarranenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Please do not send a message on Class Dojo or through the school web site as it may not be picked up.</p>
Step 3	Please repeat Step 2 for every day of absence unless reason for attendance requires a period of isolation.



School Attendance Monitoring Procedures

If at any point you are concerned about your child's attendance at school or would like support with your child's attendance at school please contact the school office.

Attendance rates are monitored on a regular basis and the following procedures followed for attendance under 90%.

Step 1	Letter sent out informing Parent and Carer attendance is below 90% and offering support if required.
Step 2	If attendance remains below 90% a second letter will be sent out and the initial point of contact will be in touch to discuss attendance levels.
Step 3	If attendance remains below 90% a third letter will be sent out offering a meeting with HT to discuss attendance.

Active Schools Clubs

The following clubs are being organised by Active Schools this term:

Day	Time	Club	Stage
Monday	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Rugby	P.4 - P.5
Tuesday	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	St Mirren Football Foundation	P.5 - P.7
Wednesday	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Basketball	P.5 - P.7
Thursday	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Stay and Play	P.1 - P.3
Friday	12.20 p.m. - 1 p.m.	Rugby	P.6 - P.7

Pupil Leadership Events

Children have opportunities to play lead roles in the school through our Pupil Council and Pupil Parliaments. The children have chosen to organise the following events before the end of the school session in June. More information on each event will be provided nearer the event.

Date	Pupil Leadership Group	Event	Details
Friday 28 February	Sustainability Parliament	Water Saving Afternoon	Limit use of water in the school
Thursday 6 March	Reading Parliament	World Book Day	Dress as your favourite book character/non uniform
Friday 28 March	Rights Respecting Parliament	Rights Respecting Afternoon	Children leading learning
Friday 25 April	Technologies Parliament	Technologies Afternoon	Children leading learning
Friday 16 May	Pupil Council	Non - Uniform Day	Fundraising
Friday 30 May	Health and Wellbeing Parliament	Non - Uniform Day	tbc

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