

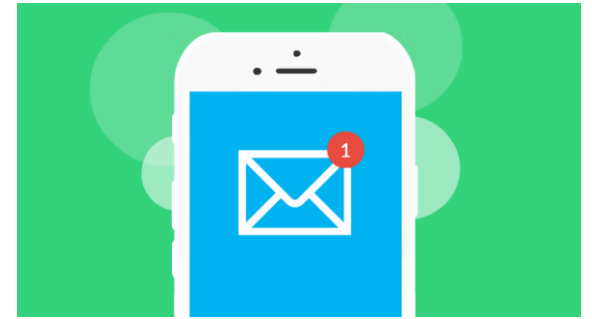


Barassie PS and EYC



January 2022 Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



Welcome back to all children and families and a very Happy New Year. I hope you all had an enjoyable break spent making memories with those closest to you.

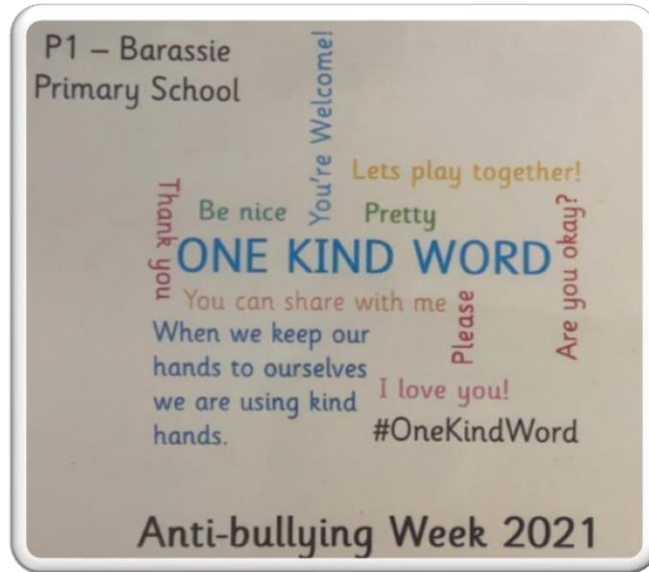
The New Year brings with it some new hope as some of the mitigations and guidance in relation to Covid-19 has lessened in relation to isolation and testing. I am hopeful this new approach will be less disruptive for all.

We already have a busy term ahead of us and school staff are working on planning the events we most look forward to such as STEM Week, World Book Day and Safer Internet Day.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

What's Been Happening in Barassie?



#AntiBullyingWeek2021



#BeBrightBeSeen



#RightsRespectingSchool
#WorldChildren'sDay

Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all of our Hot Choc Friday recipients who have been recognised for going above and beyond.



#ReadyRespectfulSafe
#HotChocFriday

Parent Council



Welcome to the
Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on Zoom at **7pm on Monday 7th February 2022**. All parents and carers are welcome to attend the meeting.

Chair Person: Lindsay Wood

Vice Chair: Lynda Hardman

Treasurer: Katherine Self

The link to the meeting will be sent via email on the day of the meeting.

Parental Involvement Engagement Survey (PIE)



South Ayrshire Council is participating in the national parental involvement and engagement survey (PIE). The survey is for parents/carers of children and young people in primary, secondary and special education.

The link to the survey can be found here :-

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PIE2022/> and will go live on Monday 24th January. The survey will run from Monday 24th January to Friday 1st April.

P5 Free School Meals



As previously communicated, all P5 children are now entitled to a free school meal.

If your child hasn't tried a school meal yet this is the perfect opportunity for them to try something new.

Menus and allergen information can be access using the link below:

[Browse Menus - South Ayrshire Council \(mysaffronportal.com\)](https://mysaffronportal.com)

This information can also be accessed through our school website.



UNCRC Article 24



Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on **7-13 February 2022**. This year's theme is **Growing Together**.

We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

On Thursday 10 February we would like to invite all children to 'Dress to Express' to promote children's mental wellbeing. Children are invited to come to school wearing their own choice of clothing. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good.

We will make a donation on behalf of the school and EYC to Place2Be in support of this cause.

Car Parking



Can I please remind parents and carers to be mindful when dropping off and picking up in their cars.

The safety of all children is paramount and we would appreciate your assistance with not parking on the white lines on Barassiebank Lane, bus bay on Burnfoot Avenue, or across the entrance to either of the school car parks.

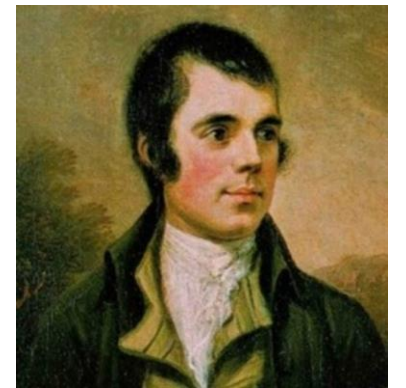
Disabled spaces are available in the small car park.

Thank you for your assistance with this and for ensuring the safety of all at drop off and pick up times.

Scottish Poetry Competition

During the month of January all classes are learning a Scots poem. We would usually hold a whole school assembly where the finalists from each class would perform but this year we will be doing this using pre-recorded videos.

A video of the winners from each class will be shared once the results have been announced.



UNCRC Articles 28 and 29



Community Library

Please visit and find a good book to dive into.



UNCRC Article 31



Opening Times
Normal (Mon - Fri):
0800 – 1700
(NOT at entry 0840-0910
and exit 1440-1510
times)
Holidays (Mon – Fri):
0830 – 1530

Barassie Primary School



Community Library

Returns and Donations
Please place all returns or
donations in the box
provided. We will ensure
these are quarantined
before being added to
the shelves.



..... is now open!!!

The library has been set up with donations from staff and local communities. It is for the whole of Barassie not just our school community so please tell your neighbours. There is a great selection for children and adults so everyone can enjoy a good book.

Grab a book

Read a book

We surveyed our families in school and here is what we found:

Only 38% of respondents said they set aside time for reading at home.
Whilst 70% of respondents said they like to read.



We realised there is a possible gap between motivation to read and access to appropriate reading materials.

So, let's...

Return, pass on or donate

We are looking for volunteers to sort out returns and donations – if you are happy to help please get in touch with Miss Caroline Nelson. Thank you!

Free School Meal and Clothing Grants

Application forms are available from County Buildings, SAC Customer Service Centres, local libraries and are also available to download from the Council website at <http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/schools/meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

You will be aware that all P1-P5 pupils are entitled to free school meals. However, parents will be required to make an application for a clothing grant for these pupils and the provision of a clothing grant will be based on meeting the eligibility criteria.

Irrespective of Scottish Government policy to provide a free school meal to all P1 to P5 pupils from August 2021, we are requesting all parents/carers make an application online as this will be the method the council will use to identify eligibility for future Covid grants.

Please note that applications need to be completed each school year and do not automatically continue. You must apply each year. If you would like some assistance to do this please contact the school office.

Communication

Please inform the office of any changes to telephone numbers or email addresses to ensure you can be contacted and to receive regular communication from us.

If you haven't yet connected on Seesaw contact the office and we can arrange this for you.



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