

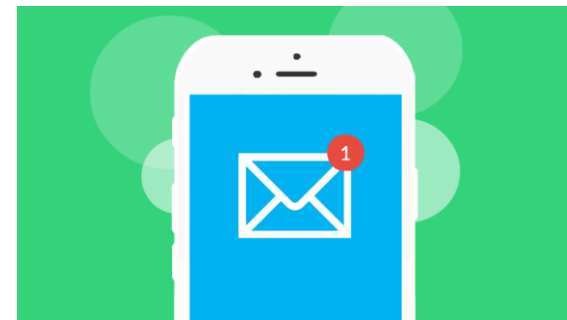


Barassie PS and EYC



August 2023 Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



Welcome back to a new year at Barassie Primary School and Early Years Centre. I hope you all enjoyed the time together with families and friends over the summer and are as excited for the year ahead as we are as staff.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined us this session in our EYC and in P1. We are very much looking forward to getting to know you all and working with you over the coming years.

If you would like to speak to a member of the leadership team (Mrs Landon, Mrs Mills and myself) about something in particular please contact the school office who would be happy to arrange an appointment for you. Mrs Landon is class committed this session so will be unavailable most days during class times.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

Staffing Update



This session we are welcoming some new staff members to Barassie Primary School.

Welcome to Mrs Blackwood (Additional Support for Learning), Mrs Kennaway (P2) and Miss McLaughlan (P5b).

Early Years Centre	Teacher: Mrs Pauline Moriarty Senior EYP: Natasha EYPs: Daniel, Fiona, Arlene, Angela and Anne-Marie
P1	Mrs Tait (Mon-Wed) Mrs Landon (Thu-Fri)
P2	Mrs Kennaway Mrs Moriarty (Thu)
P3	Mrs Townson
P4	Mrs Risk
P5a	Mrs MacLeod
P5b	Miss McLaughlan Mrs Dodds (Thu)
P6	Mrs Borland
P7a	Mrs Dodds (Mon) Mrs Martin (Tue-Thu)
P7b	Miss Blaikie

Meet the Teacher



Our first Family Learning event for P1-P7 families will take place on Wednesday 30th August 3:30pm-4:30pm

This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out about the routines and methods used in the class. It's also the perfect opportunity to visit your child's classroom and explore some of the resources they will be using to support and enhance their learning.

We hope to see you there.



P5 Swimming Lessons



Reminder that all P5 children will take part in weekly swimming lessons at Troon pool.

Children should bring the clothing they need for swimming and a towel. If your child wears goggles they should also bring these with them.

First lesson: Thursday 31st August

Last lesson: Thursday 2nd November



Learning Journals



As previously shared, access to Seesaw is no longer permitted across all South Ayrshire Council schools and EYCs.

The new platform for sharing learning and communicating with your child's teacher/key worker is Learning Journals.

Important information has been sent via email and I would ask that you take some time to explore the documents and online content prior to accessing the site. You can also access it [here](#).

We will be going live with the platform as soon as we have it set up and ready to go. Please keep an eye on your emails for further information and/or instructions.

PE Information

Please ensure children have the correct clothing with them for PE. If children do not have the required clothing with them to satisfy health and safety requirements this may result in them not taking part.

PE Kit Requirements:

- T-shirt to change into or polo shirt
- Change of shorts, leggings or joggers
- Change of shoes e.g. trainers or gym shoes
- If possible please avoid tights on gym days or include socks in PE bag to ensure comfort with trainers/gym shoes

- Long hair should be tied back and all jewellery able to be removed independently by children. Staff cannot remove earrings for children.

- Please do not send football tops in for PE kit.

Class	PE Days
P1	Tuesday and Thursday
P2	Wednesday and Friday
P3	Monday and Thursday
P4	Thursday and Friday
P5a	Monday and Wednesday
P5b	Tuesday and Thursday
P6	Wednesday and Friday
P7a	Monday and Wednesday
P7b	Monday and Tuesday



Feel Good Friday



Our first Feel Good Friday date for P1-P7 is **Friday 29th September.**

On Feel Good Friday we have a focus on health and wellbeing across the school. Children take part in electives, pupil voice groups, community citizenship experiences and get to work with others from classes across the school.

If your child would like to dress in comfortable clothes for Feel Good Friday they are welcome to come to school without their uniform on these days.



Parent Council

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The Parent Council AGM will take place in October.

Date: Thursday 12th October

Venue: School meeting room

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm



All parents and carers are welcome to take part in the Parent Council AGM and meetings. It would be great to see you there.



School Song

Prior to the summer holiday all children from P1-P7 were involved in creating our very own school song in partnership with local musician Scott Nicol.

We are delighted with the final result titled, 'The Dream Team'. The track is available to stream and download on Spotify, Amazon Music and iTunes by clicking the icon below. If you would like to learn more about the children's experience please visit

<https://www.scottnicol.us/dreameam>



P7 Bag Packing



The Parent Council have arranged bag packing at Morrisons as a P7 fundraiser towards P7 events/items e.g. residential experience or hoodies.

If you are able to help on Friday 1st September for any of the slots below please contact the school to let us know:

9:30am-10:30am

11:30am-12:15pm

1:30pm-2:30pm

We will be looking for P7 children to support this on the day. They will be transported to Morrisons by Mrs Fleming and Mrs Mills. If you do not wish your child to be selected please contact the school to let us know. All willing participants will be balloted with parents/carers informed of their involvement next week.

A member of school staff will be present at Morrisons at all times.



Coffee and Chat



We would like to invite you to have an informal chat with Mrs Fleming and Mrs Mills in the Lifelong Learning Suite. This is an opportunity to meet with other families and school staff and to discuss anything we can help you and your family with.

We hope to see you there.

Date: Friday 15 September 2023

Time 2:00pm – 3:00pm



General Information



Barassiebank Lane and Burnfoot Avenue can be extremely busy before and after school. Please be mindful of where you park and avoid parking in the school car parks, bus bay or across entrances and junctions.

Disabled parking spaces can be found in the small of the 2 car parks.

Please note there will be no access to or supervision in the school playground before 8:45am when the gates open for children.

Community Library

The Community Library is located at the main reception area of the school.

Please feel free to visit and find a good book to enjoy or donate any unwanted books.



Free School Meal and Clothing Grants

Free School Meal/Clothing Grant applications for 2023/24 are available here - :
[Educational grants - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/educational-grants)

The Scottish Government have committed to providing a free school meal to all P1 to P5 pupils, however we are requesting that parents/carers who meet the eligibility criteria submit an application as this information will be used to pay free school meal payments during school holiday periods.

If you need help with your application, you can call 0300 123 0900 to speak to a customer service advisor.

Children in P6 and P7 are charged 35p for milk.

Please note that applications need to be completed each school year and do not automatically continue.

You must apply each year.

Communication



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

Day to day communication with class teachers will take place through Learning Journals (more details to follow). In the meantime you can get messages to your child's teacher via the main office. Teachers will respond at appropriate times to messages but please be aware these are not monitored out with working hours and be mindful that teachers are most likely teaching the class for large parts of the school day.

Meeting requests with Mrs Mills and Mrs Fleming should go through the school office.

Contact Us

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