

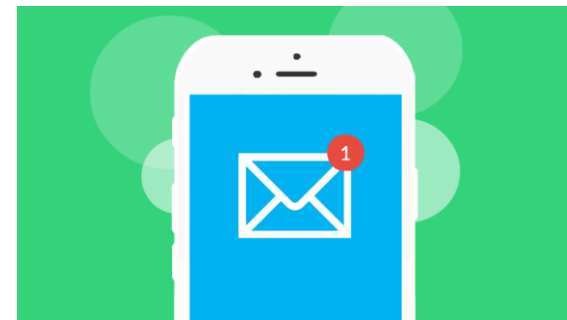


Barassie PS and EYC



September 2023 Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



We have almost reached the end of Term 1 and I'm sure your children have been busy sharing their learning experiences from school with you at home. We do have a few opportunities planned for you to engage in your child's learning and to learn together coming up as well as opportunities to be involved in the wider life of the school. Details can be found in this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our EYC Stay and Play sessions. These were well attended and a great opportunity for children to share their learning environment and experiences with you.

Our first group of P7s are away on their residential visit to Dolphin House and I'm sure the group who are going next week are looking forward to their turn too. We'll be sure to share some highlights of their experience with our school community via X.

Mrs McPhail our Library Assistant starts with us this week and she is very much looking forward to working with children, staff and families in the coming months.

Keep an eye on X for updates of what we have been getting up to in class.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

What's Been Happening at Barassie?



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 5 Sep

Our P7 pupils enjoyed reading to their P1 buddies and P2 reading buddies today. They enjoyed discussing what book they would select and finding a cosy place to share a love of reading [#readingforpleasure](#) 📖 ☀️



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 22 Sep

P7 were delighted to welcome Mrs Ledingham and Mrs Mancini to Barassie. We enjoyed expanding our knowledge and pronunciation of the French language and had fun playing engaging games! We can't wait to join Mrs Ledingham for her live lessons 🇫🇷 🇮🇹 @MarrColOfficial @SacLanguage



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 19 Sep

Week one of chess club today 🧑 Even John, the janitor, couldn't resist getting involved in the fun 😊



Barassie EYC @Barassie_EYC · 1 Sep

Developing our risk assessment skills at the beach [#outdoorlearning](#) [#beachschool](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 4 Sep

Thank you to our wonderful parent council and friends of Barassie Primary who supported our recent bag packing fundraising event along with some of our P7 pupils at Morrisons, Troon. [#teamwork](#) [#community](#) @Morrisons



Barassie EYC @Barassie_EYC · 1 Sep

Exploring our local environment at Barassie beach [#outdoorlearning](#) [#beachschool](#)



Hot Choc Friday!

Ready,
Respectful,
Safe



Staffing Update



Last week we interviewed for the temporary teaching position to cover Mrs Townson when she is on maternity leave.

I am delighted to share that Miss Rachel Malone was the successful candidate and will assume the post of Class Teacher in P3 when Mrs Townson begins her maternity leave at the October holidays.

Learning Journals



We currently have 39 family members who have not logged into Learning Journals yet. You should have received an email to set up your account and password.

Please check your junk mail folder for this email if you haven't seen it yet.

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.



Halloween Disco



The Parent Council are hosting a Halloween Disco for all P1-P7 children.

There is no cost to attend the disco but we are asking for donations towards hampers for the Christmas Fair. If you are able, could you please donate a non-perishable item in the colour specified below:

P1 - red, P2- yellow, P3 - pink, P4 - green, P5 - purple, P6 – orange, P7 - blue.

Items can be handed in when signing in for the disco or to school beforehand.

All children must be signed in and signed out by an adult. If your child would like to come please [click here](#) to sign them up.

A tuck shop will be available at the disco.

Date: Friday 3rd November

Venue: Barassie Primary School

Times: P1-P4 6:00pm-7:00pm/ P5-P7 7:30pm-8:45pm



P7 Bag Packing



Thank you to our Parent Council and P7 helpers who were fundraising at Morrisons recently.

Together they raised a superb £500 which has gone towards reducing the cost of P7 leavers hoodies.

Thanks to all involved!

Cost of the School Day Family Focus Group

**THE COST OF
THE SCHOOL DAY**

As part of our School Improvement Plan this session we are engaging in a project to work towards reducing the cost of the school day for families.

To allow us to begin this work we are looking to engage with parents/carers to explore the many costs involved for families.

Mrs Landon is keen to meet with any parent/carer who is interested in being involved on Tuesday 3rd October at 9:15am. Tea and coffee will be available in the Lifelong Learning Suite from 9am.

If you are able to come along please let us know by emailing barassie.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



Pupil Progress Meetings

Pupil Progress Meetings are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 11th October.

A link to book an appointment with your child's teacher will be issued via email in due course.

Mrs Townson's appointments for P3 will be split over 3 afternoons between 3:30pm and 5:30pm.



ASN Family Support Event

Join us for an evening with NEST
(Neurodevelopmental Empowerment and Strategy
Team)

Our Purpose?

To help people and their families who live with autism, ADHD and FASD in Ayrshire, feel more in control through supporting better understanding and better connections.

This evening will be an opportunity to hear about the work of NEST and find out what supports are available for parents and carers.

NEST is an NHS Ayrshire and Arran information and advice service for neurodiversity.

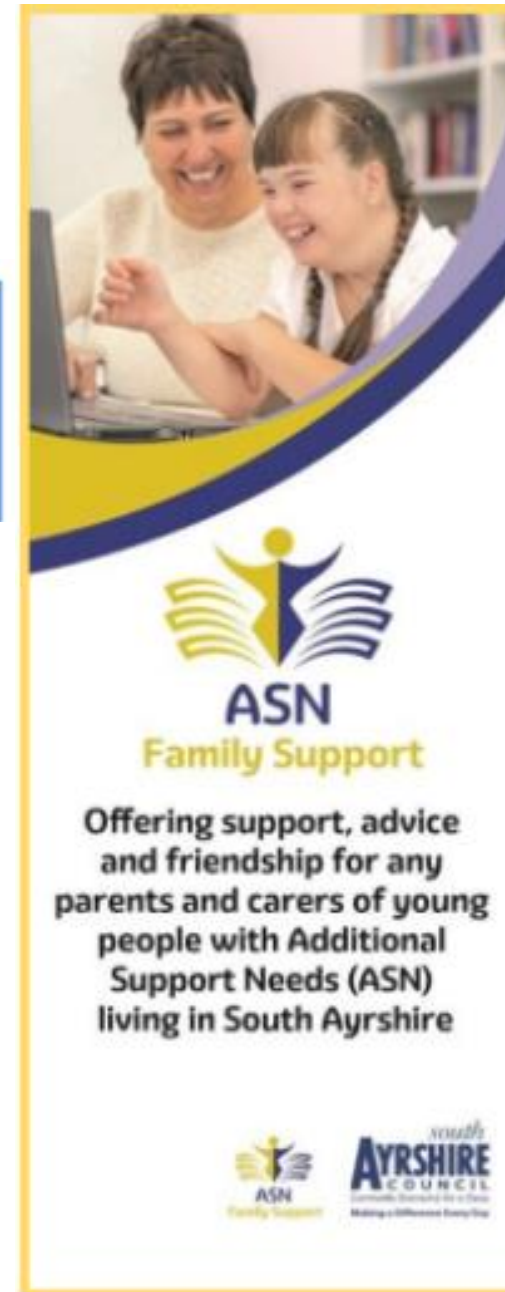
[nest.scot](#) | [Empowering Ayrshire's Neurodiverse Communities](#) | [Home](#)

This event is open to all parents and carers of young people with an additional support need (no diagnosis is necessary).

ASN Family Support event
Carrick Centre, Maybole 6.30pm—8pm
Wed 11 October 2023

To book a place please email:

Fiona.Priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



The poster features a photograph of a woman and a young girl smiling while looking at a laptop. Below the photo is the ASN Family Support logo, which consists of a stylized figure with arms raised, flanked by two sets of horizontal lines. The text on the poster reads: 'ASN Family Support Offering support, advice and friendship for any parents and carers of young people with Additional Support Needs (ASN) living in South Ayrshire'. At the bottom, there are logos for ASN Family Support and South Ayrshire Council, along with a 'Mark Your Calendar' graphic that includes a red checkmark and the text 'Dates to Remember'.



Sharing the Learning



Come and join your child in class for a learning together session and see what they have been learning about in class. There will be an opportunity to look at your child's work and to engage in activities together in class.

Date: Friday 27th October 2023

Time: 2:00pm-2:45pm

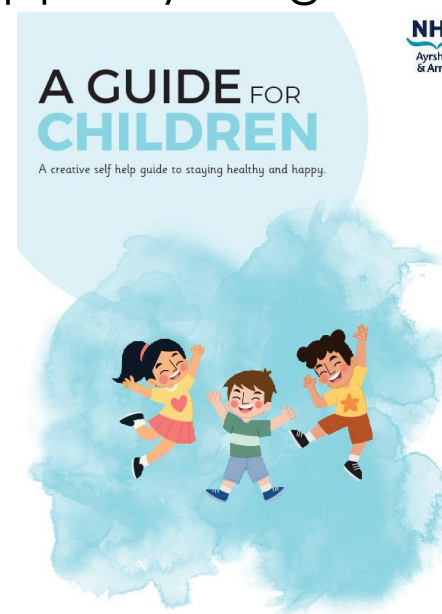
Please let us know if you are able to join us [here](#).



Health and Wellbeing Guide

Please click the image below to access a new mental health and wellbeing resources which is appropriate for primary school aged children to use independently or with the support of a parent/carer.

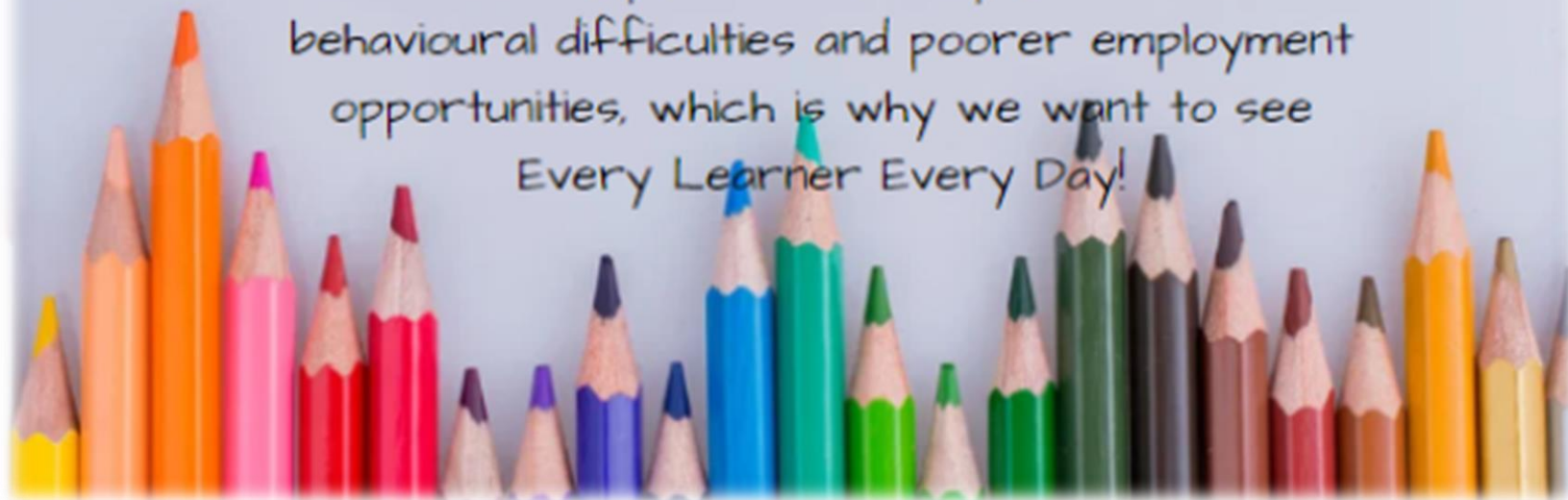
Inside you will find a range of information on simple self management tools and signposting that are presented in a bright and engaging format to support younger children to look after their mental wellbeing and build resilience.



Attendance

Last session in South Ayrshire Primary schools, just over 37,000 days (the equivalent of over 220,000 teaching hours!) were lost to unauthorised absence.

Poor attendance has been linked to lower levels of attainment, peer relationships, emotional and behavioural difficulties and poorer employment opportunities, which is why we want to see
Every Learner Every Day!



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). 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. Information about absences or appointments should continue to be reported to the school office.

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

Contact Us

[School Website](#)

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@Barassie_EYC



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