



Barassie PS and EYC



October/November 2023 Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone had a good October break and that you're ready for all Term 2 has to offer.

Welcome to Miss Malone who has joined the team at Barassie as the new P3 teacher for the remainder of this session.

We have a few family learning events detailed in this update and I would encourage you to sign up. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Information is included from the Parent Council in this update on upcoming events and new committee members. I would like to personally thank Lindsay Wood for her many years as Chair-Person and for all that she has given to our school community in this role. I'd also like to personally welcome our new Chair-Person, Lynda Hardman, Vice-Chair, Karen Nicol, Treasurer, James McEwan and Joint Secretaries, Nicole McIlwraith and Kathryn Limond.

Towards the end of the update there is a December calendar to give you advance notice of all important dates.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

What's Been Happening at Barassie?



Barassie EYC @Barassie_EYC · 9 Oct

An interest in painting led to some splatter art [#processart](#) [#creativity](#)



Barassie EYC @Barassie_EYC · 3h

We are taking part in a postcard exchange, we were so excited to receive our first postcard all the way from Australia. [#earlyliteracy](#) [#markmaking](#) [#creativity](#)



P6 have been developing their skills in basketball.



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 9 Oct

Thank you to our wonderful Parent Council for delivering our P7 hoodies today. We had some very excited children when they got this surprise today!





Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 5 Oct

Day 2 and 3 - Dolphin House. P7b were kept very busy with caving, abseiling, mountain biking and climbing Cornish Hill. We were all very soggy but still smiling at the end 😊🌧️ @DolphinHouseSAC



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 27 Sep

P7a - Day 2 🦋🏠

Wow! An absolutely action packed day 🥳 Treasure Hunt around the castle grounds using our prior knowledge 🗺️, trail biking 🚲, coasteering 🧗‍♀️🌊, caving in the dark 🕸️ movie 🎬 and common room disco 🌐 @DolphinHouseSAC



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 13 Oct

Exciting times for our lovely Mrs Townson today as she leaves not only for the October break but to start her maternity leave. Everyone at Barassie will miss you and we can't wait to meet Baby Townson!



P3 had a wonderful time in the library exploring some new books with our Library Assistant, Mrs McPhail.

Hot Choc Friday!

Ready,
Respectful,
Safe



Learning Journals



We currently have 22 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.

All logins for those who haven't logged on before have been reset so you should have an from email this week.

Feel Good Friday



Our next Feel Good Friday date for P1-P7 is **Friday 27th October.**

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

Earlier this month, the Parent Council met for their AGM. It was a very bittersweet meeting, as Lindsay Wood stepped down from role of Chairperson after 6 years. We would like to thank her once more for the many years of time and work she has put towards helping BPS pupils, past and present, have a more fulfilling school experience.

Throughout school year 2022/2023 the PC contributed almost £4,000 for our children to enjoy additional experiences and to enhance their learning journey at school. This of course could not have happened without the support of parents and carers, so THANK YOU!

Moving forward, we have a new committee which was voted in at the meeting as follows:

- Lynda Hardman - Chair Person
- Karen Nicol - Vice Chair
- James McEwan - Treasurer
- Nicole McIlwraith - Secretary (joint)
- Kathryn Limond - Secretary (joint)



We have a few events coming up for your calendar:

- Pumpkin Contest
- Halloween Disco
- The Sponsored Sloth



More information on the above events can be found on the next few pages of this newsletter.

Minutes of the Parent Council meetings can be found on our school website.

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

2023

**THE PARENT COUNCIL INVITE
YOU TO TAKE PART IN OUR
ANNUAL PUMPKIN CARVING
COMPETITION.**

**BRING YOUR PUMPKIN AT
DROP OFF ON
TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER
AND COLLECT IT AGAIN AT
PICK UP TIME.**

**THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR
EACH CLASS, CHOSEN BY
MEMBERS OF THE PUPIL
COUNCIL.**

**WE KINDLY ASK FOR A
DONATION OF £1 FOR ENTRY.**



Halloween Disco



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

There is no cost to attend the disco but instead we are asking for donations towards hampers for the Christmas Fair. We kindly request non-perishable items in the colours below for the hampers:

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



The Sponsored Sloth



On behalf of the Parent Council, the amazing Mrs Mills and Amy Wood are teaming up to teach some magnificent moves to all children in P1-P7.

This sponsored dance event will take place in school on Tuesday 7th November.

Your child will have a sponsor form in their bag this week and we ask that any sponsor money and forms are returned to school by Wednesday 15th November in a clearly marked envelope.



Fireworks



If you are able to help raise funds at Troon Fireworks Display by being a 'bucket shaker' on Saturday 4th November please get in touch with the Parent Council via the dedicated Facebook page or contact the school and we will inform them of your availability.



New to You

NEW TO YOU

Our New to You shop is located in the Lifelong Learning Suite at the main entrance of the school. Please feel free to pop in and help yourself to any items you may need for your child.



The Micah Project are holding another 'Bring and Badge It' event at St Meddan's Church Halls on Wednesday 8th November 12pm-2pm.



Pupil Progress Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our Pupil Progress Meetings.

If you haven't already completed the short feedback form you can do so by scanning the QR code or [clicking here](#). The form will be open until 3pm on Friday 27th October.



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](#).



House Treat



Congratulations to Burns who earned a massive 3133 house points last term.

They celebrated with a disco and karaoke organised by Captain, Matthew and Vice-Captain, Eilidh.



Book Week Scotland

Click to Watch



Book Week Scotland
is...



Children will be engaging in lots of fun activities to promote and foster a love of reading throughout the week.

Details on how you can get involved are included on the next page.

Monday 13th November

- ❖ P1 parents/carers invited to read with child in class @ **2:30pm-3:00pm**

Tuesday 14th November

- ❖ P2 & P6 parent/carers invited to read with child in class @ **1:10pm-1:40pm**
- ❖ Parent/Carer Introduction to South Ayrshire Reads @ **2pm**
- ❖ Parent Focus Group for South Ayrshire Reads @ **2:30pm**

Wednesday 15th November

- ❖ P4 parent/carers invited to read with child in class @ **1:10pm-1:40pm**

We are having a book swap on this day. If you have any unwanted children's books please send them in by Monday 13th November. All children will get the opportunity to visit the Book Swap.

Scottish
Book Trust

Book Week
Scotland



Thursday 16th November

- ❖ P2 Read, Write, Count session for families with Mrs McPhail @ **9:15am**
- ❖ P3 & P7 parent/carers invited to read with child in class @ **1:10pm-1:40pm**
- ❖ P1 Book Bug Session @ **2:15pm**

Friday 17th November

- ❖ P5 parent/carers invited to read with child in class @ **1:10pm-1:40pm**
- ❖ P3 Read, Write, Count session for families with Mrs McPhail @ **2:15pm**

After School Club with Mrs Samson

Mrs Samson's clubs will resume on Monday 31st October.



Tue – P6 & P7

Wed – P4 & P5

Thu – P2 & P3

As per email you will be informed this week if your child has been allocated a slot.

PE Information

Please ensure children have the correct clothing with them for PE. If children do not have a PE kit with them this may result in them being unable to access the opportunities for health and safety purposes.

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.

If we can help by providing a PE kit please contact the school to let us know

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



Anti-bullying Week



YOUTH ACTION GROUP
Anti-Bullying Campaign co-designed
by respectme's Youth Action Group

respectme
Scotland's Anti-Bullying Service

LISTEN UP!
RESPECT OUR RIGHTS
Anti-Bullying Campaign

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
Monday 13 to Friday 17 November 2023

Together let's stand up
for the rights of children
and young people to help
stop bullying in its tracks.

bullying is
NEVER
acceptable

Christmas Fair



Our Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 1st December from 1:15pm to 2:45pm.

As in previous years we will have a dedicated page on our website for you to pre-order and browse the items made by our talented children. Orders will open on 15th November and close on 24th November.

We are hoping to have external stall holders on the day too. If you or know anyone who would be interested in a stall please contact us on 01292 690072. We are asking for £10 and a raffle prize per stall which can be paid on the day.



December Calendar



Date	Event	Class/Classes
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fair – 1:15pm-2:45pm	EYC and P1-P7
Monday 4 th December	Christmas Performance – ‘500 Miles’	EYC-P7
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Lunch (order details to follow)	EYC-P7
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Party – 1:30pm	P5a and P5b
Wednesday 13 th December	Family Christmas Party – 9am-11am	EYC
	Christmas Party – 1:30pm	P2
	Coffee and Carols – 3:30pm (ticket information to follow)	P5, P6 and P7
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Party – 1:30pm	P3 and P4
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Party- 1:30pm	P6
Tuesday 19 th December	P1-P3 Nativity with P4 choir - 1:30pm	P1-P4
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Party – 1:30pm	P1
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Party – 1:30pm	P7

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.

Please note that Clothing Grant eligibility criteria is now in line with the Criteria for Free School Meals. Information can be found using the link above.

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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