



Barassie PS and EYC



December 2023 Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



As we approach the end of Term 2 of this school session I would like to thank you for your continued support of our EYC and school. It has been wonderful to have such high levels of engagement with our family learning opportunities this term. Keep your eye out for more opportunities to share in your child's learning in the New Year.

On behalf of the team at Barassie PS and EYC I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year when it comes.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 8th January.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

What's Been Happening at Barassie?



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 7 Nov

Kevin from the Royal British Legion joined us for our Remembrance Assembly today. #RemembranceDay2023



Ayr Campus Early Years @AyrEayYears · 24 Nov

@AyrshireColl students with @Barassie_EYC beach kg



Barassie EYC @Barassie_EYC · 10 Nov

Mindfulness in the sunshine, listening to the waves.

#Mindfulness #Outdoorlearning
#Tranquility
#Soundofthewaves



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 8 Nov

Primary 7 engaged in a short Remembrance Service at the Troon War Memorial today led by the @PoppyLegion. Thanks to Lillith and Matthew for laying down the wreath on behalf of Barassie PS. We enjoyed a quick ice cream before walking back to school 🍦



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 13 Nov

Barassie Primary kicked off Anti Bullying Week by wearing Odd Socks today to show that everyone is different, unique and special 🧦
#OddSocksDay #MakeANoise #AntiBullyingWeek @ABAonline



[Click to see a video of our EYC children enjoying the sounds of the waves at the beach.](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 16 Nov

1/2 We have been loving [#BookWeekScotland](#) so far at Barassie. Here are some highlights below.
Thank you to [@LauraWardrop2](#) for visiting P4 today with Ari and sharing your new book Ari the Greek.



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Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 16 Nov

2/2 Our Librarian Debbie has had a great time leading [#BookBug](#) and [#ReadWriteCount](#) sessions with children and families. Stay tuned for more reading fun tomorrow. [#ReadingSchool](#) [@SAC_Reads](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 24 Nov

Barassie Primary wore bright colours today to promote the "Be Bright, Be Seen" campaign. It encourages pedestrians and cyclists to wear bright and reflective clothing in the winter months. Thanks to the JRSO committee for organising! [@AyrshireRoads](#) [#BeBrightBeSeen](#) [#RoadSafety](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 17 Nov

Thanks so much for visiting and sharing your exciting books with us. 📖



Gillian Craig Spiller @gillian_spiller · 17 Nov

A brilliant morning with [#TheBlueSock](#) and [#OnTheShelf](#) for [@BookWeekScot](#) - wonderful, enthusiastic kids and teachers, and the best sock washing line so far! (Thank goodness for illustrators like John Lim) [#Kidlit](#) [#MarshallCavendish](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 24 Nov

Well done to our wonderful P7s who represented Barassie at our annual Debate Championship. They put themselves out of their comfort zones and rose to the challenge as a team! Thanks to [@MarrColOfficial](#) for having us. [#GrowDreamAchieveTogether](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 28 Nov

We had lots to celebrate today. One of our celebrations was of our love of reading for enjoyment. Here are our Word Millionaires (one first time, two two time millionaires and one SIX time millionaire)! Watch this space for more to follow. [@SAC_Reads](#) [#ReadingSchool](#)



Hot Choc Friday!

Ready,
Respectful,
Safe



Learning Journals



We currently have 14 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 received an email from Learning Journals this week.

Feel Good Friday



There will be no Feel Good Friday in December. The next Feel Good Friday is Friday 26th January 2024.



P1 Registration for Session 2024/2025

Children whose 5 birthday is between 1 March 2024 and 28 February 2025 should be registered for education during the week commencing Monday 15 January 2024.

You should register your child online for either your catchment denominational or non-denominational primary school between Monday 15 January and Friday 19 January.

Children normally attend their catchment denominational or non-denominational school, however parents may make a placing request for their child to attend any other school under the management of the education authority. Parents/carers should be aware that they must register their child on-line for education at their catchment denominational or non-denominational primary school **and then** make an on-line placing request to a school of their choice. Placing requests for session beginning August 2024 should be completed online by 31 January 2024. Information relating to catchment areas and placing requests is available at

www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/schools

Letters have been sent via Groupcall to all parents/carers of pre-school aged children with further details.



Parent Council

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The Parent Council would like to thank everyone for their support with fundraising this session. Highlights have been:

Pumpkin Carving £60



The Sponsored Sloth Dance was a huge success and the kids enjoyed it immensely. Keep your eyes peeled for video evidence... This event raised £871!

In a change from the norm this year, we asked for a donation of a specific coloured item for entry to the Halloween disco. We then created 8 fantastic rainbow hampers and a chocolate tombola stall at the Christmas Fair. This raised a total of £685!

Thank you again for supporting another year of Christmas cards, after print costs, we raised £350.

The Troon Round Table annual fireworks display was a big success this year. Thanks to the parents who shook a bucket on the night. Their efforts helped top up an already generous donation from the roundtable. The total amount was enough to cover the festive production of '500 miles'.



A big shout out to the elves who joined the Round Table Santa float earlier this month. Mrs Elf Mills and Mrs Elf Fleming were like celebrities as we went round the houses!

All of the money raised gets spent on enhancing the kids school experience along with lots of nice little treats, like a chocolate lolly each at their Christmas class parties and ice cream for everyone at the in house panto production....

So thank you for your support, the money raised so far will go a long way towards supporting more things happening next year.

BPS is signed up for 'Easy Fundraising' which is a great and easy way for funds to continue trickling into the school. It's free to sign up, takes only a few moments and every time you shop on line, the school makes money from it!! Winner! Sign up info below:

https://www.easypundraising.org.uk/causes/barassie-primary-pc/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

As a reminder, there is a Barassie Mums and Dads Facebook page where things are communicated, this is run by the parent body. And we would like to welcome everyone to our next PC meeting in January (TBC).

Lynda Hardman

Parent Council Chair Person

December Calendar



Date	Event	Class/Classes
Wednesday 13 th December	Family Christmas Party – 9am-11am Christmas Party – 1:30pm Coffee and Carols – 3:30pm (ticket information to follow)	EYC P2 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

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Christmas Fair. We raised a total of £1710.05 for the EYC and school.



Early Closure



Please note that school closes at 2:30pm on Friday 22nd December for the holidays.

Parents and carers with children in Early Years are welcome to collect children at 2:30pm, as we understand that many of the children have siblings/family members in EYC. The Early Years Centre remains open until 3pm.



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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