



# Barassie PS and EYC



**January 2024 Family Update**

# Message from Mrs Fleming



Happy New Year from everyone at Barassie PS and EYC.

We have a number of events coming up at Barassie in the next few weeks. Details of these can be found in this update. Please take a note of these in your diary as we'd love to see you there.

Please note that Mrs Mills and myself do not receive messages through learning journals. Should you wish to make an appointment please contact the school office to do so.

Kind regards,

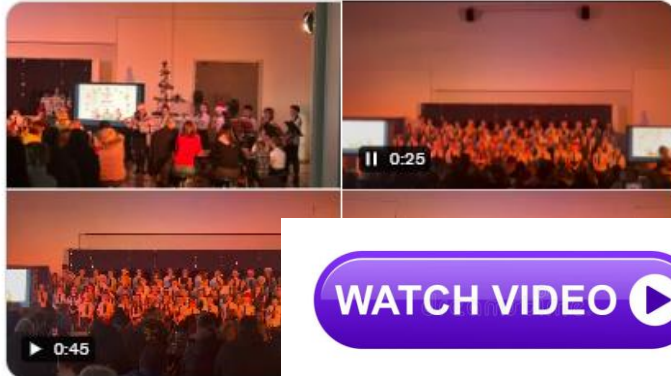
*Mrs Fleming*

# What's Been Happening at Barassie?



Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 13 Dec 2023

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Coffee and Carols this afternoon. We are very proud to support the work of Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, India for over 40 years. We hope you enjoyed some festive cheer in aid of a good cause. [#community](#) [#givingback](#)



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Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 18 Jan

P6 and P7 loved every minute of our [#LambOShanter](#) experience! Really more than Robert Burns and Tam O'Shanter 🐑 A performance steeped in kindness, passion and resilience. It is a special one ⭐ We laughed, we cried (Mrs Martin!) and we learned! Huge thanks to [@approx21words](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 20 Jan

1/3 Debbie and our library committee recently received some very exciting deliveries. Have a look at the videos and see what new books are on our shelves. [@scottishbktrust](#) [@SAC\\_Reads](#)



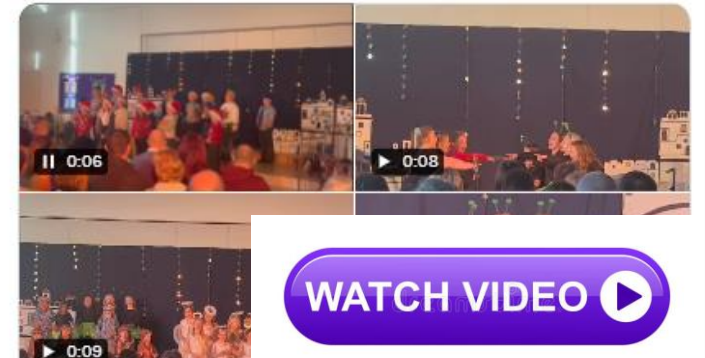
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Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 21 Dec 2023

Our P1-P3 Nativity was a huge hit earlier this week. We all thoroughly enjoyed Christmas with the Aliens. Well done to our P4 choir who opened the afternoon's festivities for us. Thanks to all who came along to enjoy the show. [#GrowDreamAchieveTogether](#)



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Barassie EYC @Barassie\_EYC · 13 Dec 2023

We explored sinking and floating at the beach. We used a range of natural materials to test our predictions [#outdoorlearning](#) [#stem](#)







Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 13 Dec 2023

On Tuesday, we invited staff and families to come and join us for a social chess afternoon. The children from the after school chess club have been developing their skills and there were lots of great matches! [#chess](#) [#familyfun](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 5 Dec 2023

Thank you to [@TroonRoundTable](#) for the generous donation. We used this to pay for our festive performance of '500 Miles'. Lots of laughs and fun for all!



Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 2 Dec 2023

Well done to our choir who performed at the [@AyrshireHospice](#) Winter Fair today. They got us all in the festive spirit with their beautiful singing!



# Feel Good Friday



Our first Feel Good Friday of 2024 is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.



# EYC Registration

Registration for Early Learning and Childcare for children aged 3-5 years will be open week commencing **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024**.

Further details will follow.



# EYC Stay and Play/ Open Evening

Our Early Years Centre are hosting an open evening for prospective families prior to Early Years Registration. If you are interested in visiting our setting prior to registering your child please come along **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 5pm to 6:30pm.** We look forward to seeing you there.





# Parent Council

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Details of upcoming Parent Council meetings are below:

## **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Time: 6:30pm -8:00pm

Venue: Barassie Primary Meeting Room

## **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Time: 6:30pm -8:00pm

Venue: Barassie Primary Meeting Room





# P7 Burns Supper

Information has been sent via email to all P7 families for the Burns Supper. This event is only open to families of children in P7.

We look forward to seeing many of you there to celebrate with us.

[Click here to order your tickets.](#)



# Burns Supper



**Tuesday 30th January 2024**  
**1:15pm-2:45pm**

Click here or scan the QR.



**Tickets: £1.50 each (limited to 2 per child)**

# Scottish Poetry

Our annual Scottish Poetry competition will take place on Thursday 25th January. All classes have been working hard to learn their poems and 3 finalists from each class will present in front of the full school on the day.

P5-P7 have had poet, Simon Lamb, in delivering an interactive workshop this week. He performed Tam O'Shanter by Robert Burns and really brought it to life for the children.



# Sharing the Learning - Literacy



We'd like to invite all parents/carers from P1-P7 to attend our Sharing the Learning morning on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 9:15am.**

We have been working closely with the South Ayrshire Reads(SAR) team to implement a new, researched based, approach to teaching phonics and would love the opportunity to share what we've been doing this session to develop this in all classes.

## Details:

9:05am – Help yourself to tea and coffee

9:15am-10:00am – Information session for parents/carers from SAR team

10:00am-10:40am – Visit your child's class to see phonics in action.



If you would like to attend this family learning opportunity please scan the QR code or click [here](#).



# Home Learning



We are changing the format of our class newsletters and home learning from P1-P7.

We have consulted previously on home learning and made changes to take into account feedback from both parents/carers and children. The number of children engaging in these planned learning activities is still very low and as a result we are adapting what we do from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

Children in P1-P3 will receive weekly phonics activities to engage with at home. This will include a decodable text or book for them to read to you at home. All phonemes (sounds) will have been taught by the class teacher. You will receive a newsletter each term with further information about what your child will be learning and where they can access activities if they would like to practise skills in other curricular areas.

In P4-P7 children will receive a termly class newsletter. This will outline what they will be learning in phonics, numeracy and maths and interdisciplinary learning. There will be information contained on what your child can do to continue their learning at home for each area.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

## P7a Newsletter

Term 3 – January – April 2024

### Phonics

22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Jan - /f/ ph, gh  
29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - /s/ ce, se  
5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - /z/ ze, st, ps  
12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - /t/ c (ea)  
19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - /n/ kn, on, ne  
26<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Mar - /k/ ck, ch, qu, que  
4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Mar - /m/ me, mb, mn  
11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Mar - /r/ wr, rh  
18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar - /g/ ou, oh, oue  
25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Mar - /ch/ ch, tch

Write a sentence for each word. Focus on handwriting as well as the phoneme.

Diacritically mark your words.

Use a coloured pencil to divide the words into syllables. e.g. **jumping**

Read, Listen, Write. Listen and Check each spelling word. Template is available on Teams.

Word lists and rules posted weekly on Teams.

### Mathematics

- Fractions of a quantity
- Comparing and ordering decimals
- Predicting and explaining probability
- Mathematical inventions and the number system
- Percentages of a quantity
- Estimating and measuring area
- Estimating and measuring volume
- Interpreting data from graphs and charts.

Use [TTRS](#), [Education City](#), [Topmarks](#) and [Maths Playground](#) to support learning in these areas.

### Interdisciplinary Learning

- Robert Burns
- India
- Genetics

Enjoy some personal research on areas of specific interest.

### Reading

Check your child's bag on Monday for their reading book. These must be in school bag everyday to support class learning. Reading for pleasure is essential – read to and listen to your child reading!

[ReadingWise](#) logins have been shared with all children and a 10min session per week is recommended.

### PE Days

Monday and Wednesday  
Please ensure full kit available on these days.



# Advice and Support for Families

Barassie Primary School now has the backing of an Advisor, from South Ayrshire Council's Information and Advice Hub.



Kim provides a free, confidential, and impartial, information and advice service in welfare benefits and money/debt advice to families.

Kim can support in areas such as:-

- Checking your entitlement and supporting you in making claims
- Advice regarding Free School Meals, School Clothing Grant, Scottish Child Payment and any other eligible grants

If you would like to speak with Kim, she will be available in our school on the following date; Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February between 9am – 11am offering a parent drop-in service.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend during this date and time you can contact Kim directly using the following link [Digital referral form - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](#) (when using this link please type **FAO Kim and the school name** into the box '*If you need help with anything else*' or by calling 0300 123 0900.



Click [here](#) to follow the Information and Advice Hub on Facebook

# Family Library Time

Our school library will be open to families every Thursday between **3pm and 4pm from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

Our librarian, Debbie, can't wait to meet you and recommend some fantastic books for you to enjoy with your children at home.

Please enter through the main entrance once teachers have dismissed their classes.





# Family Hub



*Barassie Hub*

## COME ALONG TO THE LLS

*Help yourself to a  
coffee, tea or hot  
chocolate*

Enjoy a chat before  
pick up, browse our  
New to You rail, toy  
swap or community  
library.

Open daily from 1:45  
PM-3:00 PM



# Troon Women's Group

## Troon Women's Group

A brand new group with a safe and friendly environment for women to come together to:

- Share experiences
- Learn new skills
- Socialise
- Feel Empowered

Each Friday, starting 19th January, 10-11:30,  
Troon Town Hall

Adults only (18+)

Contact: [Jan.McGarry@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Jan.McGarry@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)





# 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. 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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