



# Barassie PS and EYC



**February 2024 Family Update**

# Message from Mrs Fleming



Term 3 is always a very busy term at Barassie with us celebrating two annual events together in March. Information on both World Book Day and STEM Week is included in this update.

P7 will be beginning Bikeability 2 on road cycling lessons in the coming weeks. You might see them out in the community with Mrs Swan. Information for P6 Bikeability 1 lessons will follow in due course.

If you haven't already signed up for our Sharing the Learning session next week you can still do so and details are included in this update. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Fleming*

# What's Been Happening at Barassie?



**Barassie PS** @Barassie\_PS · 25 Jan

What a fantastic morning at our Scottish Poetry Competition. Well done to everyone for participating and being a supportive audience. You should be proud! [#GrowDreamAchieveTogether](#)



**Barassie PS** @Barassie\_PS · 29 Jan

It was a really close game this afternoon and we couldn't be prouder of our team! They all worked so hard and played so well! [#growdreamachievetogether](#) ☀️







**Barassie PS** @Barassie\_PS · 30 Jan

Thank you so much to our Primary 7 pupils for organising a wonderful Burns' Supper! There was haggis, tunes, poetry and toasts! Lots of laughs had and memories made 🎵 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 📺 😊 Thank you to our community for always turning out to support us [#RobertBurns](#) [#parentalengagement](#)



**Barassie PS** @Barassie\_PS · 6 Feb

P7 and P2 enjoying time reading together 📖 [#readingforenjoyment](#)  
[#southayrshirereads](#) [#dreamgrowachievetogether](#)



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**Barassie PS** @Barassie\_PS · 9 Feb

Today Primary 6 explored a range of ingredients used in food practises around the world. They tried basil, coriander, ginger, lime and lychees.



**Barassie PS** @Barassie\_PS · 9 Feb

Beat the Streets! South Ayrshire has been turned into a giant gameboard. Craig & Lucy came to speak to us about how we can take part. Boxes can be found outside schools & on lampposts around the towns of SAC. Get involved & help us win some of the 100s of prizes available 🦶🛴🚲





# Hot Choc Friday



# Feel Good Friday



Our first Feel Good Friday of 2024 is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.



# Parent Council

Parent council

Thank you to those who attended last Thursday's Parent Council meeting. Minutes and reports will be available soon on the school website in the 'Parent Zone'.

Details of upcoming Parent Council meetings are below:

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

Time: 6:30pm -8:00pm

Venue: Barassie Primary Meeting Room





# Easyfundraising

Our Parent Council are registered for Easyfundraising.



Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

To sign up and start fundraising for our cause (Barassie Primary Parent Council) click the image above for more information.

# 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](#).

# Beat the Street

Barassie are currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the schools leaderboard.

If you would like more cards for your household please pick them up at the school office.





# Troon Lawn Tennis

Some of our classes have enjoyed a block of tennis lessons from Troon Lawn Tennis Club.

If you would like more information click on the image below.



# 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

# Pupil Progress Meetings

Pupil Progress Meetings are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

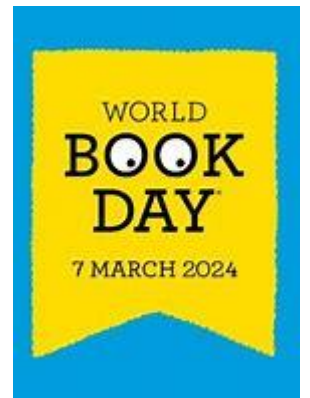
A link to book an appointment with your child's teacher will be issued via email in due course.



# World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March the Bookworm Committee at Barassie Primary School would like to invite children from EYC- P7 to join in the following fun reading activities:

- Come to school dressed as a word. For example, if your word is sparkly wear a sequin top or if its sporty wear a tracksuit. Class prizes for the most inventive word/outfit! (EYC-P7)
- Participate in a Where's Wally hunt out and about in our school grounds (P1-P7)
- Book charades and quizzes in class (P1-P7)
- The opportunity to exchange WBD tokens for new books at the pop up WHS Smith shop (EYC – P7)
- Participate in a whole school book "Twitterific" book event (EYC-P7)
- Its going to be a very busy World Book Day Celebration for everyone!



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This will be from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Keep your eye on X as we will be sharing our experiences throughout the week.

If you have a STEM (science, technology, engineering or maths) career and would like to get involved please contact Mrs Fleming via the school office.

# Family Library Time

Our school library will be open to families **every Thursday** between **3pm and 4pm**.

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



# 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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