



Barassie PS and EYC



March and April Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



As anticipated, Term 3 has been full of many great events to celebrate children's learning with families and the wider community.

We have welcomed some new families to our school and EYC in recent weeks and I'm sure they will be made to feel part of our wonderful community in no time at all.

As the Easter break fast approaches, I hope you have a lovely break from school and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 15th April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

What's Been Happening at Barassie?



Barassie EYC @Barassie_EYC · 11 Mar

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Using our problem solving and creativity skills, we built a marble run. We worked together to make it the longest run we could [#STEM](#)
[#outdoorlearning](#)



Barassie EYC @Barassie_EYC · 11 Mar

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Children in the EYC had great fun at the Burns museum. They loved hearing the poem To a Mouse.





Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 15 Mar

P1 enjoyed a fun filled session with their buddies today. The P7 pupils organised and ran a successful sporting afternoon. [#learning](#) together



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 12 Mar

Primary 7 had a fantastic STEM transition morning at [@MarrColOfficial](#) We solved maths problems, engaged in an engineering challenge, worked well with our cluster peers and developed relationships [#STEMweek](#) [#growdreamachievetogether](#)





Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 5 Mar

Douglas and Stewart from Links spoke to us at assembly today about the work they do building libraries and donating books to children in the Philippines. Barassie Primary donated some books to this wonderful cause. [#growdreamachievetogether](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 21 Feb

Felix gave a fantastic talk all about his experiences in South Africa. Pr 5 loved hearing about his adventures 🇿🇦 🌐 [#growdreamachievetogether](#)



Hot Choc Friday



Feel Good Friday



Our next Feel-Good Friday is Friday 26th April 2024. There is no Feel-Good Friday in March due to the Easter break.



Early Closure



Please note that school closes at 2:30pm on Thursday 28th March for the Easter holidays. There will be no Family Library time on this day.

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

The Early Years Centre remains open until 3pm.



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 30th 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.

Thanks to the Parent Council



A huge thanks to our Parent Council for the very generous donation of new outdoor suits for our Early Years Centre children.

The children are absolutely delighted and will make sure they are put to good use when exploring the outdoors!



Spring Disco

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

IT'S TIME TO

Disco

22 MARCH

P1-P4
6PM-7PM

BARASSIE PRIMARY
SCHOOL

THERE IS NO COST TO ATTENDING THE DISCO. WE ARE INVITING DONATIONS TOWARDS HAMPERS FOR THE SUMMER FAIR. WE KINDLY ASK FOR NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS IN THE COLOURS BELOW:

- P1-RED
- P2-YELLOW
- P3-PINK
- P4-GREEN
- P5-PURPLE
- P6-ORANGE
- P7-BLUE



P5-P7
7:30-9PM



After School Clubs



Please note all after school clubs end for Term 3 this week.

A new form to sign up for Mrs Samson's club will be sent during the first week back after the Easter break. You will be notified by email to confirm your child's space.

A sign up for new chess club members will also be sent out after the holidays.

Clubs will resume week beginning **Monday 22nd April 2024.**



Easter Holiday Camps



The poster is for Easter Holiday Camps organized by Active Communities South Ayrshire. It features a dark purple background with various logos and text. At the top left is the Active Communities South Ayrshire logo. To the right, the text 'EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS' is written in large, white, bold letters, with a 'Book Now' sticker graphic. Below this, the dates and times for two camps are listed: 'P1-7 EASTER MULTISPORT CAMPS' (9:30AM-2.30PM, £10 per day) and '2ND-5TH APRIL'. The locations for these camps are 'PRESTWICK ACADEMY', 'GIRVAN ACADEMY', and 'CARRICK COMMUNITY CAMPUS'. The second camp, '8TH-12TH APRIL', is held at 'MARR COLLEGE' and 'BELMONT ACADEMY'. A QR code is provided for booking online via Clubspark. The poster also includes social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and the website 'WWW.ACTIVESOUTHAYRSHERE.COM'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'THRIVING COMMUNITIES', 'active schools SOUTH AYRSHERE', 'Inspire', 'AYRSHERE COUNCIL', and 'Community Sport Hubs'. Decorative elements include a cartoon yellow chick wearing sunglasses on the left and a white rabbit on the right, along with several colorful Easter eggs.

active communities
SOUTH AYRSHERE

Book Now **EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS**

P1-7 EASTER MULTISPORT CAMPS
9:30AM-2.30PM | £10 PER DAY
FULL WEEK & SIBLING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

2ND-5TH APRIL
PRESTWICK ACADEMY
GIRVAN ACADEMY
CARRICK COMMUNITY CAMPUS

8TH-12TH APRIL
MARR COLLEGE
BELMONT ACADEMY

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Community Sport Hubs

ASN Family Support Network



Date: 10th May 2024

Venue: Troon Concert Halls

For more information contact
fiona.priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

New date!

ASN Family Support Network
Event

10th May 24 in Concert Halls,
Troon

10th May 2024 11-3 pm;
this year's theme is "**Transitions**"

Keynote speakers:

Tanya Tenant
www.tanyatennant.co.uk

speaking on "Transition" 12-2pm

South Ayrshire Psychological Services
speaking on "Transition Policy and
Strategies" 2-3pm

Marketplace stalls including:

Barnardos, Penumbra, Community Gift
Exchange, South Ayrshire Community
Transport, DWP, Scottish Book Trust
and many more ...

No need to pre-book for this event



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

Further information from
fiona.priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk
Or ASN Website www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/asn



Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) is additional funding allocated directly to schools and targeted at closing the poverty-related attainment gap. The Scottish Government has committed to this funding as part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge (SAC) programme from 2017/18 up until 2025/26.

When planning how to allocate PEF it is important that schools take on board the views of staff, pupils and parents. Please may we ask that you take a few minutes to share what you feel makes the most difference to your child's learning.

Please scan the QR code or click the image of it to share your views as we begin to plan for next session.

Pupil Equity Fund Consultation for
Parents and Carers



PEF Funded Initiatives this Session:

- ✓ We employed our Library Assistant Debbie to raise the profile of reading for pleasure and promoting a love of reading with children from EYC-P7.
- ✓ We staffed our Breakfast Club to allow it to open from 8:20am to support attendance and reduce late comings.
- ✓ We funded a School Assistant to facilitate after school clubs for children to engage in.
- ✓ We created capacity in our teaching staff team to support families in a variety of contexts.
- ✓ We funded an additional teacher to work with groups of children to 'boost' their learning in literacy and numeracy following the Summer break for a period of 7 weeks.
- ✓ We created additional teaching capacity to deliver targeted nurture support to children across the school.

Beat the Street

It is the final week of Beat the Street with double points on all beat boxes across South Ayrshire!

We are currently in 6th place on both leader boards. Keep up the good work!



Sharing the Learning - Literacy



On 28th February we welcomed 63 parents and carers into our school to learn about the improvements we have been making in our approaches to the teaching of phonics across our school.

[Click here to see a summary of what parents and carers said about this family learning event.](#)



World Book Day

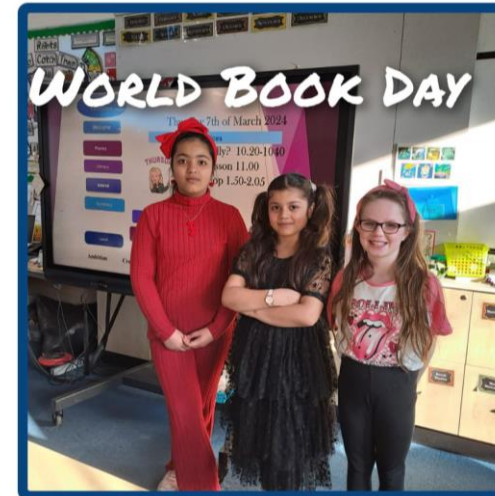
Thanks to Debbie and The Bookworms for organising a fantastic World Book Day. Here are some highlights...



P1 AND P7 WHERE'S WALLY HUNT

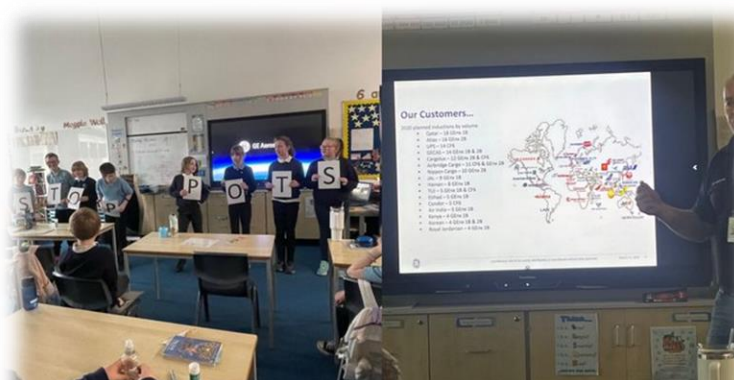
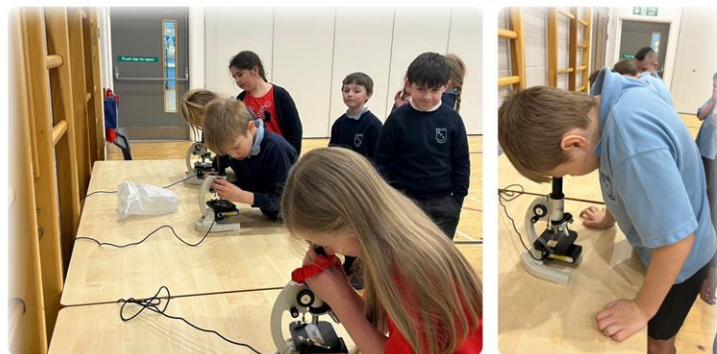
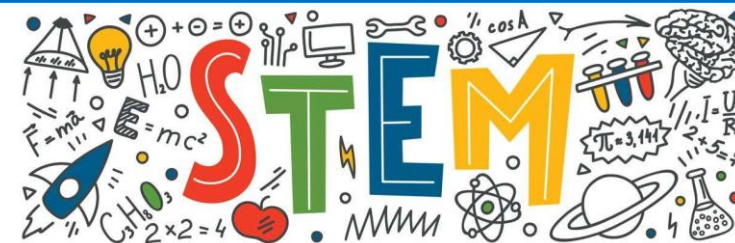


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STEM Week

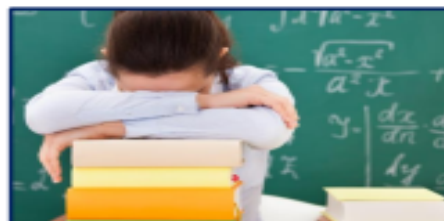
We celebrated British Science Week with our STEM focus week last week. Children engaged in a range of STEM activities and enjoyed welcoming visitors from the World of Work to learn about their jobs and the skills required.



Supporting your child's understanding of maths...



CALLING ALL PARENTS &
CARERS OF PRIMARY
CHILDREN!!



Primary 2 to 4

Ayr (Grammar Primary) 18:00 – 19:30

Subject	Parent Info. Session	Parent & Child Workshop		
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Multiplication & Division	14 th Mar	21 st Mar	18 th Apr	25 th Apr
Fractions	23 rd May	28 th May	4 th Jun	11 th Jun

Primary 5 to 7

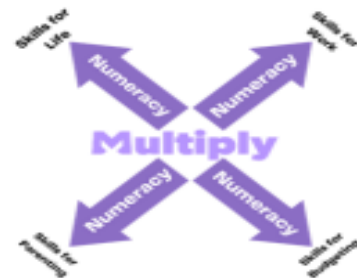
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Have you ever thought “I’m not good at maths.”? Does maths make you feel anxious? Every one of us is capable of understanding maths and making mathematical decisions. In conjunction with the Multiply Project, South Ayrshire Council are delighted to invite all parents with primary aged children to attend numeracy workshops focussed on **Multiplication & Division** and **Fractions**. Come along and find out how you can support your child gain confidence and a deeper understanding of maths.

All sessions will take place in **Grammar Primary** from **6:00** until **7:30**.

Please register [here](#) if you wish to attend, or scan the QR code...



Numeracy Parent Workshops (Primary)



School Car Park

Please refrain from using the school and EYC car parks for dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the school day.

School and EYC car parks are strictly for staff, blue badge holders and visitors.

Thank you for helping keep all children safe on their way to and from school.



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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 as they do not monitor messages on Learning Journals.

Contact Us

[School Website](#)

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