

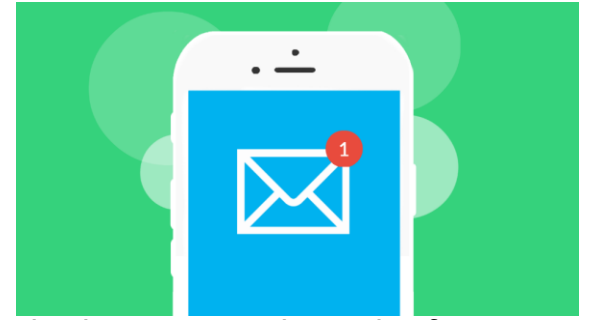


Barassie PS and EYC



September Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



It is hard to believe we have arrived at the September long weekend already. It looks to be a weekend of better weather, and I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy it with family and friends.

Yesterday was an exciting day for the children as they welcomed the arrival of their new playground equipment. Thank you to the Parent Council for the generous donation of £700 towards this equipment and thank you to all our families for supporting the work our Parent Council do.

We are delighted to have welcomed Miss Purdie back to Barassie to cover staff absence in recent weeks. Miss Robinson will also be with us every Thursday until Christmas and will be supporting children in classes with literacy. Today, Mrs Townson has been getting to know P2/3 and P7 before her return after the October break.

Have a wonderful long weekend and we are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 24th September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

School Calendar



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What's been Happening at Barassie?

 **Barassie PS** @Barassie_PS · 6 Sep
Today was our first Hot Choc Friday celebration of the session. Well done to all who took part and shared how they have demonstrated our Barassie values! #Growdreamachievetogether #ambition #creativity #honesty #kindness #respect



 **Barassie PS** @Barassie_PS · 10m
Congratulations to this week's Hot Choc stars! #ambition #creativity #honesty #kindness #respect



What's been Happening at Barassie?



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 9 Sep

Primary 7 had a lovely first day at Dolphin House. We went rock pooling, caving and then had an evening walk to the park. [#outdoorlearning](#)
[@DolphinHouseSAC](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 13 Sep

Group 2 have had a great few days on their residential. Here are some of the highlights. [@DolphinHouseSAC](#)





School Improvement Plan 2024-2025 Our Aims



At Barassie we aim to provide high quality experiences which allow children to:

GROW: We nurture all pupils as they progress through their journey at Barassie and beyond.

DREAM: We inspire and celebrate all, despite differences, in our positive and inclusive environment.

ACHIEVE: We support our pupils to be the best that they can be.

TOGETHER: We work collaboratively with children, staff families and our local community.

Vision

At Barassie we:

GROW, DREAM,

ACHIEVE,

TOGETHER

OUR PRIORITY

To improve the quality and consistency of learning, teaching and assessment across the school and EYC to raise pupil attainment.

Values

Ambition

Creativity

Honesty

Kindness

Respect

What outcomes do we want to achieve?

South Ayrshire Reads

1. To develop confident and skilled readers with a lifelong love of reading and the confidence to access all aspects of education culture and society.
2. To support and develop staff to implement best practice through a culture of shared knowledge, collaboration and enquiry.
3. To promote the implementation of an excellent reading curriculum which prioritises best practice, challenge and adapted teaching for children with additional support needs.
4. To gather, use and analyse data effectively to drive change and improvement in children's reading skills, reading confidence and reading attainment.

Scan to view the full plan.



Improving Pedagogy, Equity and our Curriculum

1. To raise attainment and close the poverty-related attainment gap.
2. To give confidence to teachers in understanding the importance of reflecting on and improving pedagogy.
3. Increase teacher confidence in embedding the five key formative assessment strategies into ongoing everyday practice to ensure measurable improvements for learners.
4. To support and develop staff to implement best practice through a culture of collaboration and enquiry to innovate and elevate our curriculum offering within our unique context.

Numeracy and Mathematics

1. For children to develop a deep, conceptual understanding of mathematics, problem solving skills, mathematical reasoning and in turn improve attainment.

Masterclasses



On Friday we enjoyed our first Masterclasses of the session. All our leaders did a wonderful job of applying, planning and leading fun and engaging activities for everyone to enjoy.

Have a look at what was on offer and what the leaders thought...

Masterclasses

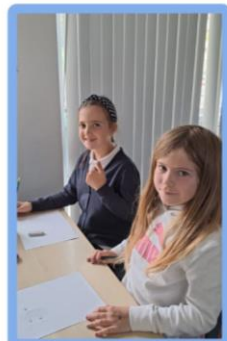
"At first we were really scared but now it has boosted our confidence."



"Everyone listened really well. Some of the younger ones found it too high. We would think about that if we were to do it again."

Masterclasses

"We organised how we were going to do it all and it made it easier for us."



"We learned that teachers have a hard job! We think we did well and instead of wasting time we had to think on the spot when something didn't work like we planned."

Masterclasses



Scooter Skills



Football



Basketball



Parent Council

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Details of Parent Council meetings for session 2024-2025 are below:

Reports and minutes from our AGM will be available on the school website soon.

- Friday 25th October – Term 2 meeting
Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm
- Monday 3rd February – Term 3 meeting
Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Monday 19th May – Term 4 meeting
Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Venue: Barassie Primary Meeting Room



Parent Council

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We are seeking someone or a small group to take a lead on our school uniform badging project.

This has been an extremely popular addition to our school, and we are keen to have regular opportunities for parents and carers to have uniform badged.

If you could spare some time and would like to be involved, please email barassiepc@outlook.com



An Update from our Captains and Vice-Captains



Attention everyone!

This is the House and Vice Captains from Barassie. We would like to tell you that we are having a coffee morning in Barassie Primary for Go Purple Day in support of The Ayrshire Hospice. For adults we will have coffee, tea and sweet treats and for kids there will be juice and biscuits.

We are organising a quiz for P4-P7 and a colouring competition for P1-P3.

We are not asking anyone to come dressed in purple on the day as we will give everyone a personalised Go Purple Day sticker.

Click [here](#) to let us know how many adults are coming.

Date: Friday 11th October

Time: 9:30am-11am

Cost: £2 for adults (includes hot drink and sweet treat/ free for children



Every Learner Every Day



At Barassie we want to see every learner every day.

We monitor and track attendance regularly. Where there is a cause for concern, SLT will follow up with letters/phone calls to see what further supports could be required to improve attendance at school.

Did you know that if a child has 90% attendance every year, they will have missed the equivalent of one whole year of schooling.

Click to Watch



Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7



Our First Feel Good Friday of this school year is on Friday 27th September.



Do you have a Skill or Talent?



If you have skills or talents you would be willing to share with us and are keen to be involved in the life of the school, please let us know through completion of a short survey by [clicking here](#).

Thank you to those who have already shared their skills and talents with us. We are delighted to have parents and carers involved in leading lunchtime and after school clubs for children.

Sharing the Learning P1-P7



Come and join your child in class for a learning together session and see what they have been learning about in school. There will be an opportunity to look at your child's work and to engage in activities together in class.

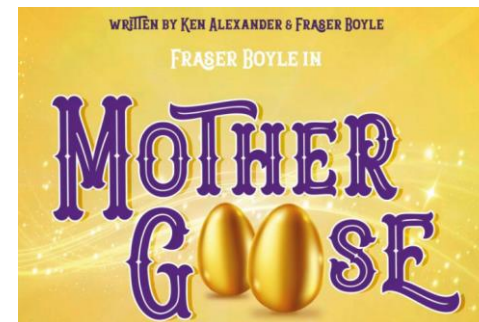
Date: Thursday 10th October

Time: 2:00pm-2:45pm

[Click here to let us know if you can make it.](#)



Pantomime P1-P7



This year P1-P7 are going to see *Mother Goose* at The Gaiety on **Thursday 5th December**.

Parent Pay **is now open** for payment to be made in instalments that suit individual families. We would ask that all payment is received by **Friday 1st November**.



Parents Portal

parentsportal.scot

We require all parents/carers to sign up to Parents Portal. The annual data check and consents are now completed via this system.

We cannot take children out of the school without their annual consent being completed and would ask that this is completed at your earliest convenience.

If you have not signed up and completed the annual data check a member of our clerical team will be in touch to see if they can offer any assistance.

Bookbug and Family Library

Our school library is open to families every Thursday between **3pm and 3:30pm from Thursday 12th September.**

Bookbug is in the Lifelong Learning Suite on Fridays from 2pm – 2:30pm for parent/carers to attend with children aged 0-3.



Free School Meal and Clothing Grants

Free School Meal/Clothing Grant applications for 2024/25 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.

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.



**NO
VEHICLE
ENTRY**

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.

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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