



Barassie PS and EYC



October Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming

Welcome to Term 2!



This term we welcome back Mrs Townson following her maternity leave. More information on staffing and changes for P2/3 and P7 for Term 2 can be found on the next page. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Miss McLaughlan for everything she contributed to our school during her time here in Mrs Townson's absence.

As we enter the colder months, please ensure children come to school with a warm jacket. We have a selection available in our 'New to You' uniform rails in the Lifelong Learning Suite.

If you haven't already signed up for Parents Portal please do so as a matter of urgency to ensure all data is up to date on our system and we hold the appropriate permissions for your child.

We are looking forward to continuing working with you and your child this term. If we can help in any way, please do not hesitate to get in contact via the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

Staffing Update



Mrs Townson will be in school 3 days per week this term and will return full time in Term 3.

Changes to the staff in P2/3 and P7 are highlighted below (please note to ensure consistency for children Mrs Dodds and Mrs Martin will be in these classes for an extra day each week):

	P2/3	P7
Monday	No change	Mrs Martin (Mrs Townson from Term 3)
Tuesday	No change	Mrs Townson and Mrs Martin
Wednesday	No change	Mrs Townson and Mrs Martin
Thursday	Mrs Dodds (Mrs Townson from Term 3)	No change
Friday	Mrs Townson	No change

School Calendar



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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What's been Happening at Barassie?



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 4 Oct

Well done to our values superstars from this week! We enjoyed celebrating you at Hot Choc Friday today. [#ambition](#) [#creativity](#) [#honesty](#) [#kindness](#) [#respect](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 4 Oct

P1/2 had a surprise visit from paramedics in an ambulance today! 🚑 Thank you for letting us have a look around and for bringing our learning to life. There was lots of excitement as we entered via the ramp. [#growdreamachievetogether](#)



What's been Happening at Barassie?



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 11 Oct

We had our first Sharing the Learning afternoon yesterday. The children enjoyed sharing what they've achieved in Term 1 with friends and family. [#Growdreamachieverogether](#) [#parentalengagement](#) [#familylearning](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 8 Oct

Our ABC groups were busy with the finishing touches for our Go Purple coffee morning and sharing their ideas for Anti-Bullying Week. [#pupilvoice](#) [#Article29](#) [#Article12](#)



Barassie PS @Barassie_PS · 1 Oct

Yesterday we were delighted to welcome players from [@AyrUnitedFC](#) in to school to read with groups of children. Everyone really enjoyed listening to the story and having the opportunity to ask questions. [@SAC_Reads](#)



Parent Council

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

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





A few things from the Parent Council for October



Costume New to You

If you have any preloved out grown costumes, pop them into the Lifelong Learning Suite, and grab another one to take home.

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Bring a carved or decorated pumpkin to school on Thursday 31st October to join in the pumpkin competition, winners will be picked during the school day and you can take them home with you at pick up. Entry £1

HALLOWEEN DISCO



FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER


P1-4 6:00pm - 7:00pm

P5-7 7.30pm - 8:30pm

[Click here to sign up!](#)

In place of selling tickets for the Halloween disco, we kindly request that you bring a donation of a non-perishable item. Please refer to the colours assigned to each class. These items will be combined to create hampers that will be raffled off at the Christmas Fair.

P1/2 RED P2/3 BLUE P3/4 GREEN P4/5 PURPLE

 P5/6 ORANGE P6 PINK P7 YELLOW



As always, there will be a tuck shop. Please send small change:
Water: free Juice: 20p Crisps: 30p Haribo: 20p Sweets: 30p Glow-Sticks: 20p



We need parent volunteers to assist with the disco. If you are able to help, please sign up using the attached Microsoft form. We kindly request that you arrive 15 minutes before the disco start time.



FIREWORKS DISPLAY SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Troon Round Table on the hunt for some fabulous volunteers to help take a bucket and collect donations on the big night! If you've got a few hours to spare, please consider helping and they will make a donation to Barassie Primary Parent Council as a thank you!

[Click here to sign up!](#)
Or email contact@troonrt803.com



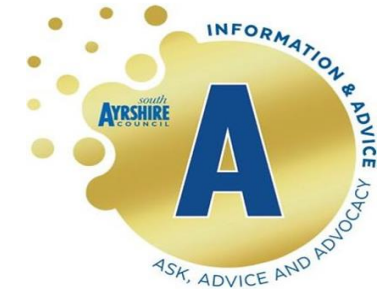
Go Purple Day

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Go Purple Coffee Morning.

We raised £114.88 for this fantastic cause.



Information and Advice Hub



Advice and Support for Families

Barassie Primary has the continued backing from South Ayrshire Council's Information and Advice Hub.



Shaun and Toni will provide a free, confidential, and impartial, information and advice service in welfare benefits, money/debt advice to families.

They will be able to 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
- Budgeting and money advice

If you would like to speak with Shaun or Toni, they will be available from **8:45am – 12:00pm** on **Wednesday 6th November** and **Wednesday 4th December**.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend during these times you can contact the Hub directly using the following link [Digital referral form - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk) (when using this link please select **Yes** to 'Would you like access to any other services?' and type **FAO Community Team and Barassie Primary**) or by calling 0300 123 0900.



Christmas Fair



Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 6th December 2024 from 1:30pm – 2:45pm.

If you know anyone who would like a stall, or are interested in having one yourself, please contact the school office who can arrange this for you.

The cost of a table is £15.



Pupil Progress Meetings

Pupil Progress Meetings are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6th November.

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



Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7



Our next Feel Good Friday of this school year is on Friday 29th November.



Sharing the Learning P1-P7

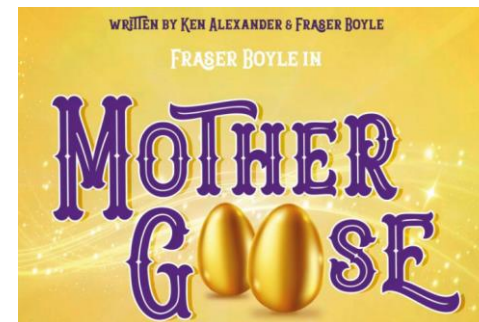


Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our first Sharing the Learning afternoon of the session.

Let us know how you found your experience?



Pantomime P1-P7



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

A reminder for payment to be made no later than **Friday 1st November** on ParentPay.



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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@Barassie_EYC



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