



# Barassie PS and EYC



**November Family Update**

# Message from Mrs Fleming



It was great to see many of our families at Pupil Progress Meetings (PPMs) last week. I hope you found the opportunity to discuss your child's learning with their teacher beneficial. At PPMs we were seeking some feedback from parents and carers. If you did not have the opportunity to do this, please [click here](#) to leave your feedback.

Lots of fun was had at our Halloween Discos at the start of this month. Thank you to the Parent Council for organising and to all the volunteer helpers on the night.

As we approach the start of December we have included a copy of the calendar for the month with this newsletter. It is always a busy one!

Kind regards,

*Mrs Fleming*


# School Calendar



November  
2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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# DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 1:30pm P1/2 Party	4 1:30pm P2/3 Party	5 P1-P7 Panto at The Gaiety	6 1:30pm Christmas Fair	7
8	9 1:30pm P4/5 Party	10 1:30pm P3/4 Party	11 1:30pm P5/6 Party	12 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	13	14
15	16 1:30pm P6 Party	17 1:30pm P7 Party	18 9:30am-11am EYC Party 3:30pm P1-P7 Festive Concert	19 1:45pm-2:45pm P1-P7 Festive Concert	20 2:30pm Close	21

# What's been Happening at Barassie?



Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 25 Oct

P1/2 and P7 enjoyed Buddy Time at the beach this afternoon! #friendship #cooperation #outdoorlearning



Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 31 Oct

Lots of creative entries to the Parent Council Pumpkin Competition today! Thank you to our Parent Council for organising and well done to all who entered. Happy Halloween!



# What's been Happening at Barassie?



**Barassie PS** @Barassie\_PS · 9s

We've been celebrating our successes and how we demonstrated our Barassie values during Hot Choc Chats. [#Article29](#) [#Ambition](#) [#Creativity](#) [#Honesty](#) [#Kindness](#) [#Respect](#)



**Barassie PS** @Barassie\_PS · 3m

Our committee groups and ABC met yesterday. They advertised our Christmas Fair, analysed data for how we travel to school, discussed the meeting with Ayrshire Roads Alliance, explored the microbits and planned our upcoming Charity event. [#pupilvoice](#) [#growdreamachievetogether](#)



## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

- ❖ 8:20am – 8:45am 'Bookie Breakfast' (parents and carers welcome to Breakfast Club with your child)
- ❖ 11:15pm - Author visit for P1/2

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

- ❖ 8:20am – 8:45am 'Bookie Breakfast' (parents and carers welcome to Breakfast Club with your child)
- ❖ 11:00am – 11:30am - P1-P7 assembly led by The Bookworms - £10 book token prizes presented to winners of the spoon character competition.

## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

- ❖ 9:30am – 10am: P2 parents and carers invited to gifting of Read, Write Count bags with Debbie
- ❖ P5s creating a community book trail
- ❖ 1:30pm – Bookworms visiting Westbank Care Home

Scottish  
Book Trust



## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

- ❖ 9:30am-10am – P3 parents and carers invited to gifting of Read, Write Count bags with Debbie
- ❖ PM – Reading Assembly with South Ayrshire Reads Team
- ❖ 3pm-3:30pm – Family Library Time – please come along and enjoy our library with your child/children

*We are having a book swap on this day. If you have any unwanted children's books please send them in by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. All children will get the opportunity to visit the Book Swap*

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

- ❖ 10:00am – All P6s visiting Troon Library
- ❖ 1:15pm – Author visit for P4
- ❖ 1:30pm-2:00pm – P7 and P1 'Buddy Time' for Bookbug gifting
- ❖ 2:00pm-2:30pm – Bookbug session with Debbie in the LLS – parents/carers and children aged 0-3 are welcome to attend.

# Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7

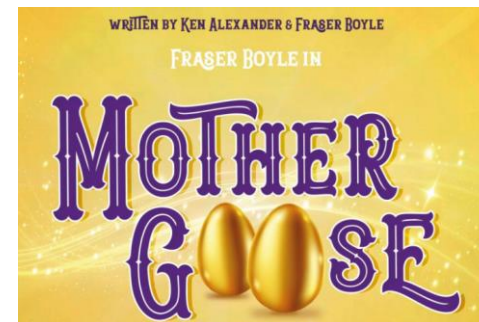


Our next Feel Good Friday of this school year is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.





# Pantomime P1-P7



This year P1-P7 are going to see Mother Goose at The Gaiety on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. Children should wear school uniform to ensure they are easily identifiable and can bring a snack and water bottle with them.

A reminder for payment of £6 to be made via Parentpay.

Due to the timings of the Panto we will not be back for our usual lunchtime. Please send your child with a packed lunch or if they would like a packed lunch/receive free school meals select 'school trip packed lunch' and one will be provided containing a choice of sandwich, water and a piece of fruit. Please order this on the lunch system as usual.



# Marr Cluster Debate

Well done to our P7 debate team who represented Barassie at the Marr Cluster Debate Competition. The team were very well prepared and represented the school with confidence. Well done! Congratulations to Struthers PS who were overall winners on the day.



# P1-P7 Festive Concert



This year we are having a Festive Concert (dates included on the December calendar).

All children in P1-P7 will be learning songs to share with you at our concert in aid of Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, India.

Tickets are priced at £2 each for adults with children attending for free. Tickets will be on sale from the school office on a first come, first served basis **from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December from the school office.**

# P7 Drop-in with Marr Staff

Marr College staff will be available for a parent/carer drop-in session in the Lifelong Learning Suite from **2:30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**



# Parents Portal

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Parents and carers who have not signed up yet and/or have not completed the annual consents will be invited to a workshop where our clerical team will be on hand to support with this.

**When: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Time: 2pm**

**Location: Lifelong Learning Suite**

# Christmas Fair



Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



# P7/S1 Transfer and P1 Registration



P7/S1 transfer information and forms will be available online to parents from **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

P1 Registration information and forms will be available to parents from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

Further details to follow.



# Community Hub

As you are aware, we have our Community and Family Hub in our Lifelong Learning Suite at the main entrance to the school. In here you will find our New to You uniform rails, community freezer and pantry.

This is accessible to all families with no appointment necessary. Simply pop in and use as required.



If you would like to donate to our pantry, we would suggest the following items to ensure a balance of items available:

- P1/2 – Packets ( suggested items; pasta, rice, soup, sauce)
- P2/3 – Tins ( suggested items; soup, beans, spaghetti, tuna, veg, tuna, custard, fruit)
- P3/4 - Cereal ( suggested items; cereal bars, porridge sachets)
- P5/6 - Toiletries ( suggested items; baby wipes, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, soap, toilet rolls)
- P6 - jars ( suggested items; pasta sauce, add in sauce e.g. sweet & sour, mayo, beetroot, jam, ketchup)
- P7 - Bottles/ drinks ( suggested items; diluting juice, tea, coffee, hot chocolate)

Donation boxes will be available at the main entrance during the last week of November (25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>).



# Parent Council

Parent council

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

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Term 3 meeting

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Term 4 meeting

Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Venue: Barassie Primary Meeting Room



# Parent Council News



## YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back.

If you're interested in playing and want to be in our first draw follow the link below to sign up by Saturday 30th November.



[BPS Lottery Link](#)

## Asda Cashpot

Have you joined the ASDA Cashpot for schools? For each new participant that joins, £1 will be added to the cashpot, with a percentage of your shopping total being added to the pot each time you spend.

With just over 3 weeks remaining, please help us increase the current total of £233 for Barassie Primary.



## FESTIVE NEWSLETTER BARASSIE PARENT COUNCIL

## EASYFUNDRAISING

Are you an online shopper? If so, this opportunity is perfect for you!

By registering with easyfundraising, you can earn FREE donations for our school just by shopping online with more than 8,000 retailers.

When you make purchases through the easyfundraising website or app, brands pay a commission that gets converted into a donation for BPS!

To get started, click the link below to sign up and begin raising funds today!

[BPS easyfundraising link](#)

Many thanks to those who have already signed up, we have raised just over £100

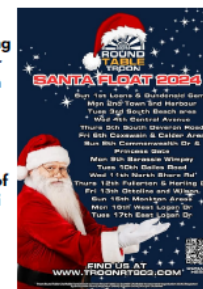
## Calling all Elves..

Throughout December, we will once again be supporting the Troon Roundtable Santa Float. We are looking for elves to join Santa as he goes round the school area on

**Wednesday 11th December**

(email [barassiepc@outlook.com](mailto:barassiepc@outlook.com) if interested)

Any other nights you can do, please sign up on behalf of BPS via the Troon Roundtable Facebook page from Fri Nov 15th.



Click the image to access the Parent Council newsletter.

# Summer Show Reveal

Mrs Townson's return sees the return of a Summer show at Barassie! Children voted in classes and we are thrilled to share that our show will be...



Further details on auditions, rehearsals and tickets will be available in the New Year.

# Bookbug and Family Library

Our school library is open to families every Thursday between **3pm and 3:30pm from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

# 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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