



Barassie PS and EYC



January Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable break over the festive season with family and friends.

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school and EYC for Term 3. They are settling back into familiar routines well.

As always, there will be opportunities for family learning this term and for you to be updated on the progress your child is making in their learning. Please keep an eye on the monthly Family Update and the calendar which is available on our school website for upcoming dates.

We are pleased to have Shaun and Toni from the Information and Advice Hub (IAAH) continuing their monthly drop-ins this term. Appointments are not required to access this free, confidential and impartial service. They are on hand to support families with making the most of their money, checking entitlements and helping with applications. Keep your eye on your emails for dates when they will be in Barassie.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

School Calendar

UPcoming
EVENTS

January 2025

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What's been Happening at Barassie?



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What a fabulous festive afternoon at our Christmas Fair! Our Barassie community was out in force today! Thank you to everyone for supporting the fair and spreading the festive cheer. 🎄 #Growdreamachievetogether

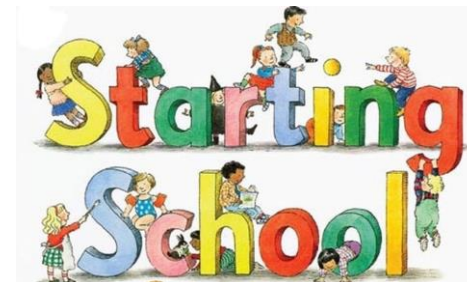


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Thank you to the Reading Agency for our copies of Epic Factopia. Our Bookworms loved exploring the copies and providing their honest review! @whatonearchbooks @readingagency #EpicFACTopia @scottishbktrust @DMcP74



Primary 1 Registration



P1 registration has commenced and can be accessed using the following link:- [Admission to primary schools - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/admission-to-primary-schools)

Registration is open until Friday 17th January 2025



P1-P7 Festive Concert



Thank you to everyone who attended our Festive Concerts.

A fantastic sum of £600 was raised with all proceeds going to Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, India.

Attendance

At Barassie Primary School we place a great deal of importance on good school attendance. Children's attendance is monitored regularly with concerns followed up with families and further supports offered as appropriate. You might recognise a familiar face in the latest campaign video.

December's Attendance
P1-P7
94.9%
*This is down 0.7% from
November*

**In South Ayrshire we
know that going to
school is a great way
to prepare
children and
young people
for the
future.**



Visit to Millrock

A group of our P6 children visited the residents at Millrock for a festive celebration. The children and residents had a lovely time together chatting and singing some festive songs.



STEM Week



Our STEM Week is during the week of Monday 10th March 2025.

During the week we are looking to organise opportunities for children to learn about the World of Work and to develop an awareness of the skills required to be successful in these roles.

If you have a background in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Maths) and could support us please contact the school office and Mrs Fleming will get back to you.



Scottish Poetry Competition



Throughout the month of January children in P1-P7 are learning Scots poetry in preparation for our whole school competition on **Friday 7th February**. At the final on Friday 7th the three finalists from each class will perform in front of children and staff from across the school.

On the day of the competition children are welcome to wear some tartan or Scottish attire as part of the celebrations.

P7 Scottish Celebration



In years gone by our P7 classes have hosted an annual Burns Supper. This year we are having a more informal celebration and would like to invite families of our P7 children to join in with us on **Friday 31st January at 1:30pm.**

P7 have been working hard to prepare the traditional elements of a Burns Supper to share with you.

Please note that instead of haggis, neeps and tatties there will be some traditional Scottish treats to enjoy.



Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7



Our next Feel Good Friday of this school year is on Friday 31st January 2025.



ASN Family Forum

**DROP IN
EVENT**

ASN FAMILY
SUPPORT
NETWORK EVENT

6.30-8pm
Tuesday 28 January
2025



Cutty Sark Centre, Ayr

Contact
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ayrshire.gov.uk

Attending:
NEST
National Autistic Society
SA Educational Psychological
Team
Inclusion CoOrdinators
Sleep Scotland Counsellors

The Event ...

The event is a drop in event. You can speak to the organisations which are of interest to you. There is no need to stay for the full evening.



Parent Council

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

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



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.



Thank you for all donations made to our pantry!



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.

Please note there is no Bookbug on Friday 17th January.



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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