



Barassie PS and EYC



February Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



It is hard to believe we are half-way through the month of February. We have had an exciting month so far at Barassie with owls visiting our EYC, our Scottish Poetry Competition, hosting the cluster netball competition, Annie Jr. rehearsals and our P6s visiting Dolphin House for a taster session. Our football team had a great match against Dunlop PS yesterday with a score of 2-1.

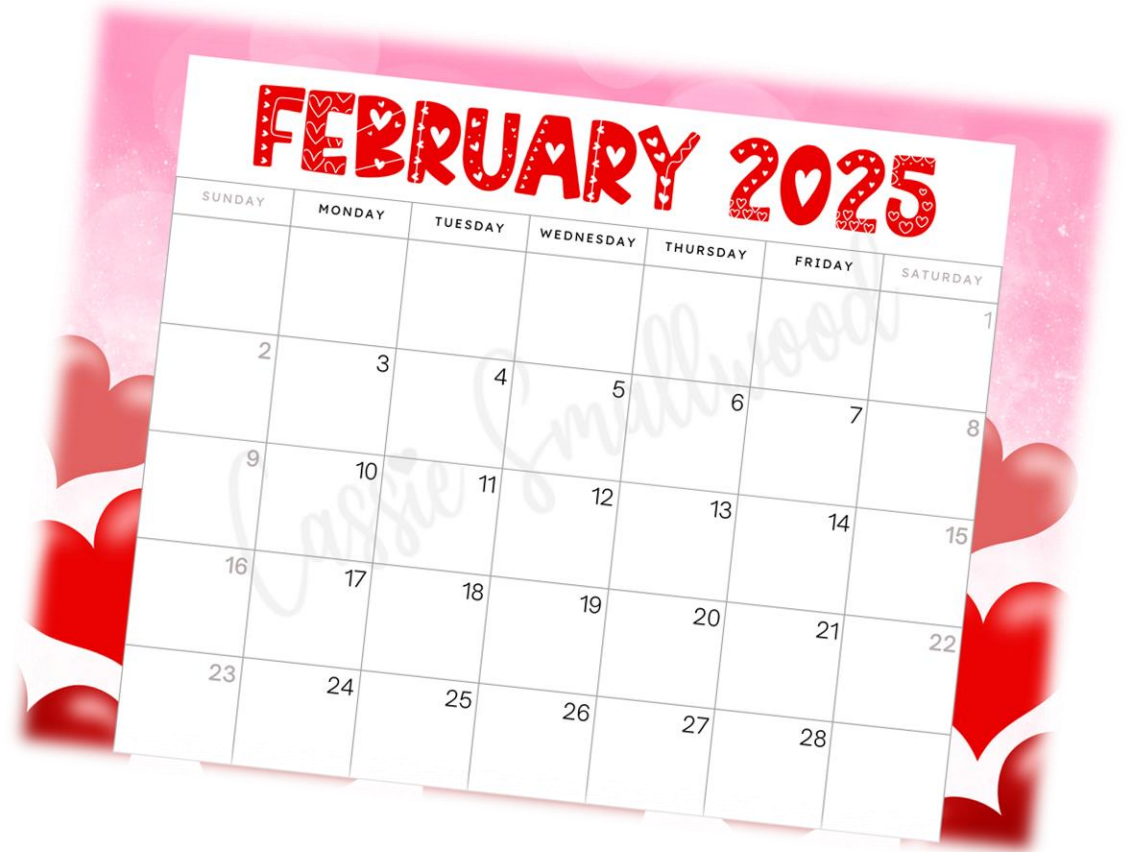
We are continuing to drive forward school improvements as outlined in our improvement plan. You may have heard your child talking about meta-skills. More information is included for families about meta-skills in this update. Currently, we are introducing meta-skills in P1-P7 only.

Thank you to our Parent Council who have very kindly donated £10 per child towards the cost of school trips. We really appreciate the support of our Parent Council, Troon Round Table and our wider parent body for all of their fundraising efforts and donations. Without this it would not be possible to support reducing the cost of trips for children.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

School Calendar



Valentine's Disco Tonight!

[Click here to sign your child up!](#)



**Valentine's
Disco**

February 14th 2025

P1-4 6:00pm - 7:00pm
P5-7 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Instead of selling tickets for the disco, we kindly ask for donations of bottles—both alcoholic and non-alcoholic—to support fundraising at our upcoming events.

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.

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 Temporary tattoos: 20p

Sign Up



What's been Happening at Barassie?



Active Troon @ActiveTroon_SAC · 31 Jan

Yesterday we hosted our Marr Cluster netball festival

There was some excellent skills on show with a lot of participants trying the sport for the first time. All pupils had fun and encourage each other continuously

@Barassie_PS @StPatricksTroon @muirhead_ps @PrimaryTroon

COMPETE

MARR CLUSTER NETBALL FESTIVAL

yesterday we held our Marr Cluster Netball Festival tonight.

Pupils from Muirhead PS, Barassie PS, Troon PS & St Patrick's PS all came along to enjoy the event. Well done to everyone who came along and demonstrated great sportsmanship and skillset, a great time was had by all.

All children gave their all, some playing for the first time others having played previously but it was lovely to see the pupils supporting each other.

Thanks to all the schools who attended and the schools staff and parents that helped bring the children along.



South Ayrshire Learns @SA_Learns · 21 Jan

Feedback must provide learners with a recipe for action! Staff at Barassie Primary School reflected on their practice and explored a number of practical ideas that can be used to ensure that the feedback they provide moves learning forward.



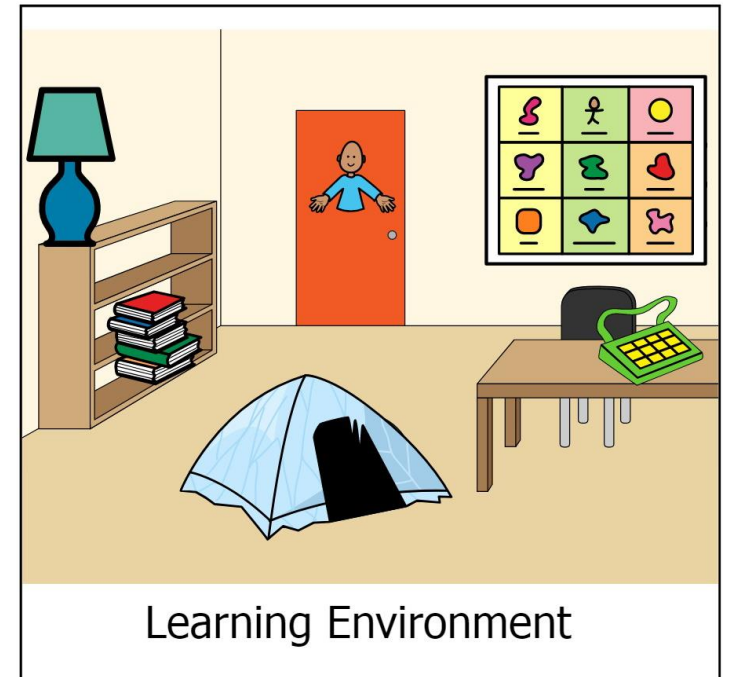
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Our first week at STEM Club was a success! We investigated what happens when substances are mixed to cause a chemical reaction! #curriculum #STEM



EYC Communication Friendly Environment

Well done to our EYC team who have received recognition through the Communication Friendly Environment framework and accreditation process for their work in developing the learning environment in our centre.



EYC Open Evening



Barassie Early Years Centre
Open evening
Wednesday 19th February
4.15pm till 6pm



Are you registering your child for an early learning and childcare place this year?
Come along to Barassie EYC to meet the staff and see the learning environment and experiences on offer. Registration opens on 3rd March



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.

January's Attendance
P1-P7
94.5%
*This is down 0.5% from
December*

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



Free School Meals



From 1st February 2025, the Scottish Government has added an additional qualifying criteria for access to free school meals. The change introduced is that families with pupils in P6 or P7 who are in receipt of the Scottish Child Payment can now apply.

If you have already been awarded free school meals on another qualifying benefit, there is no need to reapply. You can access further information and online application here - [Free school meals and clothing grant - South Ayrshire Council](#)

Should you require any assistance please don't hesitate to contact us.

Parent Council

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

Monday 19th May – Term 4 meeting

Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Venue: Barassie Primary Meeting Room



Pupil Progress Meetings



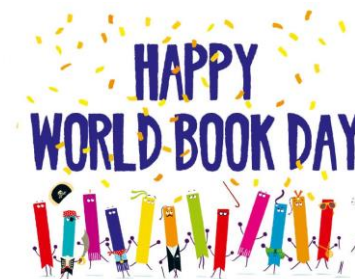
Pupil Progress Meetings are taking place on **Wednesday 12th March**. A link will be shared by email by the end of February for you to sign up and book an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

At our Family Hub we will have some of our community partners on hand to share information on the support they can offer to families.

We look forward to seeing you there!



World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March.**

As part of our celebrations, we would like to invite parents and carers into school at the times below to read with your children and take part in a book related craft.

10am-10:30am: P2/3 and P5/6

11am-11:30am: P1/2, P6 and P7

11:45am-12:15pm: P3/4 and P4/5

Tea and coffee will be available in the dining hall if you would like to stay for a chat with others or are planning to visit more than one class.



Meet the Meta-Skills

We are introducing meta-skills at Barassie PS as part of our work to develop our curriculum offering for children.

Meta-skills are higher order transferrable skills organised into 3 categories with a total of 12 skills.

Self-management



Social intelligence



Innovation



Children will be introduced to each skill through the characters below:



Self-management

- Focusing Fergus
- Integrity Imani
- Adapting Aleksander
- Initiative Ivy

Social intelligence

- Communicating Cate
- Feeling Felix
- Collaborating Cora
- Leading Li

Innovation

- Curiosity Carlos
- Sense-making Samira
- Creativity Cassidy
- Critical thinking Chris

Scottish Poetry Competition

We had a fantastic afternoon at our annual poetry competition. Well done to everyone who participated and took time to learn their poems in January.

Congratulations to our finalists, class winners and overall winner pictured below!



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.



Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7



Our next Feel Good Friday of this school year is on Friday 28th March 2025.



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.



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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