



Barassie PS and EYC



March Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



As we near the end of Term 3 I would like to thank you once again for your ongoing support of the work of our school and EYC. It has been wonderful to see many of you here for Stay and Play, open evenings, World Book Day celebrations and most recently, Pupil Progress Meetings.

It has been an exciting month at Barassie with World Book Day, STEM Week, The Ayrshire Music Festival, transition visits to Marr College, EYC Registration, The Cluster Rotary Quiz and a visit from Strider to our assembly to celebrate our efforts with active travel.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Landon who has assumed the post of Acting DHT in Mrs Mills' absence.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Spring break when it comes on Friday 4th April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

School Calendar

Upcoming
EVENTS



What's been Happening at Barassie?

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Well done to A who was a winner in the International Women's Day poster competition! A created her poster about Mary Barbour who she had been learning about in class. The class even visited a sculpture in Mary's memory in Govan on a recent visit to Glasgow.



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Or ABC groups met during Committee Time this week to share and discuss ideas for a new trim trail in the playground. Our ideas have been shared with The Parent Council and we are hoping for a successful funding application to make our dreams a reality #pupilvoice



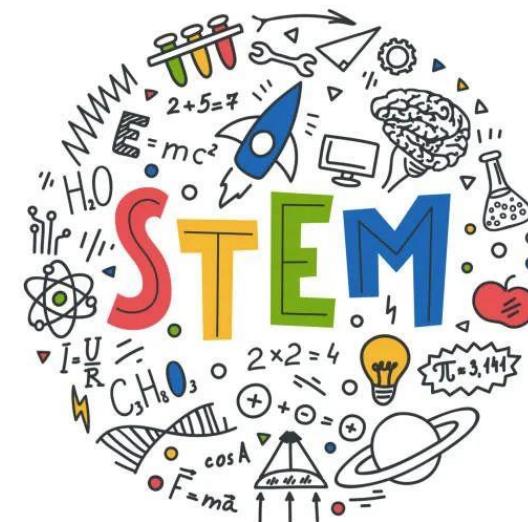
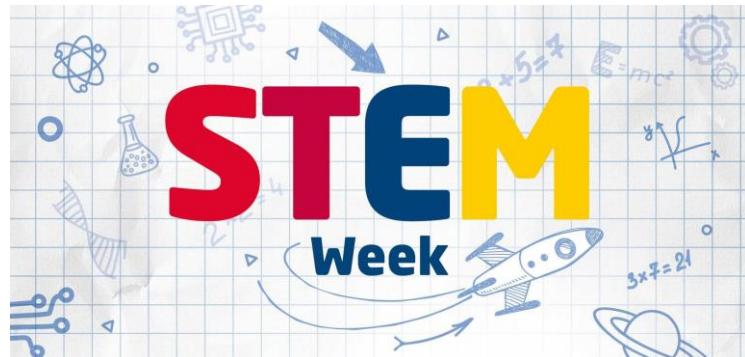
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1/2This week we have been celebrating all things STEM. We've explored technology, experimented with materials and substances, heard from visitors from The World of Work, visited local work places and had our big questions answered.



STEM Week 2025

Here are some of our classes sharing their STEM Week highlights.

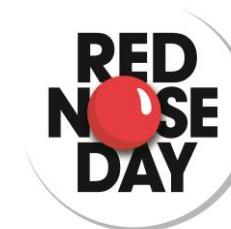


Click the images above to hear from
P1/2 and P6 about their STEM Week highlights.

Red Nose Day

Barassie Pupil Council are organising our Red Nose Day which is on Friday 21st of March. We would like to invite pupils to take part by wearing red or dressing down and offering a donation to this worthy cause. There will be an opportunity to take part in different class challenges and a quiz.

If you would like to donate, please click the Red Nose Day icon.



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.

February's Attendance
P1-P7
96%
This is up 1.5% from January

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



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



Fabulous Fraser

🎭✨ Get Ready for a Night of Magic & Laughter! ✨🎭

Join us on Wednesday, April 2nd at Barassie Primary School for an unforgettable evening with the Fabulous Fraser! 🎤🎭
This family-friendly show is packed with fun, surprises, and plenty of giggles for all ages!

⭐ Snack Bar – Treat yourself to some tasty goodies!
⭐ Bottle Tombola – Try your luck and take home a prize!

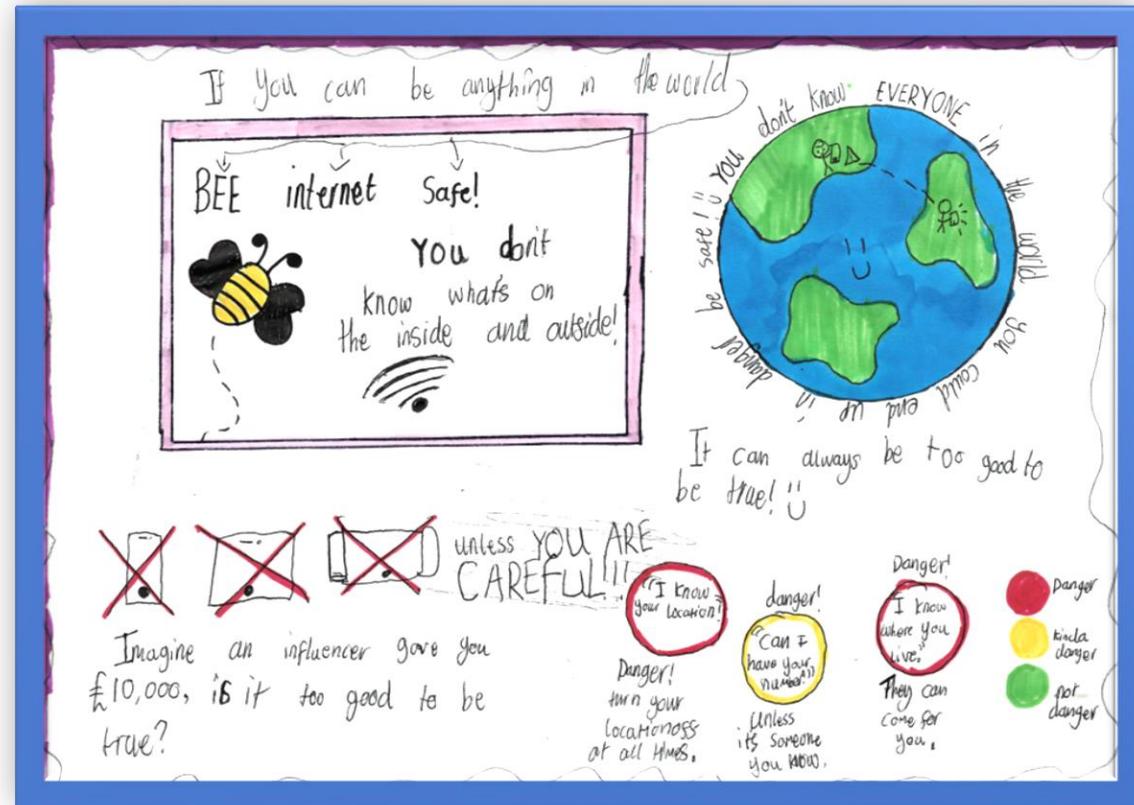
❓ Where? Barassie Primary School
⌚ When? Show starts at 6:00 p.m.
🎟️ Tickets? Just £2.50 via ParentPay (EYC see flyer sent home and Learning Journals for payment information)

Hosted by the Parent Council – all proceeds support our school! Don't miss out—grab your tickets and bring the whole family for a fantastic night! 🎉





Digi Leaders Announcement!



We set the school a challenge to design a landscape desktop wallpaper, using any medium, based on the Safer Internet Day 2025 theme which was '***'Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams'***'.

The Digi Leaders selected one winner from Barassie Primary School to be entered into the SAC competition.

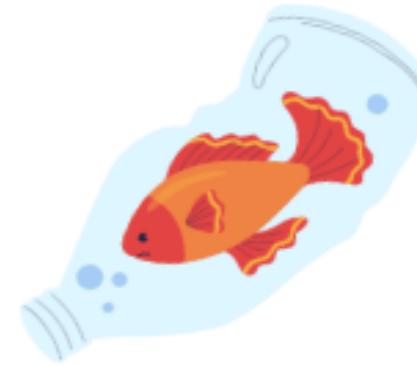
We would like to congratulate Brooke Richardson, Primary 6, on being chosen as one of the five runners up in the local authority! Well done, Brooke!

Let's promote online safety together!

P7 Marr Transition Science Project

Introduction

P7 have been tasked with making the school more sustainable as part of a transition science project with Marr College. Our aim is to reduce single use plastic at Barassie Primary School. Our focus will be reusable water bottles and/ or cups and reusable tupperware in packed lunches.



What We Think Would Help:

We think that if we do a daily reusable water bottle survey in each class and have a winning class each week this would encourage reduction of single use plastic. We will also be setting up a donation station for water bottles, cups and tupperware this aims to reduce plastic waste in packed lunch boxes. We are also making beeswax paper for reusable wrappings for the whole school!



How you can help:

Donate to our Sustainability Station
Ensure your child uses a reusable water bottle
Use beeswax paper or tupperware in packed lunch boxes and for snacks!



Please support Primary 7's Marr Transition Science Project!

Sustainability Donation
Station located at the main
entrance to the school!

Made by Archie Blakey, P7

Barassie Bookworms Update

We have recently purchased 150 new books for our library. We've worked with Debbie and taken on board what people are asking for to select the new books for us all to enjoy.

We have invested **almost £1000** in new library books this year alone. We have also received kind donations from the community and gifts from Vivian French and Lorraine Johnston who are both children's authors.



Did you know that children who read for just 20 minutes a day are exposed to 1.8 million words a year!



Our First Podcast!



The Bookworms have made their podcasting debut and would like to share it with you to hear about all things books at Barassie!

Click 'Listen Now' to enjoy!



VE DAY 80th Anniversary



On the 8th May 2025, there will be a national celebration to mark the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day. VE day commemorates the end of World War II. The 80th Anniversary celebrations will pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the entire second World War generation, from the soldiers who served with the allied forces to the evacuees and those who served on the home front.

As part of the local celebrations, we will be making poppies to create displays for community commemorations.

We would appreciate donations of empty plastic drinks bottles to help make the poppies. If you have any spare empty bottles please hand them in to the school **by Monday 24th March**.

Parent/Carer Survey for P1-P7

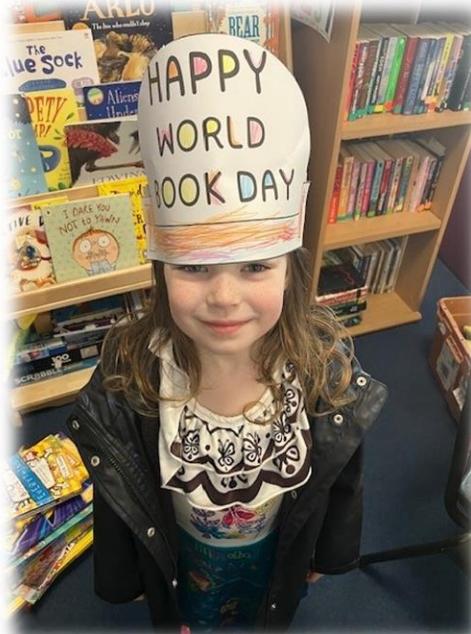
As always, we appreciate the views of our families. If you were unable to complete our survey at our Pupil Progress Meetings and would like to share your views about our school, please click the image below.

Thank you for your response.



World Book Day

Here are a few highlights from World Book Day on Thursday 6th March.



We welcomed local author Lorraine Johnston to share the picture book she has written for us that P6 have worked hard to illustrate, had a fun World Book Day assembly, swapped our tokens for a World Book Day book with Debbie, created paper plates of our favourite book and invited families in to read with us in our classes.

Early Closure



Please note that school closes at 2:30pm on Friday 4th April for the holidays.

Parents and carers with children in Early Years are welcome to collect children at 2:30pm, as we understand that many have siblings/family members in EYC. The Early Years Centre remains open until 3pm.



Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7



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



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.

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%20grants%20-%20South%20Ayrshire%20Council)

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**

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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, Mrs Landon and Mrs Fleming should go through the school office as they do not monitor messages on Learning Journals.

Contact Us

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