



Barassie PS and EYC



October Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



Welcome back for Term 2 of this session. I hope everyone had an enjoyable October break.

We had an excellent turn out for Pupil Progress Meetings and I hope you found this opportunity to discuss your child's progress to be beneficial. There will be a further opportunity in March and an optional appointment in June following receipt of your child's report card.

Teachers have been welcoming parents and carers for workshops prior to the holiday week, and we have more to follow this Friday. We appreciate that families have many commitments and attending these workshops doesn't suit everyone. We are however keen to share the information from the workshops with all families, so we will share the presentation the teacher used with voice overs added in where appropriate to provide further explanation.

For Feel Good Friday on Friday 31st October, children are welcome to come to school dressed up for Halloween if they wish. We would kindly ask that no weapons, masks covering the full face and inflatable costumes are brought to school.

We have lots of exciting events coming up this term. Details of some of these can be found in this update.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

School Improvement

We have created 2 handy Thinglinks to share our School Improvement Plan for this session and our Standards and Quality Report from last session. You can access them by clicking the image or visiting the [‘School Improvement’ section of our website.](#)



School Improvement Plan 2025-2026 Our Aims



At Barassie we aim to provide high quality experiences which allow children to:

GROW: We nurture all pupils as they progress through their journey at Barassie and beyond.

DREAM: We inspire and celebrate all, despite differences, in our positive and inclusive environment.

ACHIEVE: We support our pupils to be the best that they can be.

TOGETHER: We work collaboratively with children, staff families and our local community.



OUR PRIORITY

To improve the quality and consistency of learning, teaching and assessment across the school and EYC to raise pupil attainment.



Workshops and Information Sessions



Last year's Parent/Carer Survey highlighted that:

- ✓ 13% of respondents did not understand how their child is assessed
- ✓ 16% of respondents felt they weren't given information to support their child's learning at home

To support families with this we have organised a 1-hour workshop for each class with the Class Teacher(s).

We would love to see as many people there as possible.



Friday 24th October:

9:15am – P3

1:15pm – P7



Parent Council



Date of next meeting (AGM):
Friday 14th November at 2pm



[Click here to order your copy of our calendar by 1st November.](#)

Thank you for supporting our Sponsored Bounce. Together we raised a grand total of £2237!

Upcoming Parent Council Events

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Join us for a family evening of
Halloween films and fun!

Doors open at 6:00pm, films starting at 6:15. We
will have a tuck shop for some sweet treats and
snacks. As this is a family event, all children must
be accompanied by an adult.

Gym Hall: EYC- P3 Sing Thriller (U)

Dinner Hall: P4-P7 K Pop Demon Hunters
(rated PG)

TICKETS £2 EACH OR £5 PER FAMILY
PREPAY ON PARENT PAY OR CASH ON THE DOOR.
PLEASE SIGN UP USING LINK



COSTUME NEW TO YOU



If you have any preloved out grown
costumes, pop them into the Lifelong
Learning Suite before Tuesday 21st. All
the costumes will be sorted and available
for collection from Friday 24th.

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Bring a carved or decorated pumpkin to
school on Friday 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



Disco

The Parent Council have organised a disco for Friday 21st November. Details can be found in the poster.

All children must be signed in and out by an adult.

Please use this [form](#) to sign your child up for the disco.



Book Launch

We are excited to share that we are launching our first picture book on Friday 24th October!

Thank you to Lorraine Johnston for making this possible by supporting our current P7 children with their illustrations and for writing the fabulous story with important aspects of life at Barassie Primary weaved throughout.

Thanks also to Richard Longmuir of Launch Digital for creating the finished article ready for publishing.

To order your own copy at a special introductory price of £8 please [click here](#).



Christmas Fair



Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 5th 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.



Captains' Cafe



Our House Captains and Vice-Captains will have a café for family and friends to visit on a Feel Good Friday (last Friday of the month).

All monies raised will go towards the house treats each term.

The café will take place in the Lifelong Learning Suite at the main entrance to the school.

November's Right of the Month

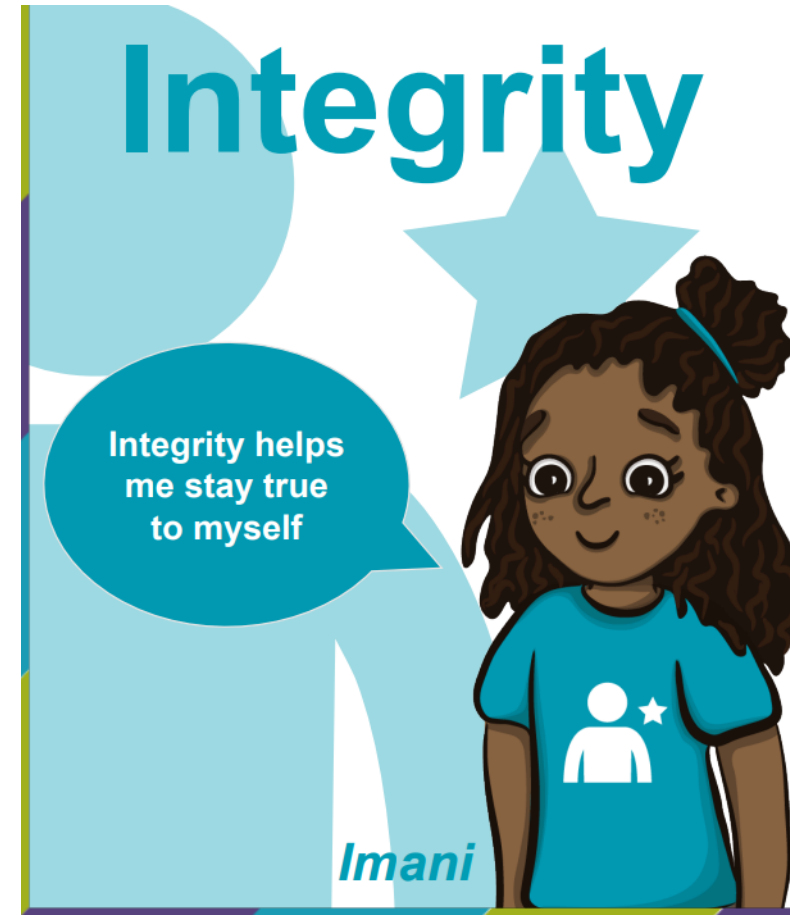


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Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



November's Meta-skill of the Month



Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7



Feel Good Friday dates for this session are:

Friday 31st October (children are welcome to dress up for Halloween if they wish)

Friday 28th November

Friday 30th January

Friday 27th February

Friday 27th March

Friday 24th April

Friday 29th May

Friday 26th June



On a Feel-Good Friday classes will have a focus day on aspects of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum and our Meta-Skills. Children are invited to come to school in comfortable clothing and shoes as they may be exploring the outdoors or be more active on this day.

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.

Women's Group

Thriving Communities Women's Group are meeting weekly in Troon for 2 hours.

If you would like a space or for more information, please contact catherine.busby@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Attendance is free!

Activities include; chat, company, new connections, crafts, aromatherapy, health, music, cooking, baking, guest speakers, support, bingo and more.



Bookbug and Family Library

Debbie will continue leading Bookbug for parent/carers to attend with children aged 0-3 on a Friday afternoon from 2pm – 2:30pm.

Please note there will be no Bookbug on the last Friday of each month.

Bookbug will start on **Friday 5th September.**

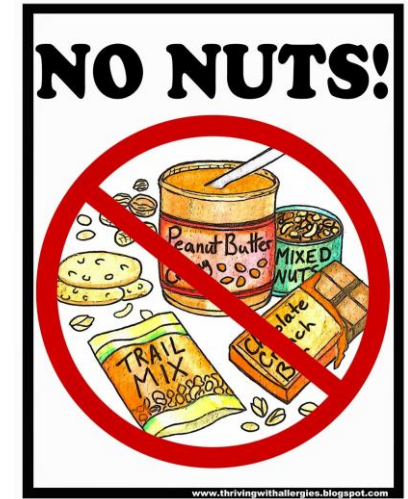


Bookbug



Nut Free School and EYC

We are a nut free school and EYC.



If your child brings a snack or lunch containing nuts it will be removed from them by a member of school staff and an alternative will be offered.

We appreciate your cooperation with this as it helps us to keep all children safe at school and EYC.

Lunch Menus



You can view South Ayrshire school lunch menus on our website or by following the link below:

[Primary schools menu - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

[Early Years Centres menu - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Starter	Lentil soup	Red pepper & tomato soup	Lentil soup	Chicken & rice soup	Lentil soup
Main courses and veg	Tasty protein power balls with tomato sauce & spaghetti Golden cheese & tomato pizza Diced garlic & herb potatoes Sweetcorn	Fishy plant based sausage roll & Potato wedges Home-made chicken curry & vegetable rice Mixed vegetables Baked beans	Greeny mas & cheese & garlic bread Hearty onion and potato Baby carrots & peas	Golden spiced nuggets Traditional steak pie Marinated potato Peas	Fish & chips Rustic sausage & garlic bread Peas Baked beans
Baked potato	Baked beans Cheese	Tuna mayo Baked beans Cheese	Baked beans Cheese	Turkey Baked beans Cheese	Baked beans Cheese
Sweet	Apple crumble Custard Fruit	Yoghurt Fruit	Raspberry jelly Fruit	Apple & raspberry sponge Custard Fruit	Yoghurt Fruit
Sandwich	Cheese	Tuna mayo	Cheese	Turkey	Cheese
Sundries	Milk Water	Milk Water	Milk Water	Milk Water	Milk Water

Salad bar available daily

Free School Meal and Clothing Grants

Free School Meal/Clothing Grant applications for 2025/26 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.



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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 Seesaw (once this is up and running). 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, meeting/telephone requests or appointments should continue to be reported to the school office.

When requesting a meeting about your child, please do so with their class teacher in the first instance.

At times, there is only one member of our clerical team in the office. As they have other duties to undertake throughout the school your call may not always be answered. If this is the case, please use the voicemail option and someone will get back to you.

Contact Us

[School Website](#)

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