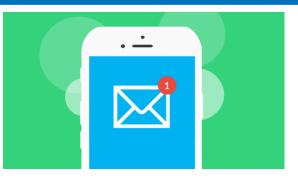


# **Barassie PS and EYC**



**November Family Update** 

# Message from Mrs Fleming



This week we had our Remembrance Assembly. Children from P1-P7 demonstrated our school values of respect and kindness throughout. We especially enjoyed Simon from P7's performance of The Last Post on his trumpet.

As we approach the busy month of December, I have included a calendar of planned events for you in this update to help keep track of all that is on in school and EYC. Details on individual events can also be found within.

This year, the holidays bring some changes to our staff team at Barassie EYC. From January, Annemarie will be with us on a part-time basis and Fiona has made the decision to retire at Christmas. Fiona has been a much-valued member of the team at Barassie EYC for over 6 years, and she will be missed by colleagues, families and children alike. I hope you will join me in wishing Fiona a very Happy Retirement! I am pleased to share that Ms Sarah Shackleton was successful at interview this week and will join the team in the EYC on a full-time temporary basis until the end of this session.

Part of the learning children experience at school involves learning and following established routines. We are seeking your support with fostering positive PE routines across the school. This includes ensuring children have a PE kit and suitable footwear to change into for their lessons. We would very much appreciate your support with this. If we can help you with this in any way, please contact Mrs Landon via the school office who will be happy assist.

Details of upcoming opportunities to get involved at Barassie are included within. We hope to see you there!

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

# Achievements!

Well done to our P7 debating team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> (by 1 point) at our annual Marr Cluster Debate Championship.

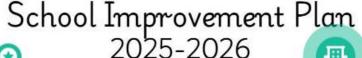
Congratulations to our school football team who won their recent match against Dundonald with a score of 4-1.

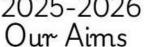


# **School Improvement**

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 <u>'School Improvement' section of our website.</u>









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.

NEAM: 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.







# **Date of next meeting (AGM)**: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm



Calendars will be available to buy at our Christmas Fair.

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER



COME AND ELF AROUND WITH SANTA
AND TROON ROUND TABLE!

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BE AN ELF BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO

BARASSIEPC@OUTLOOK.COM

OF TROOM'S MOST MAGICAL ANNUAL EVENTS, ALL WHILE RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL. COME JOIN THE FUN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



#### Disco

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

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

Please use this <u>form</u> to sign your child up for the disco.



### **Last Call for P7 Hoodies**

If you would like to order a hoodie for your child, please pay via ParentPay and order their size <u>here</u> by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

If you require any help or assistance with this, please contact the school office.



#### **Book Week Scotland**





We will be celebrating Book Week Scotland from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

P1 parents/carers are invited to a Bookbug gifting session at **9:15am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**.

P2 & P3 parents/carers are invited to a Read, Write, Count gifting session at **9:15am** on Thursday **20**<sup>th.</sup>

We have author visits lined up for P5 and P6 and all children will enjoy lots of book related activities throughout the week.

Children in the EYC will enjoy hearing our own book 'Who or What is Frooglesprot' from our P7s.



# Sharing the Learning in P5-P7





Are you a parent or carer of a child in P5-P7?

You are invited to a Sharing the Learning event in your child's class from 2:15pm on Friday 21st November 2025.

We hope to see you there!

Dates for other classes will be communicated in due course.



# DECEMBER 2025 6 \*









| Sunday                                | Monday   | Tuesday                  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday Satur  | day  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|---|---|------|
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Parent Council Event - Winter Wishes and owl visit | 2                        | 3   | 4   | Christmas Fair<br>@ 1:30pm  | 3 ** |
|                                       | P3 Festive<br>Party                                | 9<br>P4 Festive<br>Party | EYC Family Festive Party and Sing-a- long @9:30am and P1/2 Festive Party      | Christmas<br>Lunch &<br>Christmas<br>Jumper Day | 12 13   | **** |
| Hofe Hofe                             | P7 Festive party                                   | P6 Festive<br>Party      | 17<br>12:45pm<br>-1:45pm P1-<br>P3 Nativity<br>2pm-2:45pm<br>P4-P7<br>Concert | P5 Festive<br>Party                             | The Wizard of<br>Oz in school<br>performance<br>Close @<br>2:30pm |      |

#### Winter Wish and Owl Visit

The Parent Council have organised a wonderful treat for all children on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. Children will have the opportunity to meet some feathered friends and have them deliver their winter wishes.





# Christmas Fair



Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 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.



# Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch in on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day if they would like to.





### **Festive Parties**



Dates for class parties are included on the December 2025 calendar in this update.

Parties will start at 1:45pm and children should bring their party clothes to school with them. Time will be given for children to get ready after lunch before the party starts.

# P1-P3 Nativity



This year we are having our Nativity on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.** 

All children in P1-P3 will be performing in the Nativity.

The Nativity starts at 12:45pm and will be finished for 1:45pm.

Donations to our school charity Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, India are welcomed and can be made on the day.

# **P4-P7 Festive Concert**



This year we are having a Festive Concert on Wednesday 17th December.

All children in P4-P7 will be learning songs to share with you at our concert in aid of Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, India.

P1-P3 will share some songs from their Nativity performance for you to enjoy too!

The concert starts at 2pm and will be finished for the end of the school day.

Donations to our school charity Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, India are welcomed and can be made on the day.

#### Pantomime P1-P7



This year P1-P7 will enjoy a production of 'The Wizard of Oz' in school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1:15pm.

There is no cost for children to attend this performance.

Thank you to The Parent Council for funding this event. It will be a wonderful way to close for the holidays!



# 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.









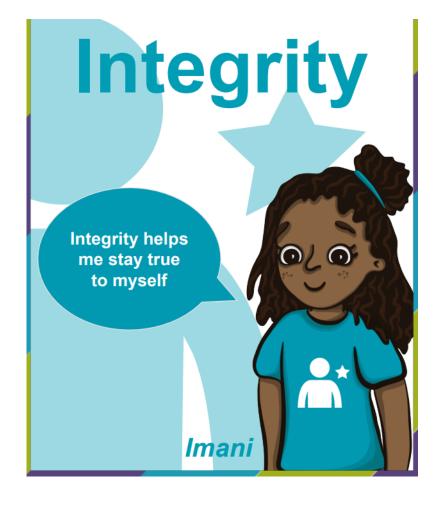








# November's Metaskill of the Month



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# December's Metaskill of the Month



# Feel-Good Friday - P1-P7



Feel Good Friday dates for this session are:

Friday 28th November

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



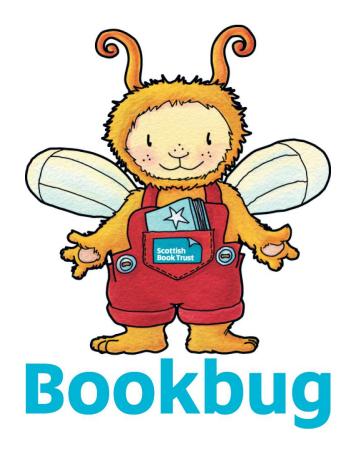
Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

To sign up and start fundraising for our cause (Barassie Primary Parent Council) click the image above for more information.

# **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.





#### 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)

<u>Early Years Centres menu - South Ayrshire Council (south-ayrshire.gov.uk)</u>



# Free School Meal and Clothing Grants

Free School Meal/Clothing Grant applications for 2025/26 are available here - : <u>Educational grants - South Ayrshire Council (south-ayrshire.gov.uk)</u>

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.



### 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. Please note that Mrs Mills and Mrs Fleming do not monitor their messages on Seesaw. All messages for them should go via the school office.

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**

@Barassie\_PS
@Barassie\_EYC



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