



# Barassie PS and EYC



## January Family Update

# Message from Mrs Fleming



I hope everyone had a good break over the festive period and that you are looking forward to all that 2026 has to offer.

Class newsletters with an overview of what your child will be learning this term have been sent home. These newsletters also contain information on learning your child can engage in at home. You will receive a paper copy of this home should you wish to stick it on the fridge. In addition, these will be sent via email and Seesaw.

I'd like to highlight that all communication for myself or Mrs Mills should go via the school office. This will ensure we receive it and allow us to get back to you promptly as we do not monitor our Seesaw messages. Seesaw is for communication with your child's teacher only. We have communicated this before but have recently been receiving messages from families via Seesaw and wouldn't like to think that anyone is waiting on a reply to a message we have not received.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Fleming*

# Early Years Registration

Early years registration will take place during the **week of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**. Places for early learning and childcare are not allocated by school catchment areas. Applications can be made online, you will receive an acknowledgement e-mail once the application has been submitted. If you do not receive an acknowledgement e-mail with your case reference number please contact your 1<sup>st</sup> preference early years centre to ensure your application has been received.

If you are unable to submit an online application please contact your preferred Early Years Centre.

Or



Educational Services 01292 612162 [edservicesELC@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:edservicesELC@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

## **When will my child be eligible to start early learning and childcare?**

### **4 Year Olds**

If your child's date of birth is on or between **1 March 2022 and 28 February 2023**

He/she will be eligible for a funded early learning and childcare place from **August 2026**

### **3 Year Olds**

If your child's date of birth is on or between **1 March 2023 and 29 February 2024**

He/she will be eligible for a funded early learning and childcare place as set out as follows:

**1 March 2023 - 20 August 2023**

from start of term August 2026

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For children with a DOB from **21 August - 31 August**

funding cannot start until the day of their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday

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**1 September 2023 - 29 February 2024**

the first Monday after their third birthday (unless a public holiday or in-service day)

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Barassie Early Years Centre  
Open evening  
Wednesday 11th February  
3.30pm- 5pm



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 16<sup>th</sup> February.



# Smart Watches



Following the festive period, we have noticed an increase in children wearing smart watches to school.

Whilst these devices can be useful, we would ask that they are in “school mode” to ensure children cannot make calls, send messages or take photographs in school.

Please note the school will take no responsibility for loss or damage of these devices so we would encourage you to keep them safe at home.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

# Anti-bullying Focus Group



We are in the process of reviewing and updating our Anti-bullying policy at Barassie.

We are keen to engage with staff, children and families as part of this process and would like to welcome you as parents/carers to join our focus group on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00pm in the Lifelong Learning Suite.

If you would like to be involved in this focus group, please let us know [here](#) by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

# P1-P7 Scottish Poetry Competition

Preparations for our annual Scottish Poetry Competition are well underway.

Children will be practising poems in class with 3 finalists performing in front of the whole school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

All finalists will receive a certificate with the overall winner for each stage also receiving a prize.

Children are welcome to wear something tartan or Scottish themed on this day.

# Parent Council



**Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

6:30pm – 8pm

We would love to see you there!

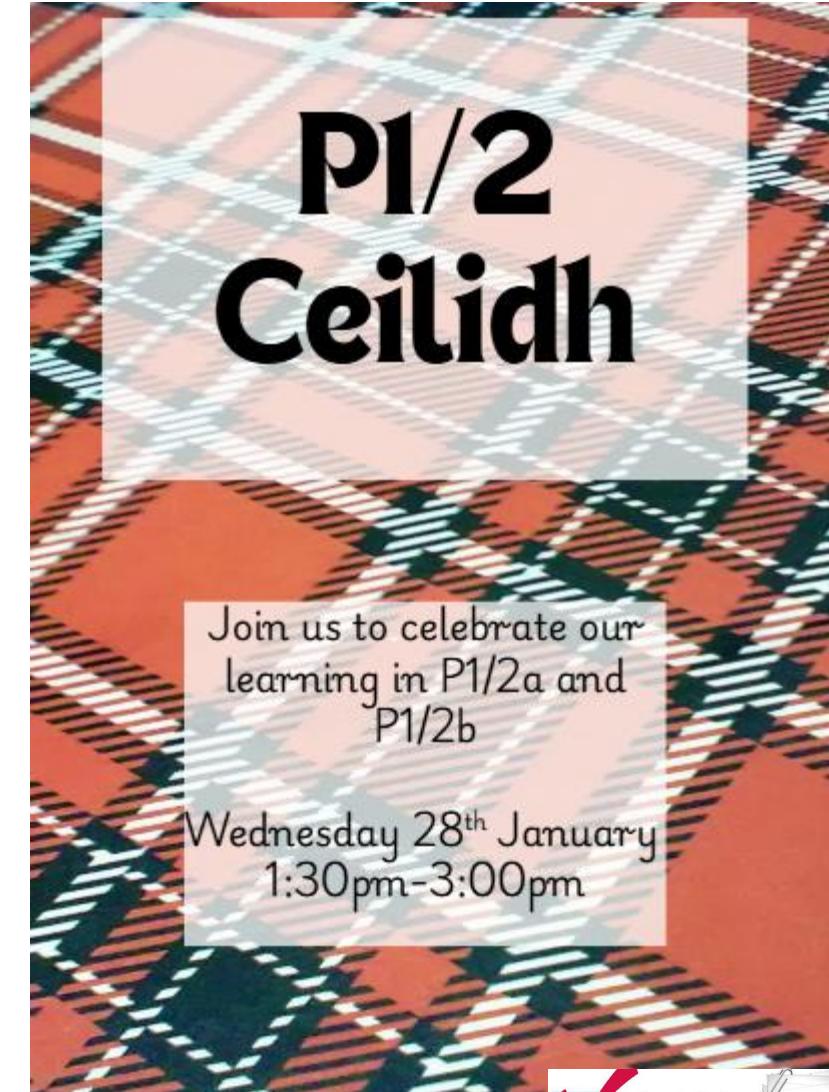




# P1/2 Sharing the Learning

P1/2a and P1/2b would like to invite you to a Ceilidh on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026** from 1:30pm-3pm.

[Please click here to RSVP!](#)



# P7 Burns Celebration



P7 would like to invite their parents and carers to attend an informal Burns Celebration.

**When: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Time: 1:45pm – 2:45pm**

There will be a selection of Scottish treats to enjoy, along with refreshments and lots of entertainment from P7 themselves!

We hope you can come along and share the afternoon with us!

Please sign up using the link shared via Seesaw from your child's teacher.



# January's Right of the Month



# January's Meta-skill of the Month



# February's Rights of the Month

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I have a right to live with my family if they can keep me safe



Governments should only separate children from their parents if it is the best thing for them.



Governments should make sure children can have contact with their parents if they don't live with them.



In discussions around separation, children should be given a chance for their views to be taken into account when decisions are made.

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I have the right to keep some things private



There should be laws to make sure a child's diary, online messages and phone calls remain private.



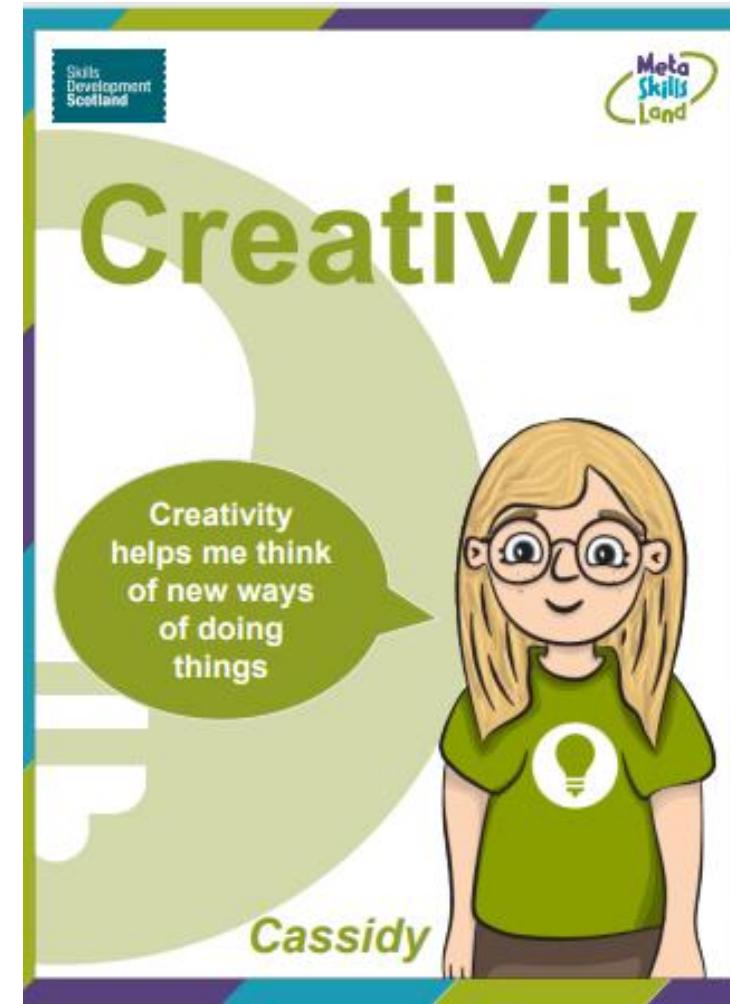
Governments should protect children from attacks against them, their way of life and their home.

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



# February's Metaskill of the Month



# Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7



Feel Good Friday dates for this session are:

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.



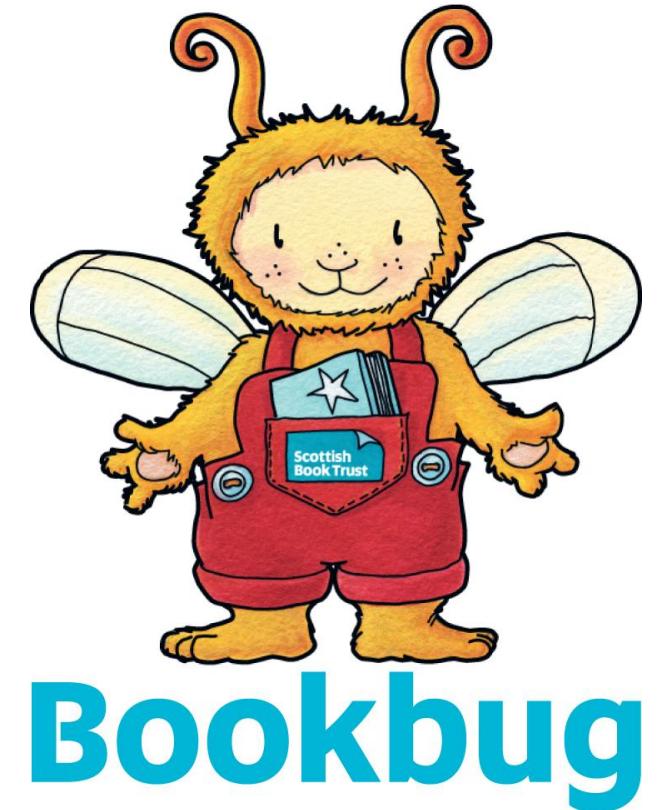
Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

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

# Bookbug and Family Library

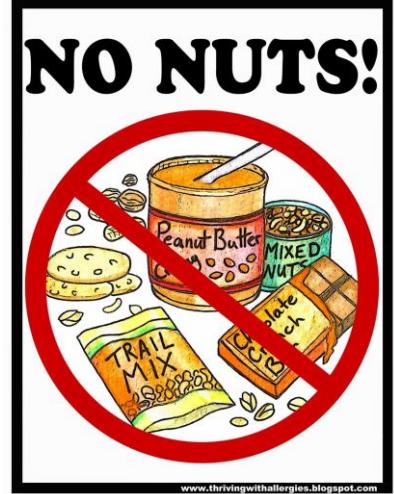
Debbie will continue leading Bookbug for parent/carers to attend with children aged 0-3 on a Friday afternoon from 2pm – 2:30pm.

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



# Allergy Aware School and EYC

We are an allergy aware 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/primary-schools-menu)

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



# 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%20grants)

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 Seesaw. 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](#)



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