

# Barrhill PS and EYC Newsletter



January 2023

January seems to have flown by and we are all back in the swing of nursery and school. As we reach the halfway point of the session, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on our progress with School/EYC Improvement.

- The literacy working party has introduced a new reading programme to the senior class, with super results in engagement and motivation. Our Read Write Inc literacy programme has really enhanced spelling skills in the junior class. All staff have received training in literacy interventions this session, ranging from 'Talk For Writing' to communication skills.
- The Stay and Play and PEEP sessions are well-attended and support our children's early learning. Check out our Twitter feed for photographs.
- The development of play experiences across the whole school is definitely leading to richer vocabulary, great teamwork and improvements in problem solving.
- Learning out and about in our lovely surroundings is a favourite of pupils and staff. This doesn't just help with our curricular attainment but improves our health and wellbeing. Please keep an eye out for us in the village.



## Upcoming Events

### February

- 6<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 residential at Dolphin House
- 7<sup>th</sup> – P5 swimming at The Quay Zone
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Afterschool Sport Street Games
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Holiday
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Holiday
- 14<sup>th</sup> – In Service day
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to EYC/School
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Appointments
- 21<sup>st</sup> – P5 swimming at The Quay Zone
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Afterschool Sport Street Games
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Interhouse challenge afternoon
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Afterschool Club Basketball
- 28<sup>th</sup> – P5 swimming at The Quay Zone
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Afterschool Sport Street Games

- We have held a range of events in school/EYC for our parents and community and are always bowled over by your support. The children enjoy sharing their learning and are always eager to get the adults involved e.g. making crafts.
- Visiting specialists complement our own team and, this term, we are joined by Active Schools staff leading clubs and the Junior Coaching Academy; a student teacher in P1-4 and cluster colleagues observing high quality science lessons. Our own staff are also out sharing their knowledge and skills, visiting local schools and nurseries and mentoring colleagues across the world.

## Scottish Poetry winners

Congratulations go to the P1-4 winner, Liam and the P5-7 winner, Danny. Mr Sykes, our judge, had a really difficult job deciding on the winners. Well done to everyone!

## Donation

Through our Parent Council applying for funding from the BDT, the 6s and 7s will enjoy a 3-night residential trip to Dolphin House this week. We have a group of very excited children (and staff) who cannot wait to experience life at Culzean! Thank you.

## Social Media

Please keep an eye on the school website and Twitter account to find out more about what is happening in our school and EYC.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/barrhillpsandeyc/>



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