

Co-operation Courage Respect Responsibility Resilience

"Learn and discover, care for each other"



Dear Parents/Carers,

This month I have the following news items to share:

World Book Day

P1-P7 will be celebrating World Book Day this week in two ways:

- Thursday 5th March – at different points throughout the day a bell will signal everyone to stop whatever they are doing to read. Pupils are encouraged to bring their favourite book from home that day.
- Friday 6th March – Pictures taken from the previous day and book titles will be shared at assembly.

This year, we will not be dressing up as book characters.

Scots Poetry

Well done to everyone who learned their Scots poem recently or chose to take part in the school competition, with a special mention to the following pupils who were finalists at our Scots assembly on 30th January –

P1	Wabster the Spider	Bella Ainsworth, Raffy Inglburn, Malcolm Linzee-Gordon
P2	Scottish Rain	Brea Thomson, Zoey Keenan, Roddy Strachan
P3	The Dentist	Torben Leitch, Orlaith McCafferty, Angus Taylor
P4	A Dug, A Dug	Conrad McVinnie, Phoebe Catnach, Cooper Christie
P5	The Coming of the Wee Malkies	Effie Larkin & Olivia Strachan Layla Murray & Islay Nelson Eilidh Stevenson & Edith Gormley
P6	The Ballad of Janitor MacKay	Craig Wilson Violet Thomson Harlow Billington & Alyssa Montague
P7	Address to a Haggis	Lewis Corish, Ker Gilbert, Patrick Dunn

Stirling Cross-Country

Well done to the following pupils who took part in the Stirling schools cross-country races in Dunblane last month:

- P6 girls – Chloe Guo & Joni Greig
 P6 boys – Murray Conway & Finlay Wright
 P7 girls – Rosie Sutton
 P7 boys – Lewis Skinner

Red Nose Day

Pupil Council and House Captains will be coordinating our participation in Red Nose Day on Friday 20th March. Under the theme of 'Do Something Funny for Money' all pupils can come to school dressed up in funny non-uniform while there will be some additional funny activities taking place details of which will be confirmed following a vote next week at assembly by all pupils.

Parent Pay will be set up this week so that families can make a donation for their child to participate in Red Nose Day dressing up and activities.

P1-P7 Dental Checks

Dental checks for pupils in P1 and P7 have been rescheduled to Friday 20th March. Letters have been issued to parents.

Digital Festival

P6 and P7 parents and carers from across all of the local primary schools are invited to attend a Digital Safety/Awareness Festival at Balfroon High on Thursday 26th March, 7:00pm – 8:00pm at Balfroon High, with S1 and S2 parents/carers also invited to attend. More details of the event will be provided nearer the time.

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on the morning Wednesday 13th May for the annual class photographs. Additionally we will be having our first whole school photograph since 2019 taken on the same morning.

Fun Run

Date & Time- Sunday, May 3rd 2026 at 10am

Venue- Balfroon High School

Cost- £2.50 to enter the race

Further Information and sign up link- <https://www.entrycentral.com/balfroon-fun-run>

The event will be held before the Balfroon 10k Road race on Sunday 3rd May at 10am and is an out and back 1mile run starting at Balfroon High School.

Join in the race atmosphere and be in it to win some fab spot prizes. Great one for the kids but big kids also welcome.

All proceeds raised go to support the school.

In order to make this happen, we need a merry band of volunteer marshals - it's a lot of fun and really easy! If you think you can help, please email balfroonfunrun@gmail.com.

Summer Fayre

Parent Council will be organising a Summer Fayre which will be held in the school building and grounds on Sunday 14th June. More details to follow.

Tesco Blue Tokens

Our Parent Council have established links with the Stronger Starts programme run by Tesco, which can be used to raise funds for other general play equipment, now that the playground Trim Trail project has been successfully completed.

Blue tokens are available when shopping in Tesco and can be placed in boxes for Balfroon Primary, from now until the end of March, at the following stores:

- Milngavie Superstore
- Helensburgh Express
- East Clyde Helensburgh Express and
- Hardgate, 10 Rockbank Place Express

The more tokens placed in the boxes will result in greater funding received by Parent Council.

Organisation of Classes – 2026/2027

Currently we have enrolled 12 pupils for P1 in August. Based on these projected P1 figures and the overall school roll, it is planned that the organisation of classes next session will remain seven straight classes: P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7.

Teachers for next session will be confirmed in the summer term.

All arrangements do remain provisional right up to the start of the new school year, depending on further changes to the school roll.

Charity Triathlon

Maia P4 and Lyra P1 have decided to do the Glasgow Kids Charity & Schools Triathlon in May. The sisters will each be fundraising for their individual chosen charity from the list and the other half of the money they raise will go Balfron Primary. For those who would like to support the girls, this can be done by following the links below:

<https://charitytriathlon.org/campaigns/maias-triathlon-fundraiser/>

<https://charitytriathlon.org/campaigns/lyras-triathlon-fundraiser-2/>

Morning Routines

Thank you to our parents who are remembering to stand back from the class line in the mornings.

Please also remember that parents who would like to speak directly to a teacher at the start or end of the day, are encouraged to do so.

Email or Seesaw is another way of contacting your child's teacher via teacher email addresses which were issued by the office at the start of the year.

Smart Watches/Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not required in school to support learning in class and therefore the expectation is that they are not brought into school by pupils.

In an exceptional case, some parents require their child to have a phone for contact purposes after 3:15pm, for example if attending an after-school club or bus journeys, phones should be kept turned off and in bags at all times during the school day. Please note that Smart watches with phone access and messaging facilities should also not be brought into school.

Dogs in the Playground

Parents are reminded that dogs, even on leads, are not permitted in any part of the school playground either at the beginning or end of the school day.

Recyke-a-Bike

Recyke-a-bike are running more cycling lessons over the Easter break and are running both group sessions for younger children, and one-to-one sessions for older children

- [Groovy gilders group \(4-6\)](#)
- [121 Lessons](#)
- Bikes and helmets provided
- Friendly, experienced instructors

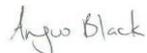
A great opportunity for children to learn how to cycle, build confidence, and enjoy cycling in a supportive environment. [Book here.](#)

Recyke-a-bike contact details:

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Email: amy@recyke-a-bike.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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Dates for the Diary

March		
Wednesday 4 th	Parents Evening	5:00pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 5 th	Parents Evening	3:30pm – 6:00pm
Tuesday 10 th	2026/2027 P1 Transition information session for parents	3:30pm – 4:00pm
Friday 20 th	Red Nose Day – Dress Funny for Money	
Friday 20 th	P1 & P7 Dental Checks (rescheduled)	morning
Friday 20 th	P5 Class Assembly	1:45pm
Thursday 26 th	Digital Learning Festival for Parents/Carers Balfron LC P6-S2	Balfron High 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday 31 st	P7 Transition Balfron High online meeting for parents/carers	5:00pm - 7:00pm
April		
Thursday 2 nd	End of Term	3:15pm
Friday 3 rd – Friday 17 th	Easter/Spring Holidays	School closed to P1-P7 pupils and staff
Monday 20 th	Summer Term	8:55am
Monday 27 th – Wednesday 29 th	P6 Bikeability	
Tuesday 28 th	Parent Council meeting	7:00pm
May		
Friday 1 st	Staff Development Day	School Closed to pupils
Sunday 3 rd	Balfron Fun Run and 10k	Morning
Monday 4 th	Local Holiday	School closed to P1-P7 pupils and staff

Tuesday 5 th	Ardoy information evening – P6 parents and pupils	6:00pm – 6:45pm
Friday 8 th	P3 Class Assembly	1:45pm
Wednesday 13 th	School Photographer – class and whole school	morning
Tuesday 19 th	P7 Transition Balfron High in-person meeting for parents & pupils	5:45pm - 7:00pm
Wednesday 20 th	P7 Transition - Blazer fitting at Balfron High	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Thursday 21 st	P7 Play	7:00pm
Monday 25 th	School Sports Day	9:00am - 11:30am
Tuesday 26 th - Thursday 28 th	P7 Transition Days at Balfron High	
Wednesday 27 th	P1 Induction Morning	9:30am – 11:45am
Friday 29 th	P2 Class Assembly	1:45pm
June		
Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 5 th	P6 Residential Trip to Ardroy	
Friday 12 th	P1 Class Assembly	1:45pm
Friday 19 th	P1-P5 Trip to Briarlands Farm Park - Blair Drummond	Full Day
Wednesday 24 th	P7 Leavers' Assembly	1:45pm
Wednesday 24 th	P7 Leavers' Party	7:00pm
Friday 26 th	End of Term	12:45pm