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*"Learn and discover, care for each other"*

Dear Parents/Carers,

This month I have the following news item to share:

### **Staffing**

Mr Logan, who has been Acting Depute Headteacher since May 2025, will be leaving our school team at the end of June to return to Borestone PS as permanent Depute Headteacher. Mr Logan has made a very positive contribution to the entire school community during his year with us and while he will be missed, we congratulate him on his recent appointment.

We look forward to Mrs Macmillan returning as Depute Headteacher in August, following her period of maternity leave.

Teachers for some of next year's classes are still being finalised and will be confirmed before the end of term. We will be having a 'Moving On' afternoon on Thursday 25th June when all pupils will spend some time with their new teachers.

### **P6 Residential Trip**

Next week, from Tuesday to Friday, P6 will be having their residential trip to Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre in Lochgoilhead. I will be on the trip along with Mrs Dolan, Mrs Witherspoon and Mrs Proctor. In my absence, Mr Logan should be contacted.

### **School Lunches venue 2026-2027**

Following exploration of reintroducing a serving kitchen in the primary school for the start of next term, the Council's catering team have confirmed that lunch arrangements will remain unchanged for the current financial year. This means that in August P1-P7 pupils who choose a hot lunch will continue to eat their food at Balfron High every day.

### **Sports Day**

We were delighted to see so many parents and family join us in the sun on Monday morning for Sports Day.

Thank you to the Parent Council for again running a popular coffee stall and also for providing much needed ice poles to all of the children.

Congratulations to Gorman and Bruce for winning the Sports Cup by amassing most points during the potted sports section.

### **Health Week**

Next week, is our annual Health Week in school. Our P7 children and staff are in the process of creating a timetable for the week with a variety of activities for the whole school participation. This will include tasters from local clubs, Active Stirling and sessions with both P7 and High School Sports Leaders.

We would ask that children come to school each day in their P.E or sport kit, ready to take part throughout the week. As always, parents/carers are reminded that no football colours are to be worn. Children should also come to school with a water bottle and waterproof jacket.

Photos taken during the week will be shared via Seesaw.

### **Parent Council**

Our Parent Council has asked me to thank everyone who contributed towards the coffee and baking stall at the Fun Run / 10K race, held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The stall raised just over £1200 for Parent Council funds - a fantastic amount. A huge thanks also goes to Rachel Moir for organising the Fun Run and to Muirheads Dairy, Alexandria, who donated the milk for the catering stall.

The next Parent Council event will be the Summer Fayre which will be held in the school building and grounds on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 11:00am – 3:00pm.

### **P7 enterprise**

The success of the Fun Run/10K extended to our P7 pupils who made this year's 10K medal as part of an enterprise learning context.



The pupils fulfilled their remit to make 250 medals within a set budget resulting in a profit of £258.38 being made. Pupils will next decide how best to spend the money.

### **Pupil Achievements**

This month I have a range of pupil achievements to share:

A group of pupils – Lyra Dunaway, Raffy Inglburn, Rupert McVinnie P1; Eilidh Moir P3; Maia Dunaway, Phoebe Catnach, Conrad McVinnie P4; Abigail Patrick P6 - took part in a triathlon event in Glasgow earlier this month. Abigail used her participation to raise funds which was split between cancer research and Balfron Primary school. Well done to everyone involved!

Murray Conway P6 is taking part in the Juventus World Cup in Italy in two weeks' time, having been invited to be part of the Juventus Scotland 2014s team. The opening ceremony is taking place inside the Juventus Allianz Stadium and Murray will be playing teams from Italy, Brazil, Poland, Australia, England, Chile, Greece and Guatemala. Good luck Murray!

Finlay McTavish P6 was named player of the year for his rugby team.

A reminder that we are always happy to share achievements both in and out of school – please let us know and we will include in the newsletter or display photos on our foyer screen.

### **P5 Bikeability 1**

Next year's P6 class have been allocated their Bikeability 2 training week, at the very start of term after the summer holidays - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

It is, therefore, necessary for the same pupils to complete initial Bikeability 1 training on two afternoons in June. Working with Mrs Witherspoon, who is trained in Bikeability, P5 pupils are asked to bring their bikes and helmets to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Any pupil without a bike will still be able to take part in Bikeability 1 training which will all be contained with the playground.

### **Waste Lorry Visit**

Pupil in P1, P2 and P3 will be visiting a council education based waste lorry on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Based in the campus, pupils will get a chance to learn more about reducing waste and recycling approaches.

### **Village Litter Pick**

On a similar theme, the Balfron Community Council are helping to organise a community litter pick this Sunday for Isobel Mitchel who regularly tidies up around the village. Volunteers are asked to meet on Sunday at 1pm at Tontine Corner. Bags and litter picks will be provided. Please note that gloves are not provided.

### **Parent Portal**

Have you signed up for [parentsportal.scot](http://parentsportal.scot) yet?

[parentsportal.scot](http://parentsportal.scot) replaces the traditional "school bag run" and allows you to complete school forms and receive important information online.

Signing up only takes a few minutes and provides:

Faster updates to your child's details

Secure access to school information

A more streamlined experience throughout the school year

The attached information shared at launch gives more information or get started at [parentsportal.scot](http://parentsportal.scot)

Yours sincerely



Angus Black  
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### **Dates for the Diary**

June		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Health Week activities	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	P6 Residential Trip to Ardroy	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Talent Show lunchtime auditions begin	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Class trip to Bowling and Kings Park	Full Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	P4 Active Stirling Local Schools Football Tournament at Balfron High	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	P1 Class Assembly	1:45pm
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Summer Fayre	11:00am – 3:00pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	P5 Bikeability 1	1:15pm – 3:15pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	P1-P3 visiting Education Waste Lorry in campus	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	P1-P5 Trip to Briarlands Farm Park - Blair Drummond	Full Day

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 pupil reports to parents/carers	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Leavers' Assembly	1:45pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Leavers' Party	7:00pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Moving on Afternoon – pupils to new teachers and class for part of the afternoon	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Balfron's Got Talent	9:15am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term	12:45pm
<b>August</b>		
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Development Days	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil return to school	8:55am