

Balbardie Primary News

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End of session 2013

Dear Parent / Carer,

It has been an extremely successful year in school and I would like to extend my thanks to you for your continued support. I'd also like to thank our staff for their hard work and commitment, and our children for their enthusiasm towards learning. I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Greg Welsh (Head Teacher)

Class Structure 2013/14

I have detailed below the class structure for next session and the teaching staff responsibilities.

P1b Miss Bollen

P11 Mrs Leamy (Mrs Spence on Wednesday)

P1m Miss McAllister (Mon-Tues) Mrs Mooney (Wed-Thurs)

P2g Mrs Gallagher (Mrs Innes on Friday)

P2e Miss Elliot

P3/2 Mrs Mitchell (Mon-Wed) Mrs Laidlaw (Wed-Thurs)

P3h Miss Holwill (Mornings) and Mrs Ghafoor (Afternoons)

P3w Miss Wilson (Mon-Wed) Mrs Spence (Thurs-Fri)

P4b Miss Brodie

P4g Miss Goff

P5d Mrs Drummond

P5m Mrs Mackenzie (Mon-Wed) Mrs McClafferty (Wed-Fri)

P6a Miss Anderson

P6m Miss Macdougall

P7m Miss Macintyre

P7b Mr Berginis

SfL staff – Mrs Waddell, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Collings

Class 1 – Miss Barrie

Class 2 – Mrs Clark

Class 3 – Mrs Stewart (Mrs Strain on Thursday)

Mr Jeffries – PE across school

Mrs Innes – Drama on Tuesday

Mrs Ghafoor – French across school

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Education Scotland Visit

We were delighted to host visitors from Education Scotland and policy development officers from the Scottish Government on Friday 21st June. The purpose of the visit was to observe the emerging practice in our work with technologies to support learning. They were extremely impressed by our children's knowledge and ability of using a range of devices to support their learning.



Bike Marking

We successfully security marked and photographed 22 bikes and 1 scooter on two Friday afternoons in April and May. Thanks to P.C. Arnott for all his help.

Cycle training

Over the last six weeks 21 P6 children have undertaken the cycle training course, we are pleased to say that they have all passed.



It is very helpful if you want to learn to cycle on the road I would definitely recommend this to anyone else in the school. It was fun. Luke

We learned how to do a right and left turn. We also learned how to overtake a parked car but you always do your life saver look. It was really good fun. Eilidh

MMR immunisation catch up campaign

NHS Lothian is running a catch-up campaign for young people aged 10 to 17 years who have not received **two** doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine. They will be writing to parents and guardians of these children and encouraging them to contact their General Practice to arrange MMR vaccination for their child.

Some young people missed out on the MMR vaccination when they were younger. Two doses of the vaccine are required to ensure protection.

Visit immunisationscotland.org.uk to find out more, or contact your GP to make an appointment.

Sponsored Swim

We participated in a swimming sports elective every Thursday for 9 weeks. On the second last week, we organised a sponsored swim to raise money for our chosen charity, Edinburgh Sick Kids. We raised £400 and presented a cheque to the charity. We chose this charity because they help children get back on their feet.

Jennifer H, Ella G, Eilidh M and Chloe O (P6 and 7)

I am extremely proud of the girls for using their talent to raise money for such a worthy cause – well done girls!



Are you a P1 – P7 pupil if so sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at Bathgate Library?

Events/workshops

The following events are happening during the summer:

- Launch event Tuesday June 25th 4pm-6pm drop in sign up and decorate your character
- Make your own bats, drop in 2-4 pm Tuesday July 23rd
- Spooky crafts drop in 10am-12 noon Monday 5th August
- Medal ceremony and Party Week beginning Monday 12th August

The Challenge

To read 6 six books during the school holidays.

The Rewards

To collect gifts and stickers along the way as well as craft events and a fun party to mark the end of the event.

Sign up anytime by coming to Bathgate library with your parent or guardian.

Or attend our launch event on Tuesday 25th June between 4pm – 6pm, with your parent or guardian, where you can sign up and colour in your character to chart your progress on our creepy house chart.

Mary's Meals

Congratulations to Abbie Megaughin and Lyndsay Mitchell from Primary 7b who have been working with Mrs Jamieson to make up backpacks to send to Mary's Meals. They have collected enough equipment to make up 64 backpacks and one additional box of goods which will be sent to children in Africa to help them to go to school. On Wednesday 12th June 2013, Mary's Meals collected the bags and thanked the girls and Mrs Jamieson for their efforts. Thanks to Antonia and Lauren who handed over the back packs to Mary's Meals on behalf of Abbie and Lyndsay. We are very proud of their achievement and would like to thank all of the families who donated items and backpacks for a very worthwhile cause.

Young Writers of the Year

We were absolutely delighted that three of our pupils won prizes at West Lothian's Young Writer of the Year. From over 8000 entries, 40 prize winners were chosen. Congratulations to Cameron Notman, Cary Glancy and Sophie McMichael for their fantastic achievement!

Sports Day 2013

I was extremely impressed by everyone's participation at this year's sports day. Thank you to all parents, carers and family for coming along and cheering the children. Feedback from parents about the Sports Day format has been extremely positive, and we continue to encourage all of our children to participate and give the events their best shot. I have listed below the children who received a medal at the awards ceremony.



Sprint Winners

P1 Ava Gardner	Alfie Garvey
P2 Megan Forrester	Murray Arnott
P3 Ella Mowbray Logan	Connor Davies
P4 Emma Bradley	Joe Martin
P5 Antonia Evans	Flynn Shanks
P6 Sophie McMillan	Daniel Dow
P7 Kirstie McIntosh	John Giebler

Overall awards

Gold

P1 Ava Campbell	Charlie Davidson
P2 Megan Forrester	Murray Arnott
P3 Ella Mowbray Logan	Connor Davies
P4 Rachel Quinn	Adam Eadie
P5 Antonia Evans	Flynn Shanks
P6 Sophie McMillan	Alasdair Dalling
P7 Amber Jackson	John Giebler

Silver

P1 Emma Wherret	Finlay Leask
P2 Caitlin Ramsay	Tobin Witt
P3 Iona Downie	Aidan McCafferty
P4 Emma Bradley	Ross McPhee
P5 Lauren Cameron	Euan Moffat
P6 Amber Hawkes	Daniel Dow
P7 Kirstie McIntosh	Cameron Arnott

Bronze

P1 Jessica Hanley	Alfie Garvey
P2 Sophie Lindner	Colin Salmond
P3 Polina Derugina	Aaron McNicoll
P4 Chloe White	Josh Briody
P5 Amanda Mackie	Declan Shaw
P6 Isla Picken	Luke Cunningham
P7 Shannon Butler	Cameron Bowsfield



Visit West Lothian's summer safe information at westlothian.gov.uk/summersafe

Milk Money

I can confirm the cost of milk for next session will be 18p per 200ml carton. This is subsidised through the European Union School Milk Subsidy Scheme.

26/8 – 18/10 £6.84

29/10 – 20/12 £7.02

6/1 – 4/4 £11.34



Payment for term 1's milk is required between 20/8/13 and 23/08/13. (First week of new session)

House Captains

Following recent interviews, the following appointments were made for next session's House Captain team.

Head boy – Fraser McLean

Head girl – Natalie Reilly

House Captains

Strachan – Jennifer Houston

Bruce – Anna Thorpe

Hardy – Jessica Ross

MacPherson – Todd Davison

I was extremely impressed by the 21 children who applied and were interviewed for the posts. You all demonstrated the qualities required for a successful P7. Congratulations to those who were successful and I look forward to working with you to continue to improve our school.

Health and Fitness Fortnight



Our children have had a fantastic range of experiences over the last two weeks of the session to further highlight the importance of keeping fit and healthy. Their feedback has been extremely positive and our visiting instructors have been impressed by the children's behaviour and enthusiasm.

Diary Dates

August

19 th	Staff return (INSET)
20 th	P1-P7 pupils start Rights Respecting Schools Fortnight
21 st	Nursery children start
23 rd	Assembly – Education for All
27 th	7pm – Parent Council AGM
28 th	9am – P1 Parents' Coffee Morning
30 th	Assembly – Rock Star Drumming

When we return in August, I will issue an annual calendar to allow parents/carers to make plans to be involved in school events. Feedback from parents has been positive about the calendar. Please note that dates are subject to change and will be notified through the monthly newsletter.