



BALMUILDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2020

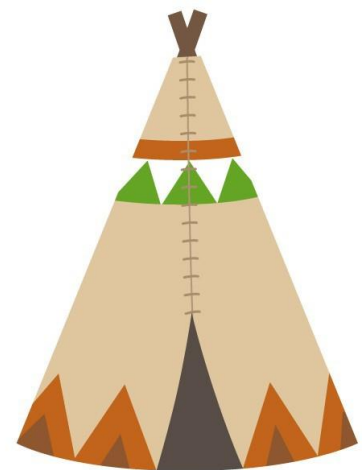


Dear Parent and Carers,

It has been an exciting start to 2020 with a very busy January and February. We are enjoying an incredibly busy term which will provide pupils with an abundance of rich learning experiences.

Outdoor Update

As you may know, this year we are planning on developing our outdoor spaces for play and learning. We have consulted every child and have collated their views. Some of their ideas include: more areas to sit together to talk, reading areas, more tyres for playing, specific areas for sports, opportunities for den building and obstacle courses. Over the next few months, you will notice new fencing in part of our playground, new benches, a wooden tee-pee, wellies and waterproofs for our pupils, a mud kitchen and outdoor storage units. We will continue to work with our Outdoor Learning Committee to ensure our pupils' voices are at the centre of our plans.



We are planning an Outdoor Learning Week on Monday 2nd March and will be working with Operation Play Outdoors who will spend a full week teaching us how to use loose parts. Children will be encouraged to investigate, discover, explore and create using different types of materials. More information will be sent out nearer the time. During this week, we are also asking if any parents or carers are available to help practically in our playground. We are looking for helpers to clear our orchard area and prepare for our new resources arriving. If you are able to give up your time to help on Monday (2nd) or Tuesday (3rd) in the afternoon, please email the school office. Thank you!

Primary 1 Enrolment

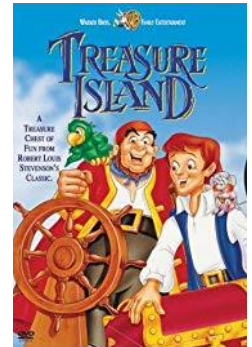
Primary 1 enrolment for August 2020 took place at the beginning of January 2020. This is always an exciting time and we can't wait to welcome our new intake to Balmuildy Primary School. We are currently planning our transition programme and induction sessions. The induction days will take place in May/June and further information will be sent out to families nearer the time. We will also be visiting our associated nurseries over the coming months to meet our new entrants and get to know all about them.

Celtic Connections

Primary 3 pupils recently enjoyed a visit to the Royal Concert Halls for the rehearsal of the opening night of 'Celtic Connections'. Celtic Connections is a winter music festival in Glasgow, featuring artists from around the globe alongside the best Scottish talent.

Treasure Island

M&M productions will be visiting the school in February to perform 'Treasure Island'. We are all looking forward to seeing their adaptation of this adventure novel by Robert Louis Stevenson. Their productions are always full of amazing costumes, heart warming characters and a colourful stage. Thank you to The PTA for this treat.



World Book Day - Friday 6th March

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To celebrate World Book Day, children are invited to bring their favourite book to school to share with the class. We are also running the Book Swap again so please feel free to donate any books you have finished with. We will send out more information about this nearer the time! We are looking forward to having an author visit from Victoria Williamson to talk to P4-7 about her new book *The Boy with the Butterfly Mind*.

Primary 6 Climate Change Day

Thank you to everyone in Primary 6 who organised a fantastic fun day on Friday 31st January to raise money for the Australian bush fires. The amazing total of £980 was raised which will go to help the people who were affected by the fires. Thank you to everyone who made a great effort dressing in Australian-themed clothing and for taking part in all the activities to raise awareness of the effects of climate change. Well done Primary 6!

Primary 6 Euro Quiz



Four of our Primary 6 pupils will be representing Balmuildy Primary at this year's Euro Quiz which will be held in Bishopbriggs Academy on Wednesday 4th March. The Euro Quiz is a fun and exciting way for pupils to learn about Europe whilst developing teamwork and problem solving skills.

Sports Relief 2020

The Pupil Council have already started to plan events for Sports Relief 2018. This will take place on Friday 13th March. More information to follow.



EDC Bulb Competition Winners

Congratulations to our 2020 EDC bulb competition winners.

First Place - Luke Simpson

Second Place - Ella Smith

Third Place - Ailsa Munro



School Uniform

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support of our school uniform policy. Below are details of the new uniform prices. If you require any uniform please contact the school office for an order form.



STYLE	SIZE	PRICE
Sweatshirts	3 /4 (24") 5/6 (26"/28")	£10.00
	7/8(30") 9/10(32"/33")	£10.00
	11/12(34") 13+(36")	£12.00
Polo-Shirts	Age 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14	£9.00
NEW ITEM - White Gym T- Shirts	Age 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14	£5.50
Sweatcardies	3/4 5/6 7/8 9/10 (Chest sizes as above)	£12.00
Sweatcardies	11/12 13+	£13.50
Sleeveless Slipovers	Sizes as Polo shirts	£10.00
Kagools	Sizes as Polo shirts	£10.50
Knitted Hats	One Size	£5.50
Fleece-Lined Rain jacket	3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13	£19.00
School Ties		£3.50
School Bags	Small	£9.00
	Large	£11.00

Primary 5 Swimming Lessons

All Primary 5 pupils will take part in a weekly block of 5 swimming lessons from Wednesday 22nd April. More information will be supplied nearer the time.



Physical Education



In order to maximise the safety of pupils no jewellery is permitted to be worn during PE lessons. Pierced earrings must be removed; children who cannot remove their earrings will unfortunately be unable to participate in PE lessons. Can you please ensure pupils come to school fully prepared with their PE kit each week?



Allergy Information

Due to several pupils with allergies we are a nut free school. It is important that pupils do not bring nuts or nut products to school as a snack or in their packed lunches. This includes any products which may contain nuts such as hazelnut chocolate spread.



We encourage pupils not to share or swap snacks in case they contain any hidden traces of nuts. We also ask that children do not bring birthday cake to school to share with their class due to a number of allergies across the school. We very much appreciate your continued support with this matter. Could you please keep the school office up to date with any information regarding your child's allergies?

Twitter

To keep up to date on current events and aspects of school life 'follow' us on Twitter @BalmuildyPS.



Water Bottles



We are trying to reduce single use plastic cups so please ensure water bottles are brought in to school to drink from. **Only water** can be taken into the classroom. We have facilities for pupils to refill their bottles during the school day. Please put your child's name on their bottle.

Balmuildy water bottles can be purchased through the school office for £3.00.

Head Lice

Please remember to take the sensible precaution of regularly checking your child's hair for any sign of infection. Further information can be found on: www.onceaweektakeapeek.com or from your local pharmacist.

Kind regards

Carol Jarman (DHT), Jacqui Sutherland (DHT), Lindsay McBride (Acting PT)

Dates for your Diary:

February 2020

Tuesday 4th - Internet safety talk P6+P7

Friday 7th - In-service Day

Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th - CLOSED

Wednesday 12th - In-service Day

Thursday 14th - School re-opens 9am

Tuesday 18th - Ardmay Parent Information evening

Tuesday 18th - M&M Production - Treasure Island

Friday 21st - Fairtrade Fortnight

March 2020

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th - Outdoor Week - Operation Play Outdoors

Tuesday 3rd - Victoria Williamson - P4-7 Author Visit

Friday 6th - World Book Day

Friday 13th - Sports Relief

Wednesday 18th - Parent's Appointments (6.30pm - 9.30pm)

Thursday 19th - Parent's Appointments (3.15pm - 5.45pm)

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th - P7 Ardmay Trip

Thursday 26th - P4s Science Centre Trip

Friday 27th - Autism Awareness Assembly

April 2020

Friday 3rd - Spring service (9.30am)

Monday 6th - Friday 17th - Easter break

Monday 20th - School re-opens 9am

Tuesday 21st - NSPCC Speak Out/Stay Safe Talks

Wednesday 22nd - NSPCC Speak Out/Stay Safe Talks

Wednesday 22nd - P5 Swimming Lessons commence (5-week block)

Friday 24th - World Earth Day Assembly