



BALMUILDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

November

Newsletter



Dear Parent and Carers,

What a busy month November has been at Balmuildy with lots of opportunities for the children to engage in new and exciting learning experiences. We look forward to the busy and productive month ahead as we begin our Christmas activities and festive fun!

As the winter weather continues, please remember to take care and tread cautiously on cold and frosty mornings on your way to school.

Children in Need



Thank you to everyone for the support provided for Children in Need. This year we raised an amazing £523.85! Thank you to all who made delicious cakes for our very popular bake sale and for bringing in 1p coins to fill our Pudsey Bear! We started our week with Pudsey-themed P.E stations with help from Sports Leaders from Bishopbriggs Academy and ended it with an infant Pudsey Hunt with children from Happy Days Nursery. Thank you to our Pupil Council who organised a fantastic assembly too!

Infant Bulbs

Good luck to all Primary 1 and 2 pupils who have recently purchased a hyacinth bulb for taking part in the annual School Bulb Growing Competition sponsored by East Dunbartonshire Council and Caulders Garden Centre. The judging date will take place in early February. Please return your bulb to school even if looking poorly! We are judged on both quality and quantity of the bulbs returned. The Outdoor Committee can replant our bulbs in the school grounds after the competition to help add more colour to our outdoor areas.



P4 Remembrance Day Assembly

Thank you to P4 pupils for their wonderful Remembrance Assembly. They delivered a very meaningful and poignant message. The assembly provided us with the opportunity to reflect and remember.

Dance Fest

A huge well done to our P7 dancers who took part in Dance Fest this year. You were all fantastic and we were very proud of you all!



P7 Transition

P7 enjoyed a fun filled evening at Bishopbriggs Academy. Our pupils took part in a variety of activities which had been planned by S5 pupils.

Both P7 classes have also had the opportunity to visit the Science Labs at Bishopbriggs Academy. Mrs Martyn from the Science Department was very impressed with our pupil's behaviour and engagement within the lesson. Well done.

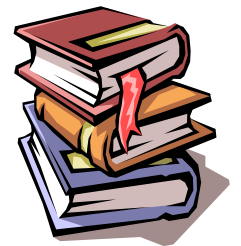
Careers Day

Pupils in p5-p7 enjoyed the opportunity to find out about a variety of careers that may be of interest to them in the future. We would like to thank all our parents, friends and professionals from our local community who offered their time to talk about their world of work with our senior pupils. I am sure everyone will agree it was a very successful afternoon.

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Book Fair

Many thanks to all our families who supported us with the school book fair once again this year. We raised an amazing £1451.15. This money will allow us to purchase more reading materials for our whole school.



Swimming Success



Olivia (P7), Jessica (P7), Jamie (P6) and Heather (P6) recently represented Balmuildy Primary in the EDC Scottish Schools Swimming Competition. They all swam incredibly well in all their events. They also set themselves some fantastic personal best times. Well done!

Scottish Book Week

Thank you to Bishopbriggs Library for inviting P1 and P2 to visit the library last week as part of Scottish Book Week. We had a great time listening to stories, learning about how the library works and having the opportunity to browse through the books.

Read, Write, Count

P1 pupils have been gifted a Bookbug Family Bag, produced by Scottish Book Trust in partnership with Education Scotland and the Scottish Government, as part of Read, Write, Count initiative. Again this year, Primary 2 & 3 pupils have received a Read, Write and Count bag which contains books, fun



counting games and materials for writing. These bags are designed to inspire parents and children to read, write and count together. Further information and ideas to support numeracy and literacy can be found on the website: <http://www.readwritecount.scot/>

Parking

The safety of our children around the school gates is paramount to us. At the start and end of the school day we would kindly ask that parents and carers park with due consideration for the visibility of our children and for keeping the road clear so that traffic can flow and our residents can access their homes. Thank you for your continued support.



Christmas Fayre

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November, 11.30am-2.00pm. Thank you to the PTA for all your hard work in organising this fantastic day.



EDC Christmas Concert

Some of our P7 pupils will be accompanied to the Royal Concert Halls on Monday 2nd December to take part in the EDC Annual Christmas Concert. Our pupils will join together with children from many other primary schools across the local authority. Their singing will be accompanied by the very talented secondary school orchestra. Our pupils have worked very hard learning the songs they will perform on the evening. This will be a wonderful event to get us in the mood for Christmas.



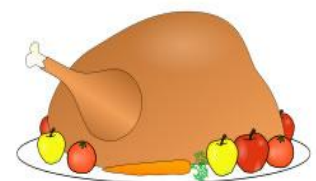
Infant Nativity 2019

Primary 1 and 2 look forward to performing their annual nativity play. It will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 6.30pm in the school assembly hall. Tickets will be on sale through the school office using the order form issued. It is sure to be an excellent show as always.



Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served in the school dinner hall on Wednesday 11th December. Don't forget to order and pay for your meal in advance. Remember that P1 to P3 do not pay for their lunches. Once again the PTA will be helping school staff on the day of the Christmas lunch and will provide each child with a Christmas cracker.





If you require any further information or if you have questions or concerns about any aspects of school life then please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will do our very best to help.

Kind regards

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

Updated Dates for your Diary:

December 2019

5th December - Primary 4 Christmas party - afternoon

10th December - Primary 5 Christmas party - afternoon

11th December - Christmas Lunch

11th December - Primary 7 dance at Bishopbriggs Academy

12th December - In-Service Day (school being used for Polling Station)

13th December - P1-4 Reindeer Run

13th December - Primary 3 Christmas party - afternoon

17th December - Infant Nativity 6.30pm

18th December - Primary 7 Christmas party - afternoon

19th December - Primary 1 & 2 Christmas party - morning

19th December - Primary 6 Christmas party - afternoon

20th December - Christmas Assembly 9.30am - **School closes 2.30pm.**

January 2020

6th January - School re-open 9am