



BALMUILDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2019

Newsletter



Dear Parent and Carers,

The children have now all settled well into their new classes and this term is looking incredibly busy providing pupils with an abundance of rich learning experiences. We have lots of exciting events to report upon and we would also like to share information regarding some of our upcoming events. It is going to be a hardworking term ahead!

Pupil Voice

We have numerous clubs and activities on offer within the school. These groups provide pupils with the opportunity to become active within the life of the school and to ensure their views and opinions are heard. The following committee members have now been elected. Congratulations to all our representatives.

Pupil Council

Primary 3	Murray, Lily and Susie
Primary 4	Macy, Lily, Connor and Jack
Primary 5	Sophie O, Moryn, Sophie C, Devyn
Primary 6	Maia, Ava
Primary 7	Lara, Emily, Sarah and Ava

House Captains

Baird	Olivia C and Max McB
Fleming	Lexi B and Eva M
Lister	Melissa H and Ameera McD
Watt	Ellis-Reece McD and Heather S

Professor Balance

Some of our Primary 1 pupils had a fantastic afternoon learning to ride their bike independently. Thank you to Professor Balance for coming in and working with our children and their families, teaching them a valuable new skill.

P1 Local Community Topic

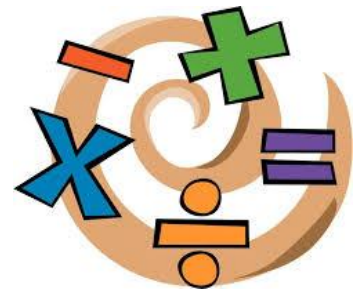
Our Primary 1 children are enjoying learning all about their local environment this term. They have had excellent visits to Bishopbriggs Fire Station and Bishopbriggs Park. Thank you to our visitors who have come in to talk about their jobs and ways in which they help in the local community.

P3 Viking Walk

P3 enjoyed a fantastic morning out and about in our local community, learning more about life as a Viking as part of their topic. Thank you to Donald MacDonald for helping with this!

Maths Week

We will be celebrating Scottish Maths week across the whole school during week beginning 30th September. All pupils will take part in a number of exciting and interactive activities. Look out for updates on our Twitter page.



Aldi Vouchers

We are taking part in Aldi's 'Kit for Schools' promotion. If you spend over £30 in Aldi, you will receive a Team GB sticker. If you have any, please send them into school as we have two large posters to fill if we want to be in with a chance to win £20,000!

Internet Safety

In school we work with pupils to equip them with the skills to keep themselves safe online. We always work in partnership with our parents/careers would ask that this message is supported and reinforced at home. For more information on internet safety please visit:

www.respectme.org.uk

www.internetmatters.org

www.net-aware.org.uk

<http://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting.html>

Harvest Assembly



We are celebrating our Harvest assembly on Friday 25th October at 9.30am. The Pupil Council and our House Captains will be leading this assembly and families are very welcome to join us. We will be collecting donations of dried food or tins which can be brought in to school from Monday 21st October. Food will be donated to the Lodging House Mission which provides care and support to homeless and vulnerable people.

We will also be collecting money for a project in Rwanda which Mrs Cochrane supports and she will be telling us more about this at the assembly.

SPCA Whole School Visit

Children across the school worked alongside the SPCA on various activities linked with animal rescue and caring for pets. All classes will be involved in follow up activities to continue their work on caring for nature within different environments.

Book Week

Book Week Scotland takes place 18th-24th November. P1 and P2 will be visiting Bishopbriggs Library in November.

PTA Fancy Dress Disco

Our PTA committee have organised a Fancy Dress disco for the school on Wednesday 30th October. The children will have great time and we cannot wait to see all their scary costumes. Thank you to the PTA for organising such a fun event and also to all of the parents who give up their time to support the running of the disco. These events could not take place without many helping hands.



Parent Appointments

Parent appointments will take place on Wednesday 6th November and Thursday 7th November. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you.

Flu Immunisation

The flu vaccination will be given as a nasal spray and the date of administration is Tuesday 3rd December.

School Uniform

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support of our school uniform policy. All pupils are looking very smart as they start off a new school year.



Medication



If your child requires medication during school hours, please deliver it to the school office and complete a consent form. Please check the expiration date of all medicine as it cannot be administered when out of date.

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.



School Travel Plan Survey

We are currently working upon updating our School Travel Plan. Thank you to everyone who took part in our travel questionnaire. The information has been very helpful and will be included in our current action plan.

Rail Safety Assembly

Leanne McCabe from the Railway Police, will be joining us to deliver an assembly on rail safety. This will provide important information to help keep our pupils safe around the railway lines.

Transition to Secondary School

Our robust transition to Bishopbriggs Academy for our Primary 7 pupils is already underway with visits this term from the Maths and Art/design departments.

Finally, 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

Depute Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary:

October 2019

In-service Day - Tuesday 1st October

In-Service Day - Friday 11th October

October Holiday - Monday 15th October - Friday 18th October

School Re-opens - Monday 21st October

School Photographs Individual and Families - Tuesday 22nd October

Harvest Assembly - Friday 25th October

Halloween Disco - Wednesday 30th October

November 2019

Book Fair - Week Beginning 4th November

Parent Meetings - Wednesday 6th November 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Parent Meetings - Thursday 7th November - 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Children in Need - Friday 15th November

Book Week Scotland - 18th-24th November

P7 Big Hit Badminton Festival - 22nd November