



BALMILDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2025



Dear Parent and Carers,

Happy New Year, I hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas. It was great to see everyone back this week and hearing all about their time off during the holiday period.

### **Weather and Clothing**

As we head into the colder weather, can I respectfully ask that all children come to school with appropriate outdoor clothing. Children will be outside during breaks and lunches on most occasions and this includes when it is wet. On a few occasions, when there is a health and safety concern about accessing the playground, children will remain inside for break and lunchtimes. However these occasions are very rare and therefore I would ask that all children wear outdoor clothing that will keep them warm and dry.

### **Alan Glen Donation**

I am delighted to announce we have received a quantity of sports equipment from the charity, Allan Glen's 2012 Trust.

Allan Glen's, probably best known today for the Rugby Club in Bishopbriggs, was a secondary school in Glasgow which closed in the 1980's. The Trustees of the 2012 Trust are mainly former pupils of that school and are keen to support primary educational and sporting activities in the area surrounding their old school's playing fields.

The equipment, which includes athletics, hockey, touch rugby and volleyball kit will be used to support the teaching of specific sports during P. E sessions and then used by children at breaks and lunchtime. The equipment will help develop sporting skills and encourage leadership and teamwork while making a positive impact on health, fitness and wellbeing. It is all part of the education of our young people and we are grateful to Allan Glen's for this kind contribution.



## Creating Engineering Competition

Our Primary 5 and Primary 6 pupils are taking part in the Creating Engineering Competition 2025 which involves demonstrating their building skills using the construction materials, K'Nex. Pupils will work in pairs and will be judged using strict criteria. The winning pair from each class will compete in a Cluster Challenge with pupils from other schools in the Bishopbriggs cluster at an events on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at Bishopbriggs Academy.

We look forward to seeing your creative designs and hope you enjoy it. Good luck P5 and P6!

## Bikeability

As part of our Primary 7 programme pupils will take part in four sessions led by Sustrans. The sessions will be held both in the school playground and also around our local environment teaching our pupils how to stay safe when cycling on the roads. The pupils will receive a certificate once the programme has been completed and provide them with a life skill that can be used throughout their future.

## P7 Transition

Primary 7 transition is now well underway. Our pupils have already enjoyed a Christmas dance where they had the opportunity to meet pupils from other cluster schools. This term we will be visiting the academy to take part in a Business lesson and the Science department are delivering the first of a series of CSI lessons which our pupils are really looking forward to.

Our football team has taken part in two friendly matches against Wester Cleddens Primary and we have another match already in the diary.

These are only a few of the fantastic opportunities our children will have as they prepare for the transition to secondary education.

## Achievements



We have three Primary 7 pupils who are representing Balmuildy Primary as Youth Ambassadors for Bishopbriggs Community Council this year. They have been involved in a number of events so far such as taking part in the May Community Day, presenting medals at the Allen Glen's girls rugby awards evening, speaking at a Community Council meeting, meeting Provost Renwick at Southbank Marina and asking her questions about her role as Lord Provost, laying a wreath at the Bishopbriggs Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday and switching on the Christmas lights at the Bishopbriggs Light Up event. They have all been a credit to Balmuildy.

Thank you to the families for all your support at these events.

## Primary 5

Well done to Primary 5 who sang beautifully in the Bishopbriggs Christmas Light Up event on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting this on such a cold evening!

## P7 EDC Choir event

This has always been a really popular event in P7. Unfortunately, we are restricted with numbers but seven pupils were lucky enough to have the opportunity to take part in the EDC Christmas Concert at the Royal concert Hall. The pupils spent the day rehearsing and were then treated by the PTA to a lovely meal in a restaurant. The pupils had a fantastic day and I am sure the family members who attended the evening show will agree that our pupils were amazing.

## P2 Mini- Fit

Well done to our P2 children who took part in Mini-Fit sessions during their lunch break last term. It was great fun and developed cooperation and gross motor skills. We are extremely grateful to our two parent volunteers who delivered these sessions.

Finally, I hope that this newsletter has given you an insight into the some of the great work going on here at Balmuildy Primary. I know this is going to be another busy term and I am in no doubt that there will be many more opportunities and celebrations for our children. On the final page, you will find the important dates for this term.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Charlotte Grogan  
Head Teacher

**Dates for your Diary:**

**January 2025**

20 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Meeting 6.30pm Turnbull High School
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Parent Council meeting 6.30pm Turnbull High School
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	P1 and P7 Dental Inspections
31 <sup>st</sup> January	P3 Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closed - February Holiday
18 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closed - February Holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closed- In-service Day
21 <sup>st</sup> February	P6 Assembly
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Meeting for Ardmay Residential
6 <sup>th</sup> March	P6 Swimming Lessons start
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
10 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Meeting 6.30pm Turnbull High School
13 <sup>th</sup> March	1-1 Parent Evening Appointments
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	PTA Easter Disco
4 <sup>th</sup> April	P5 Assembly
4 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes at 2.30pm for the Easter Holidays
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School reopens for all children.