

# Biggar Primary School and Nursery Class Newsletter

April 2016

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## April 2016

### Monday 18th

Parent Council @ 7pm in school

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

Residential meeting for trip to France, 7pm

### Friday 29th

Report cards distributed

### Monday 18th

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

## May 2016

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

HOLIDAY

### Tuesday 3rd

Parents' Evening, 6.00-8.30  
Scholastic book club

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Parents' Evening, 3.30-6.00  
Scholastic book club

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Inset Day

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

P1/2 Assembly @ 1.15pm

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

P6/7 residential trip to France departs

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

P6/7 residential returns

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

HOLIDAY

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

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### Tuesday 31st

Wednesday 1st

Thursday 2nd

P7 Transition Days to BHS

## Science Week

Biggar Primary's first ever science week ran from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March and pupils throughout the school were able to have hands on experience of the wide and varied fields of science. Examples of experimental work included trying out different substances to see which ones produced the most fantastic fingerprints; gaining first-hand experience of the forces of friction, air resistance and buoyancy; investigating camouflage, stereoscopic vision and surface tension; and research into flood proof housing as part of a 'Beat the Flood' challenge. The latter saw P6 and P7 pupils engage in researching how best to flood proof a home before coming up with designs for models to see if they would stand up to this devastating form of natural disaster. These science based lessons were in line with the CREST awards scheme, which is managed by the British Science Association. The focus for pupils in P1-P5 was CREST awards, while P6 and P7 are hoping to achieve a Discovery Award.

## P2 Assembly

The Primary 2 assembly took place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Through the VCOP theme the children showcased their learning and demonstrated how as a whole school approach we use Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation to raise standards in



## Cross Country

The annual Clydesdale Cross Country Race took place at Lanark Race Course on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. This proved to be an exciting and successful day for individuals and for the teams. Well done everyone!



Congratulations are extended to;

- P5/6 girls team-silver- Anna Venerus, Abbie Prentice, Olivia Godfrey and Madison Joy.
- P5/6 boys team-silver-Euan McLeod, Angus Allister, Fergus Watson and Ander Harrison.
- P7 Boys team -gold - Ben MacBride, Charlie Walker, Finlay Crozier and Morris McDiarmid
- P7 Girls team-silver-Alexandra Phillips, Harriet Neville, Krysten Marshall and Rosie Jackson.
- Individual races- Ben McBride (P7)-gold, Charlie Walker(P7)-bronze, Alexandra Phillips (P7) bronze, Anna Venerus (P6)-gold, Euan McLeod (P6) gold

South Lanarkshire Primary Cross Country Final was held at Chatelherault Country Park on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March and the top ten athletes, from their age group, in the Clydesdale Cross Country race were invited to compete. Congratulations are extended to;

P6 girls-bronze      P6 Boys-silver  
P7 boys Gold      P7 girls- silver

Children also ran really well in their individual races for their age and stage and were placed as follows;

Ben McBride-2<sup>nd</sup>  
Euan McLeod-3<sup>rd</sup>  
Finlay Crozier-3<sup>rd</sup>  
Charlie Walker-5<sup>th</sup>  
Olivia Godfrey 6<sup>th</sup>  
Anna Venerus-8<sup>th</sup>  
Alexandra Phillips-5<sup>th</sup>  
Fergus Watson-16<sup>th</sup>

## Kirkcaldy cross country

The next event in the cross country calendar is the SSAA Primary Schools' Cross Country Championship at Kirkcaldy on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We have submitted teams for the P6 boys and girls race and P7 boys and girls race.

## Savage Cup

The last cross country race of the session took place on Tuesday 24th March in the form of the Savage Cup. This year the cup was won by Gladstone. Well done!

## Parent Council- Stars in your Eyes

Everyone who attended the Stars in Your Eyes event in the school on Friday 18th March was treated to a wide variety of acts from the talented children who participated. Thanks are extended to former pupils Nathan Tennant and Katie Child who hosted on the night and Mrs Campbell, staff and Parent Council members for all their help in planning the event and during the evening.



## Parent Council

The next parent council meeting will be held in the school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

## Head Lice

Head Lice continues to be an ongoing issue within Biggar Primary School and Nursery Class. Everyone has a responsibility to ensure that this problem is treated. Further information can be accessed at [www.onceaweektakeapeek](http://www.onceaweektakeapeek)

## Committee news

### **Fairtrade**

The cross cutting theme of creativity in Curriculum for Excellence was certainly evident at our Fairtrade fashion hat show. The Fairtrade committee certainly had a very difficult job to choose a winner from each class.

The winners were as follows:

P1-Skye Gillogley P4-Ruari Watson  
P1/2 -Imogen Scott P5-Molly Tolson  
P2-Harris Watson P6-Fergus Watson  
P3-Gregor McCuaig P7-Anya Gillespie

### **Eco**

The Eco committee organised a very successful 'Pass it on day' on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The day was about raising awareness of choosing to reuse unwanted items for the benefit of others. It's also about buying less new stuff and saving the world's resources. Well done Eco committee for spreading this important message and raising £165.10 as a bonus!

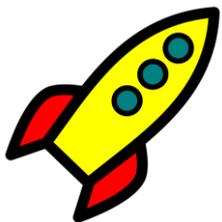
### **Pupil Council/Health**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> March the pupil council organised an obstacle course in the gym hall in aid of Sport Relief. Everyone had fun raising the fantastic amount of £217.18.

## **Elections**

Please note that Biggar Primary School and Nursery will be open during the European Referendum Election on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

## Space seeds



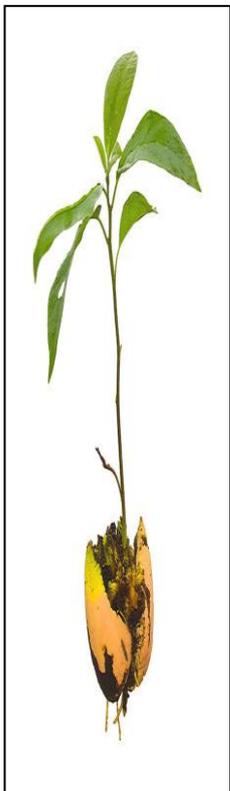
10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 BLAST OFF!

When we return to school on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April a very special package will be delivered to Primary 3.

We have been proactive and secured our place as one of 10,000 schools participating in a UK wide live science experiment to contribute to our knowledge of growing plants in space!

Time frame

- Two kilograms of rocket ( *eruca sativa*) seeds were launched on Soyuz 44S on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 with the European Space agency astronaut Andreas Mogensen and his crew, arriving at the International Space station(ISS) two days later.
- British astronaut Tim Peake took charge of the seeds while on the ISS for his Principa mission starting in December.
- At 4.26am on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Commander Scott Kelly of NASA and Russian cosmonauts Mikhail Kornienko and Sergey Volkov of Roscosmos landed safely back on earth in Kazakhstan with the seeds.
- The seeds then travelled with Scott Kelly to NASA in Houston on a charter flight from Moscow, Russia and returned to the UK on 4<sup>th</sup> March.
- On 18<sup>th</sup> April we will receive 100 seeds that have been on the ISS and 100 seeds that remained on earth. The seeds will be colour coded but we will not be told which packets contain which seeds until all schools have entered their data into a microsite to be analysed by professional biostatisticians.



## Grub Club

Miss Cromie and Miss Black have just completed an after school club with a group of P6 and P7 pupils. The Grub club focused on making healthy recipes such as scrambled egg and smoothies. The children involved really enjoyed the experience and many more have expressed an interest in attending. No pressure for Miss Black and Miss Cromie!

## Bikeability

Miss Black, Mrs McQuoney and Miss Dowie have recently completed their Bikeability training and have volunteered their time to train interested Primary 6 pupils at an after school club. The children will learn about safety checks for their bikes, and aspects such as braking, cornering, balance and control.



## Contact Rugby

Our new local rugby development officer, Iain Chisholm, will run a block of contact rugby sessions next term for Primary 6, P6/7 and P7.