

# Biggar Primary and Nursery Class



# This is Biggar Primary School!

Believe, Prepare, Succeed!

Respect, Honesty, Fairness,  
Kindness, Ambition, Determination

## October 2017

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#### **Monday 2nd**

P3 football club after school

#### **Tuesday 3rd**

P7 Cycling after school

#### **Wednesday 4th**

P5 Swimming

#### **Thursday 5th**

P5 music

P4 benchball after school

#### **Friday 6th**

P5 assembly, 1.15

#### **Wednesday 11th**

Lepra fundraiser

P5 swimming

Parents Evening 6.00-8.30

#### **Thursday 12th**

P5 Music

P7 dance at lunchtime

P4 benchball after school

Parents Evening 3.30-6.00

### **Monday 16th- Friday 20th October Holiday Week**

#### **Wednesday 25th**

P5 Swimming

#### **Thursday 26th**

P5 Music

P7 dance at lunchtime

#### **Friday 27th**

Hallowe'en Disco

#### **Monday 30th**

Parent Council AGM, 7pm in school hall.

### Punctuation show

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September we were treated to a whole school show about punctuation. The children thoroughly enjoyed the interactive performance and the accompanying songs.

Thank you to the parent council for funding this show which links with our improvement plan priority to raise attainment in literacy. Please follow this link to be able to access the material from the show.

Following this visit you can download an album of songs to support learning.

Simply visit the website link

<http://www.thepunctuationshow.com/parents/>

Once you arrive at the page, please insert the pass code discount16 in the box provided. You will then arrive at a web page where you can download the album "Songs from the Punctuation and Grammar Shows".

This is an album of educational songs, which sells on iTunes for £10.99.

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### Author Visit

In partnership with our local bookshop Atkinson Pryce we managed to secure a visit from author Lari Don on 6<sup>th</sup>

September. The children in P4-7 enjoyed hearing Lari talk about her latest book in her Spellchasers series; The Witch's Guide to Magical Combat.

## **Biggar Science Festival 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> October**

Primary 2 and Primary 6 have produced art work for display at the Bee Quest exhibition at Carmichael Visitor Centre on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Primary 6 have also submitted entries to the writing competition on the theme of 'The Powers of Nature'.

## **Biggar Little Festival (BLF) 20<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> October**

There will be artwork from Biggar Primary and Nursery Class on display in the High Street during BLF. This year we have focussed on the theme of 'The World of Work' and pupils have been stimulated to create their masterpieces through studying various aspects.

Thank you to the shop keepers who visited the school to talk to pupils in preparation for Biggar Little Festival.

Many thanks are also expressed to members of our community, Ellen McCann, Lydia Black and Elspeth Wight, who shared their knowledge and expertise with our children working in particular with P2, P3/4, P5 & P6.

## **Young Voices for Wise Tales (21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct)**

This is an intergenerational project which has brought young people and the elderly together through creativity, art and social interaction.

A first instalment of the project in spring 2017 saw 50 primary and nursery school children and an army of volunteers and school support staff from three local primary schools visiting the care home during a series of workshops where they interacted and befriended a dozen care home residents. An exhibition with all the works was displayed at Biggar library for a month during the early summer.

During the second version of the project, this autumn WomanKIND Clydesdale was honoured to facilitate the interaction between a group of talented S6 pupils from Biggar High School and care home residents. The works developed are wonderfully creative and the sensitivity and commitment they showed while socialising with their elderly collaborators shows in the uniqueness and depth of each individual piece

The residents and staff at Greenhills are delighted to welcome the community and general public to admire the work by these young artists and to witness the enrichment that the process has offered for all participants. Both events are free and unticketed and complimentary refreshments will be served.

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## **International Walk to School Month**

Thousands of children from across the UK will be joining forces with over 40 countries worldwide this October to celebrate International Walk to School month.

The initiative has valuable links with our work on Health Promoting Schools and ECO schools. This year the theme is 'I walk' and therefore we would like to encourage children and their parents to walk to school/nursery (or park further away and walk some of the way) thus gaining benefits to health, practical road safety awareness for children and making a positive action to reducing pollution and congestion around the school.

## **Extra Curricular Clubs**

### **Rugby**

Our active schools coordinator and our local rugby development officer organised taster sessions of rugby for P4-P7 pupils in September. Following on from the taster sessions there will be an interschool rugby festival on 11th October. Further sessions will be organised later in the year for P1-P3.



### **Reading Club**

P5's have signed up to participate in a book club being run in the library again by Mrs Spence. Thank you to Mrs Spence, one of our parents, for continuing this extra curricular club.

We look forward to hearing your reviews on whatever book you choose to study.



### **Benchball**

Our active schools coordinator has managed to organise lunchtime benchball sessions for Primary 4 through enlisting the help of senior pupils from Biggar High School. Thank you to staff who are giving up their lunch times to supervise this activity.

### **Sewing club**

The ladies from Biggar and District Embroiderers' Guild have kindly offered to continue the extra curricular sewing club that they started last session. The club will be offered initially to pupils in Primary 6.

### **Games Club**

Leah Wilson, our active schools coordinator has arranged a block of games for Primary 2 and Primary 3 pupils. Senior pupils from Biggar High school will help deliver these sessions.

### **Homework Club**

Miss Galloway has volunteered to host a drop in homework club for Primary 7's to offer support with whatever queries they may have regarding their homework.

### **Dance Club**

Miss Dowie and Miss Stonebanks are running a dance club on Thursdays at lunch time in order to work towards the annual dance festival which will be held in Lanark Memorial on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Cycling**

Mrs McQuoney and Miss Stonebanks have been running a Bikeability level 1 course for the P7's to complete this work as this was not possible at the end of last session due to the inclement weather. Later in the session Bikeability for level 2 will be organised.

### **Pupilship**

The pupilship started off this session by looking at various charities and decided that the one they would like to support is Lepra. A representative from the charity came along and spoke to us at an assembly.

To raise money for the charity we will have a fitness dance session to Bollywood music on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

The committee also voted to help WomanKind by collecting coloured pencils for those affected by Hurricane Irma. Thank you for all the donations.

### **Fairtrade**

The Fairtrade committee has been busy writing letters to our local councillors and MP's to urge them to support the work of our community steering group to make Biggar a Fairtrade town. We look forward to receiving some responses.

### **Eco**

The Eco committee have just submitted their evidence for approval for their next green flag.

The Eco committee would like to remind everyone about the recycling station we have in school.

We recycle

- Used spectacles
- Ink cartridges
- Old mobile phones

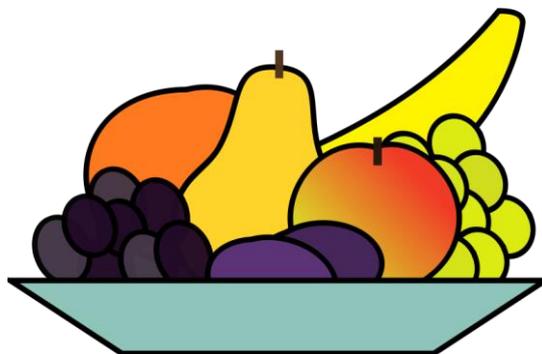
Please send any of these items to school

The Eco committee are just about to harvest the potatoes that they have grown in our raised beds and these will hopefully be on sale at parents evening.

### **Health**

The health committee are still waiting on feedback from their submission to Sport Scotland for the next part of the award.

In the meantime the committee are busy thinking of ideas to further promote health within our school and beyond.



### **Rocking Readers**

Primary 5 are in the process of submitting a business plan to take part in the 'Tycoon in Schools' programme run by The Peter Jones Foundation. If successful the children will be given a £100 start up loan which they don't need to pay back if they make a profit.

The children have come up with the idea of operating a second hand book shop. The book shop will open for the first time on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 3-3.30 and will be in the class next to Primary 1. The book shop will run for 7 weeks with the final trading day being Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

If you have any second hand books that are still in good condition we would be very grateful for any donations.

The experience of thinking of an idea and transforming it into a business is one that can help young people develop a huge range of skills from financial planning and problem solving to working as a team and presenting. These are skills that are hugely valued by employers and stand young people in good stead for life, whatever path they may take.

### **Harvest Assembly**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October we will be celebrating harvest at our assembly and would like to create a harvest display which in turn could be donated to our local food bank. If you are able to donate something please send it to school on the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## **Parent Council**

The Annual General meeting for the parent council will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm in the school gym hall.

If you are interested in being a member of the Parent Council you are asked to contact either the school, Mrs K Lawrie or Mrs P Harrison. Parent council email address

[biggarprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:biggarprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com)

**At this point it is expected that there will be vacancies this session for representatives across the school and for positions of office bearers.**

- *Any parent of a child at the school can volunteer to be a member of the Parent Council. In the event that the number of volunteers exceeds the number of places set out in the constitution, members will be selected by election*
  - *Anyone not selected to be a member of the parent council may be offered the opportunity to be part of any sub groups set up by the Parent Council.*
  - *The Parent Council will be selected for a period of two years.*
  - *After 2 years continuous membership parents may put themselves forward for re-selection if they wish provided their child is still at the school.*
  - *The Parent Council will ideally be made up of one/two representatives from each year group.*
- BPS Parent Council Constitution**

## **Parent Council Event**

The next event to be hosted by the Parent Council will be a Hallowe'en fancy dress disco which will be held in the school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. P1-3 will dance the night away from 6.00-7.00 and P4-7 will be from 7.15-8.30. Delivery/collection of children will be from designated areas on the ground floor where they will have to be signed in and out by an adult. Entry to the disco is payable at the door and is £1.

## **Parental Consultations/website**

Staff are looking forward to meeting parents for our first parental consultations next week.

Consultations will take place in the main gym hall.

Please note that in the interests of health and safety if your child/children accompany you to parent's night they will not be allowed to wander around the building and should instead act as a guide to escort you around the building and in particular to their class to view their work.

## **Biggar After School Club**

*If you are looking for childcare from 3-5pm on Mon-Thur then please contact us at Biggar After School Club. We collect the children from the primary school and walk them to St Mary's Hall. The children play games, make crafts, relax and can do homework. We have face painting on Hallowe'en to help the children get ready for guising-watch our Facebook page for full details. Registration is £12 for one child and £20 for 2 or more children, sessions are £6 for 3-4pm and £10 for 3-5pm. WE have spaces available this term, you can book on the day when you need us. Contact us at [biggarafterschoolclub@gmail.com](mailto:biggarafterschoolclub@gmail.com) for more information*

## **Emergency contacts**

Please remember to advise us of any changes to mobile phone numbers or email addresses.