

# Biggar Primary and Nursery Class



# This is Biggar Primary School!

## Believe, Prepare, Succeed!

Respect, Honesty, Fairness,  
Kindness, Ambition, Determination

## October 2016

### Primary 6 Assembly

Primary 6 performed their class assembly on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September to the whole school, family and friends. The assembly was based on the novel 'Holes@ by Louis Sachar and the theme of bullying was shared effectively through a combination of music, drama and poetry. The messages about bullying and keeping safe online exemplified how Biggar Primary works towards encouraging pupils to be aware of these very important aspects in our society today. Well done to Miss McLelland and Primary 6.



### Biggar Little

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 Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design' 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 who shared their knowledge and expertise with our children. Paul Carline gave of his time to work with P5 on kite making and Ellen McCann worked with P7 on Pop up Art.

## October 2016

### **Tuesday 4th**

P5 reading club after school

### **Thursday 6th**

P5 Music  
P5 Swimming  
P2 Games after school

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Rugby Festival P4-7 @ rugby club

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Parents Evening 6.00-8.30

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**

P5 Music  
P5 Swimming  
P2 Games after school (cancelled)  
Parents Evening 3.30-6.00

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

P5 assembly 1.15pm

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>- Friday 21st October Holiday Week**

### **Monday 24th**

Parent Council AGM, 7pm in school hall.

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

P6 Sewing club after school  
Biggar High School Open Evening

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**

P5 Music  
P5 Swimming  
P2 Games after school

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Hallowe'en Disco

# BIGGAR Little FESTIVAL



## **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**

P5s 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 5 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.

## **European Sport Day**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September we participated in European School Sports Day. Primary 7 pupils displayed fantastic leadership roles as they organised and executed the planning for the whole day for all the other classes.



### Staffing update

Interviews as part of the recruitment drive across South Lanarkshire Council have now concluded and a matching exercise will take place this week to match successful candidates to schools. We are hopeful that we will secure two members of teaching staff from this process for the nursery and P1. Unfortunately the few candidates that had expressed interest in the team leader post in the nursery have now withdrawn their application. We have Mrs White covering this position as an Early Years worker at the moment.

### Parent Council

The Annual General meeting for the parent council will take place on Monday 24<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. **At this point it is expected that there will be vacancies this session for representatives at Primary 1, P3 and P4 but all expressions of interest for any stage would be appreciated.**

- *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 28<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 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.

They may also escort you to the ICT suite which will be open in order for you to view our new website.

### Website

At the end of last session we bid farewell to a very valued member of our parent forum, Mrs Murnin. For many years Mrs Murnin managed the school website and assisted staff with many issues. However, as a result of Mrs Murnin moving on we have had to be proactive about a new website and are delighted to report that more members of our parent forum have been willing to share their expertise with us in setting up a new site. Many thanks are extended to Mrs Bartholomew and Mrs Featherstone.

We would be grateful if you could spare the time to look at our new website and provide some feedback as part of your visit for parents' night.



## Open Day Sessions

Parents are warmly welcomed to attend our forthcoming open day sessions for each group in the nursery.

The morning session will be from 8.45-9.45 and the afternoon session will be from 1-2.

The purpose of the session is to let parents have a look at your child's learning journey and to check and update any data if necessary. Please also have a look at the photo display which will be running in the foyer to see the activities the children have been involved in.

We would ask that parents bear in mind that staff are still working with children during open day sessions.

Blue group- Monday 10<sup>th</sup>  
Red group-Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Green group-Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

## The Street

Please have a look at our floor book to see how our current focus of 'The Street' is developing.

## Photos

We would love to see any old photos you may have of 'High Street' but please label each photograph clearly with your name so that we can return them appropriately.

## Visits and visitors

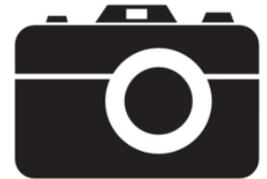
Staff from our local bookshop, 'Atkinson & Pryce' will visit the children in the nursery on the morning of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

When they visit they will organise a date to come and see the afternoon children.

All children will visit our local museum on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

## Nursery Photographs

Nursery photographs are scheduled to be taken on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October.



## Childsmile

Pamela, the oral health educator has visited the nursery and all the children have now started the toothbrushing programme.

