

Biggar Primary and Nursery Class



This is Biggar Primary School!

Believe, Prepare, Succeed!

Respect, Honesty, Fairness,
Kindness, Ambition, Determination

September 2016

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Thursday 1st

P5 music
P5 swimming

Monday 5th

Rugby P4-7
Tom Renwick, parent [talk@6.30](#),
Abington PS

Wednesday 7th

Tom Renwick, parent talk
@6.30, BPS

Thursday 8th

P5 music
P5 Swimming
Tom Renwick, parent talk @6.30,
Carnwath PS

Monday 12th

Rugby P4-7

Thursday 15th

P5 music
P5 swimming

Friday 16th

P6 assembly 9.15am

Monday 19th

Parent Council, 7pm in school

Thursday 22nd

P5 music
P5 swimming

Donations

We would like to express our thanks to two families, who wish to remain anonymous, for their recent donations.

One family donated funding to allow us to purchase a new sports kit that consists of a track suit top and a rainproof jacket. The kits will be used at sporting events and will promote our identity and pride in our school. Another family donated funding to be used for outdoor/environmental/scientific purposes so with this funding we have decided to purchase a weather station, a fire pit for forest schools and pop up tunnels and tents for the playground.



Biggar Little Festival (BLF)

We are once again taking part in this community arts project. The annual *Biggar Little Festival* provides the context for enterprise (a cross cutting theme within a Curriculum for Excellence).

Following on from the successes of previous years, artwork from nursery to P7 will be displayed in shop windows during the festival. The theme is to celebrate the year of innovation, architecture and design. The pupils are working in partnership with 60 shops in the local community to prepare for BLF. Already the pupils have adopted an enterprising approach to this activity and are planning to meet with many of the local businesses to discuss their requirements. This activity provides a real context for learning and introduces the pupils to the business world.

I am sure the local community and those who visit from afar will be impressed by the art work on display.

BIGGAR Little FESTIVAL

Improvement Plan SMT Meeting on Thursday 25th August

Thanks to all the parents who attended this information evening.

Please see below details of attendance. As a school we would like to increase the attendance at this event and would like to seek your feedback on format, content etc... Please complete comment sheet and return to school.

Primary 1a&b	18/29 children represented	Primary 5	12/31 children represented
Primary 2	13/26 children represented	Primary 6	10/32 children represented
Primary 2/3	18/25 children represented	Primary 7a	7/20 children represented
Primary 3	12/30 children represented	Primary 7b	3/17 children represented
Primary 4	13/31 children represented	Total	106/241 children represented

Improvement Plan 16/17

A summary of the improvement plan priorities is provided below. If you require a full copy of the improvement plan this is available on the school website or from the school office.

- Numeracy & maths
- Developing the Young workforce
- Talking and Listening
- Drama

Maintenance

Expressive arts-Art & Music

New website

Travel plan

Languages 1+2 phased implementation into P4

Development of school grounds

HWB-mindfulness and assessment

Local citizenship (Fairtrade town, BLF etc...)

Chaplaincy Team

The chaplaincy team at Biggar Primary and ELCC Nursery Class is made up of Rev Mike Fucella, minister of Biggar and Blackmount Parish Churches and Alex Kelly, of 2CY Trust which works in association with Scripture Union Scotland.

Although the chaplaincy team may be involved in other roles Rev Fucella and Mr Kelly will mainly assist our establishment in the delivery of religious observance/ time for reflection. They will also visit classes where appropriate to complement the curriculum.

Visits to the church have been organised for Wednesday 21st December and Thursday 30th March to celebrate Christmas and Easter respectively.

Under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, parents/carers have the right to ask for your child to be withdrawn from religious observance and or religious and moral education. If anyone wishes to uphold this right please contact the school.

Parent Council

Throughout the process of our new build our parent council have been very proactive in trying to improve road safety around the school for our children. They have been successful in securing a new crossing area on Johns Loan and signage on the red strip. In addition to these actions already carried out they have an assurance that parking restrictions will come into operation in Market Road the near future.

However, it is still very important that your voice is heard and represented as we carry out a consultation to inform our travel plan.

Please complete the travel plan survey at this link or contact the office if you require a paper copy.

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Eco Committee

The Eco Committee has been nominated. This group lead the school in projects which relate to the 3Rs which are recycle, reuse and reduce. Mrs Ellwood chairs this committee along with Mrs McQuoney . This committee will have a monthly meeting on a Monday afternoon.

P1a&b	Finlay Scott & Laurie MacBride
P2	Louise MacBride & Lexi O'Neill
P2/3	Lachlan Paton & Cameron Russell
P3	Jake Thomson & Sofia Miranda
P4	Ben Graham & Alexander Laurie
P5	Beth O'Neill & Annabel Godfrey
P6	Ben Allan & Aleesha MacIntyre
P7a	Isla Sheridan & Emily Milne
P7b	Chloe McGarrell & Wilson Hughes



Health Committee

The Health Committee has been formed. Mrs Harper chairs this group along with Miss Stonebanks. This committee will have a monthly meeting on a Monday afternoon. We are committed to developing the health and wellbeing curriculum as described in Curriculum for Excellence.

P1a & b	Hannah Prentice & Erin Allister
P2	Kaitlin Gilbey & Lexi Tolson
P2/3	Zoe Whatley & Katie McMorran
P3	May McNair & Sophie Woodall-Novak
P4	Ellis Calvin & Harris Davidson
P5	Charlie Wardrop & Cameron Armstrong
P6	Mia Barrington & Joshua Gooch
P7a	Lucy Graham & Katie Watson
P7b	Ellie Ritchie & Rebecca Maxfield



Pupilship

The pupil council/citizenship committee has been formed. The representatives have a responsibility to consult with their class. They will be responsible for taking forward our rights respecting schools agenda along with ideas to improve our school and beyond. The pupilship will meet monthly with Mrs McLelland and Miss Cromie on a Monday afternoon.

P1	Cadhla-Rose Ferguson
P2	Adam Szygula & Neve Miller
P2/3	Lilly Hodge & Anna Campbell
P3	Stewart McLeod & Matthew Tennant
P4	Katy Brown & Gregor McCuaig
P5	Mirren McMaster & Callum Martin
P6	Mitchell Hamilton & Charlotte Ward
P7a	Stewart Gemmell & Angus Allister
P7b	Anna Venerus & Kara Ferguson



Fairtrade

The Fairtrade Committee has been formed. Mrs Lamont chairs this group along with Miss Dowie. This committee will have a monthly meeting on a Monday afternoon and will be responsible for taking forward our rights respecting schools agenda.

P1a&b	Euan Calvin & Calum Gardiner
P2	Kayden Ferguson & Skye Gillogley
P2/3	Christopher Littlejohn & Oliver Milne
P3	Freya Godfrey & Zach Yellop
P4	Max Lawrie & Nazar Jaskiewicz
P5	Archie Allister & Kyle Gibb
P6	Jessica Prentice & Grace Robertson
P7a	Abby Colley & Conor Monteith
P7b	Louis Meikle & Max Jaskiewicz



School Captains and Vice Captains

Primary 2-7 pupils participated in an election to nominate house captains and vice captains. The results are provided below

Fleming	
Captains	Fergus Watson & Jenny Craig
Vice Captains	Millie Greene & Abbie Prentice
Colville	
Captains	Iona Simpson & Tom Child
Vice Captains	Emma Thomson & Issac Cullen
Gladstone	
Captains	Olivia Godfrey & Jamie McConkey
Vice Captains	Euan McLeod & Ryan Whitefield



Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO)

Brett Cosh and Fergus McShane have been selected to be the Junior Road Safety Officers for this session. The children will work with Mrs Lawson on a regular basis to update the road safety notice board and organise events across the school.

Staffing update

Nursery teacher	Mrs Lavery, area support teacher will be covering in the nursery on a Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Marker will be our nursery teacher on a Wednesday and Thursday.
Nursery Team leader	Unfortunately no one applied for this post and it has now been re-advertised externally with a closing date of 2/9. Mr Gibson will cover Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Sharp will cover Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
P1 teacher	Teaching positions have been advertised across Clydesdale. Mrs Pilpel will continue in P1 on a Mon, Tue and Wed. Mrs Shilliday will cover a Thursday and Friday.



Nursery News -September 2016



It has been a delight to welcome our new children to the nursery. They have settled in well and are slowly (but surely) becoming familiar with nursery routines.

Induction questionnaires

Induction questionnaires were distributed to our new parents to seek feedback on how they found starting nursery for their child and their own experience. Feedback is very important as we continually strive to improve our service and so far the feedback has been very positive. Please return all questionnaires to the Nursery Team by Friday 9th September.

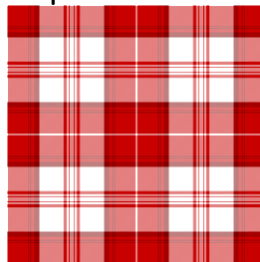
Green Button

Please do not allow your child to press the green exit button for the nursery. This should only be operated by an adult.

Biggar Little Festival

Our focus for the next couple of weeks will be our art work for Biggar Little Festival. The theme is the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design.

We will focus on tartan and Dolly the sheep.



Nursery Parent/Carer Consultative Committee

The nursery parent/carer consultative group was formed in 2013. The aim of the group is to build and sustain partnership working between nursery and its parents/carers. Furthermore through partnership working we hope to improve nursery experiences for all of our children and their families now and in the future. A letter of invite to join the group will be distributed this week to be returned by 9th September.

Snack contributions

Thank you for all the snack contributions that have been paid so far. Snack payment is mandatory in all South Lanarkshire Nurseries at £2.50 per week. Snack payment books will be available for parents and carers to complete on a Monday. Staff will issue everyone with a receipt at the end of the nursery session for the amount paid.

Indoor shoes

Please remember to help your child change into indoor shoes on arrival at nursery.



Feedback Parent information evening/meet the teacher



- How valuable did you find the presentation on improvement plan priorities for session 16-17?

- How valuable did you find the Meet the Teacher session?

- In your opinion how could we improve this information evening?

Child's Name _____

Stage _____