

# Biggar Primary and Nursery Class



# This is Biggar Primary School!

Believe, Prepare, Succeed!

Respect, Honesty, Fairness,  
Kindness, Ambition, Determination

## November 2016

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#### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

P6 sewing club after school

#### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

P5 swimming  
P5 music  
P2 games club after school

#### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

P3 to Little Mitchell Wood  
P2 to library  
P6 sewing club after school

#### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

P5 swimming  
P5 music  
P2 games club after school  
Flu vaccinations

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

P5 swim safe lesson

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

P5 benchball & P7 netball @ BHS

#### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

P2/3 to library  
P6 sewing club after school  
BMBT course, 6-7pm for parents in school.  
See main body of newsletter

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

P5 Music

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

P4 class assembly @ 9.15  
Spotty Dress Down Day for Children in  
Need. Donations please.

#### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**IN SERVICE DAY-School closed to  
pupils**

#### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

P3 to library  
Clydesdale Dance, Lanark Memorial

### P5 Assembly

Primary 5 performed their class assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October to the whole school, family and friends. The assembly Theme was 'Imagine a world without maths.' We learned about famous mathematicians and the messages about the relevance of numeracy and maths exemplified how Biggar Primary works towards encouraging pupils to be aware of this curricular area in skills for learning, life and work.

Well done to Mrs McQuoney and Primary 5.

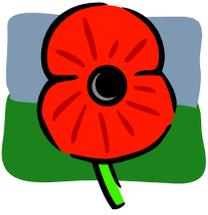


### Parental consu

We had a great only  
10 children not pupils.  
Thank you to everyone for their continued support and for completing the consultation regarding the design of our new website.

### Hallowe'en Disco

Thank you to the Parent Council for organising the disco on Friday night.  
The children were dressed in a wide range of costumes and all had a great time playing games and dancing.  
Many thanks are also expressed to Nathan Tennant for being a superb DJ for the evening and to Kieran from Arcadia Music and Corry Brownrigg for lending us their disco lights.



## Remembrance

Poppies are on sale in school. The school will commemorate Remembrance Day by delivering a special assembly.

## Reading Challenge

Mrs Campbell's Bookworms( a group of volunteers who are passionate about reading) have been working on ideas for The First Minister's Reading Challenge and have come up with a list! They will have an official launch later this month and although the challenge was originally aimed at pupils in P4-7 the Bookworms feel that we should include pupils in the whole school.



## Road Safety Calendar Competition

At Biggar Primary and Nursery Class there is a continual need to raise the profile of road safety education. Annually all stages take part in an authority competition to design a calendar. This year Olivia Godfrey secured a second prize in the P7 category where the theme was about 'Cycling safely to school'.

## Committees

Due to our staffing shortage our committees did not operate last term, but with new arrangements they should now be able to meet on a rotational basis during assemblies.

### Pupilship

The Pupilship committee would like to invite everyone to go spotty for Children in Need on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Donations for this dress down day will go to the BBC appeal. Further spotty activities are planned for the day and details will follow.

### Health

The Health committee are delighted to announce that they have been awarded a Silver School Sport Award for 16-17 in recognition of the school's dedication to place sport at the heart of planning, practice and ethos. The committee are now working on an action plan to achieve gold.

### Fairtrade

The Fairtrade committee have their first meeting planned with members of the community on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November to create an action plan to work towards our town gaining Fairtrade status.

### Eco

The Eco committee are working on revamping our recycling station and are linking this to the delivery of all our new bins at home!

## Rotakids

In partnership with our local Rotary Club we have just set up a RotaKids Club. Our Captains and Vice captains have formed the committee for this club and are already planning projects which will have a positive impact on our community.

## Rotary Quiz

Mrs Cutler and Miss Dowie have been working with P7 to select a team to represent Biggar Primary School in the Annual Rotary Quiz. The Quiz will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November in Coulter Village Hall and our representatives will be Anna Venerus, Josh Davis-Edwards, Conor Monteith and Jamie McConkey.



## Better Movers, Better Thinkers

Enclosed with this newsletter is an information leaflet about a Better Movers, Better Thinkers workshop we will be hosting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 6-7pm. Please complete the tear off slip and return to school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November if you are interested.

### **P4's Marvellous Cake Sale**

Well done to P4 for organising their bake sale to raise money for Roald Dahl's Mavellous Children's Charity. They raised £111.

### **School Diaries**

It is our aim to encourage parental engagement in your child's learning and with this in mind we would like to remind you of ways to do this and the pages where you can find this information.

- Discuss with your child 'What I am learning this term'. p 32 & 33 of diary
- Set a health target with your child for this term p6 & 7 for P1-4 and p8 & 9 for P4-7
- Discuss your child's learning with them each week and encourage them to complete 'This week I learned' which is at the bottom of every week.

### **Staffing Update**

South Lanarkshire Council have again posted adverts for teaching staff for our nursery and Primary 1b and we can only remain optimistic that our posts will be filled following this recruitment exercise.

Mrs Brown's post as team leader also remains vacant.

Mrs Campbell will be class committed for 3 days per week as a consequence of our lack of staffing.

### **Parent Council AGM**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Council AGM on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

I am pleased to report that Biggar Primary Parent Council representatives are now as follows;

Chair- Paula Harrison	Vice chair- Flora Neville	
Secretary/Clerk- Karen Lawrie	Treasurer- Kate Allister	
Fundraising lead	Hayley Tennant	
Nursery	Kelleen Greene	
Primary 1a	Emma Gardiner	Stephanie Hill
Primary 1b	Kirsty Barr	
Primary 2	Emma Stewart	Anne O'Neill
Primary 2/3	Flora Neville	Susan Ward
Primary 3	Hayley Tennant	
Primary 4	Shirley Graham	Karen Lawrie
Primary 5	Roslyn Thomson	
Primary 6	Paula Harrison	
Primary 7a	Fiona Child	
Primary 7b	Kate Allister	
Community representatives	Daphne Chad	
School representatives	Heather Graham	Lorraine Campbell

The next parent council meeting will be Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the school.

### **Message from Biggar After School Club**

As of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October we have moved to St Mary's Hall on North Back Road. We have a bigger, brighter, warmer hall that is closer to the Park for outdoor play. All of the contact details remain the same, you can text a booking on 07535 839354 or email us at [biggarafterschoolclub@gmail.com](mailto:biggarafterschoolclub@gmail.com). We collect from inside the school and safely take the children to the Hall at 3pm. Running from 3-5pm with £5 for the first hour or £8 for the two hours, the children have a great time with a packed programme of activities and fun. We've had a great time making Halloween crafts and will be getting arty for Bonfire Night. Why not drop by to see us or look at our Facebook page for more information about what we get up to 'Biggar After School Club'.



# Nursery News -November 2016



Mrs Campbell, Depute, has the nursery as part of her remit and if you have any issues please do not hesitate to ask to talk to her.

## Parental Consultations

Parental consultations are scheduled as follows;

Green group-22<sup>nd</sup> November

Red group-28<sup>th</sup> November

Blue group-29<sup>th</sup> November

If you would like to have an appointment for a consultation with your child's key worker please approach the staff and they will advise you of available times.

## Outdoor Play Area Consultation

We would like to involve all parents and children in the process to design our outdoor play area.

To achieve this we would like you to discuss with your child what

- things they would like to be able to do in the outside
- areas they would like to create

Following your discussion we would like you to record your joint ideas on the sheet distributed at nursery today and return it to the nursery by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

## Parent Consultative Committee

The nursery parent consultative committee met for the first time on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October. It was a very busy agenda with lots of things to discuss! Minutes will be posted in the foyer.



## Sainsbury's

The staff and children would like to thank the staff of Sainsbury's who visited to help make scary donuts.

## Dare we say the word ?????

It is getting closer to that time of year again.....Christmas!!! The staff are beginning to make plans for the festive season. Each year we ask the parents and carers of Biggar Primary Nursery Class to donate various items for our Hampers. There is one hamper for AM and one for PM. The hampers will then be raffled at the School Christmas Fair. If you would like to donate an item to the hamper then please add you name next to the item of your choice on the Christmas Hamper sign up sheet which will be situated on the white board within the welcome area very soon. There will be a box in the welcome area for you to drop your item into.

