

Biggar Primary and Nursery Class



This is Biggar Primary School!

Believe, Prepare, Succeed!

Respect, Honesty, Fairness,
Kindness, Ambition, Determination

May 2017

Monday 1st
HOLIDAY

Tuesday 2nd
Parental Consultations, 6-8.30

Wednesday 3rd
Parental Consultations, 3.30-6.00

Thursday 4th
INSET DAY

Monday 8th
P5 Book Club
Childsmile-Nursery, P1 & P2

Tuesday 9th
P7 Cycling

Thursday 11th
P5 Cycling
P4 Music

Monday 15th
P5 Book Club

Tuesday 16th
P7 Cycling

Thursday 18th
P5 Cycling test
P4 Music

Monday 22nd
Parent Council, 7pm
P5 Book Club

Tuesday 23rd
P7 Cycling

Friday 26th & Monday 29th – Holiday

Tuesday 30th
P7 Visit to BHS

Wednesday 31st
P7 Visits to BHS
P1 Induction (PM)

Parental Consultations

Parental Consultations will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 2nd May from 6.00-8.30 and Wednesday 3rd May from 3.30-6.00. We hope that the allocated time slot of approximately 10 minutes will be sufficient to discuss your child's learning with the class teacher, but if for any reason you require additional time please organise a further appointment.

Either before or after your appointment with the class teacher you are most welcome to visit your child's class to have a look at their work.

During both evenings we would invite you to participate in a few bits and pieces we have arranged round about the school.

Book Fair- The book fair will be located on the top floor to enable you to have a browse at the books.

Photo Consultation- In order to prepare for the school photographer next session we would like to survey parents to gauge the views on whether to organise the school photos to have a traditional back drop or for them to have the new style back drop as per the photos this session. Please ensure your views are recorded for this consultation.

School website

Following a range of technical issues we are now delighted to announce that our new school website is live. Please access it by using www.biggar-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Huge thanks to Mrs Bartholomew and Mrs Featherstone for all their help and guidance throughout the process of building our site.

Young Voices for Wise Tales

This term has seen us engage in another intergenerational project but this time with Womankind Clydesdale, Greenhills Carehome and Libberton and Wiston Primaries.

The children who volunteered have been working in teams along with a resident from the care home to produce an original art piece to interpret the stories which the resident has chosen to share with the group.

The art work that is produced will be displayed in the community in the near future. Further details to follow.

Co-op Local Fund

I am delighted to announce that our grant application has been chosen for this round of the local Co-op Community Fund. Our bid focussed on how we love to entertain our parent forum and wider community by presenting assemblies and concerts etc... but that we did not have the proper equipment to enhance these productions such as radio microphones so we would like to raise money to fund this sort of equipment.

The funding for our cause will come from Co-op Members. The Co-op will give 1% of everything that members spend on Co-op branded products and services to a local cause they choose and you'll be able to choose us from 9th April to 7th October.

The more members that choose our cause the more money we'll get for our goal.

Please

- Become a Co-op member, if you are not already
- Select our cause by signing into your online account at www.coop.co.uk/membership

Primary 6 & 7 Residential trip to Scarborough,

Mrs McLelland, Mrs Cutler and Miss Dowie are looking forward to this residential along with Mrs Chad, Mrs Houston and Miss Ellwood. I'm sure everyone will have a fantastic time. There will be a Twitter feed live on the website to keep up to date with trip news.

Sexual Health and Relationships

Between now and the end of the session all classes will be covering identified aspects of sexual health and relationships. If you would like to view the content of the programme please make contact with the school and an appointment will be arranged.

Global Citizenship

A former pupil, Eilidh Fraser, visited us at assembly this week to launch our annual 'Join Up' campaign and to give a personal perspective on global citizenship. Eilidh recalls our work on rights and responsibilities and global citizenship from when she attended Biggar Primary. She vividly remembers participating in this annual campaign and has very clear memories gained from our school partnership at the time with Gelai Bomba in Tanzania.

Eilidh gave a general presentation on this years 'Join Up' campaign and explained to the children that they will have to create eye-catching paper jigsaw piece schools symbolising that there is a missing piece in the global education puzzle - the money to pay for good quality schooling.

Evidence from this campaign will be sent to the Prime Minister in order to remind governments of their promise that all primary children should have access to an education by 2030.

Eilidh also went on to explain that she is going to work in South Africa for a charity for a year. We hope to be able to keep in touch with Eilidh during her year away and use this as a basis for some global citizenship work.

Parent Council

The next parent council meeting will be on Monday 22nd May.

Reminders

Please remember :

- To label all items of school uniform and regularly check that the items your child brings home belongs to them
- That we are a nut free school

Biggar After School Club News

Biggar After School Club are running Monday to Thursday 3-5pm until the end of the school term. We hope to run Monday to Friday after the summer, but this will be funding and demand dependent. Remember that we take children from P1-S2. We are fundraising at the moment to keep the club running as all the changes have been costly. If you'd like to make a donation see our page on justgiving.com. Please keep your eye on our facebook page for news. To book please email us at biggarafterschoolclub@gmail.com or text 07535839354.

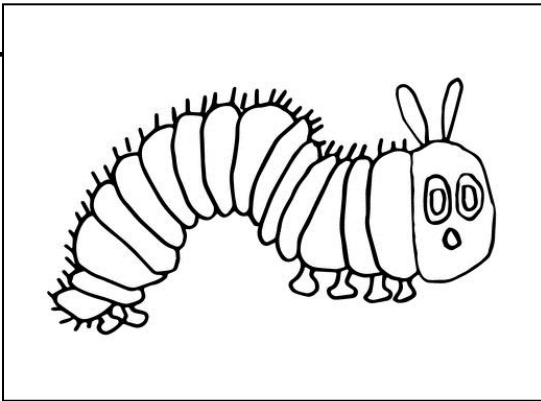


Fluoride Varnish

Childsmile will be visiting the nursery on Monday 8th May to apply the fluoride varnish for those children whose parents have given consent.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Our new learning context is based on the above book. We have now taken delivery of our live caterpillars and each child now has their own to look at and study as it continues to grow. The caterpillars will continue to get bigger, then change into chrysalises before finally emerging as Painted Lady butterflies. The whole process will take about four weeks. The children will learn to care for their caterpillar and have the opportunity in due course to take it home for ONE night if they wish. No special care required at home - no direct sunlight, no shaking of tub and don't let your child take the lid off the tub or turn it upside down and all will be well! Honestly!



Nursery Parent/Carer Consultative Committee

The next meeting of the nursery consultative committee is scheduled for Thursday 8th June at 2pm. Please come along and join us.

Nursery Reports and parental consultations

Nursery reports will be issued on Friday 5th May. Staff will be available on the following dates should you wish to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress this session. Please remember staff can be flexible to accommodate your work patterns etc.

- * Green group Monday 15th May
- * Blue group Tuesday 16th May
- * Red group Wednesday 17th May

Nursery Graduation and Treat Day

Advance Notice

The nursery treat day has been arranged for the afternoon of Monday 26th June. It involves all of the children. The Song and Dance Factory will be entertaining the children for two hours.

The nursery graduation will then take place at around 3.30pm. Parents are invited to come and join us at that time.

Further details to follow nearer the time. However if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask any member of staff.

Easter Eggs

A very big thank you to Sainsbury's for donating 50 Easter eggs to the nursery. The children sent a letter of thank you to the Easter Bunny who is based in the store! We very much appreciate their generosity.

Story Sack Reminder

Story sacks will be issued for the last time this session on Friday 19th May. They should be returned by 30th May at the latest please.