

Biggar Primary and Nursery Class



This is Biggar Primary School!

Believe, Prepare, Succeed!

Respect, Honesty, Fairness,
Kindness, Ambition, Determination

September 2017

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Tuesday 5th
Rugby P4-7

Wednesday 6th
Swimming P5
Author visit P4-7, Lari Don

Thursday 7th
Music-P5

Monday 11th
Football after school club,P3

Tuesday 12th
Rugby P4-7

Wednesday 13th
Swimming P5

Thursday 14th
Music-P5

Friday 15th
Football Festival, P7's

Monday 18th
Football after school club,P3

Tuesday 19th
Bikeability-P7's
P1 Gazette Photo

Wednesday 20th
Swimming-P5

Thursday 21st
Punctuation show-pm

Friday 22nd & Monday 25th
HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 26th
Bikeability-P7's

Wednesday 27th
Nursery and school photos
P5 Swimming

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 this year is linked to an improvement plan priority to raise awareness of Developing the Young Workforce and therefore the art work will focus on different occupations. It is then our intention to share this information digitally with other schools in the learning community. 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 have met 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.

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FESTIVAL**

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, Miss Stonebanks and Miss Hicks. This committee will have a monthly meeting on a Monday afternoon.

Nursery	Lyla Talbot & Harrison Hebbes
P1	Archie Boyd & Finnian Pollock
P2	Charlotte Godfrey & Laughlan Dempster
P3	Nathan Roberts & Rocco McCarty
P3/4	Freya Laurie & Blake Millar
P4	Abi Milner & Ava Godfrey
P5	Joanna Dale & Rachel Dunn
P6	Elwyn Purves & Stewart Morgan
P6/7	Archie Allister & Fin Hope
P7	Ellie Houston & Aleesha McIntyre



Health Committee

The Health Committee has been formed. Mrs McCaffery chairs this group along with Miss Fraser and Mrs Donald. 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.

Nursery	Leon McAlpine & Freya Thomas
P1	Ashley Tse & Evie Russell
P2	Harrison Sutton & Rico Noble
P3	Jess Pratt & Elouise Hannah
P3/4	Lola Woodall-Novak & Caitlin Littlejohn
P4	Ruth Maxfield & Lucy Preston
P5	Eilidh Callan & Abbie McGarrell
P6	Molly Ward & Ellie Featherstone
P6/7	Amy Child & Rowan Barron
P7	Josh Service & Suraya Stinson



Pupilship

Each class has selected two representatives to form a Pupilship committee. The representatives have a responsibility to consult with their class. They will lead the school in work to improve the school and issues that children raise. The pupil council will meet monthly with Mrs McLelland, Miss Cromie and Mrs Bryson on a Monday afternoon.

Nursery	Lukas Whatley & Francesca Miranda
P1	Emma Preston & Jake Swan
P2	Innes Paton & Finlay Scott
P3	Edmund Neville & Ashton Millar
P3/4	Erin McIlvaney & Iona Imlach
P4	Corrie Brownrigg & Mitchell Taylor
P5	Sophie Inglis & Corry Brotherstone
P6	Sophie Leech & Eva Rhodes
P6/7	Emma Logan & Robert McNally
P7	Fraser Campbell & Mia Barrington



Fairtrade

The Fairtrade Committee has been formed. Miss Dowie chairs this group along with Miss Galloway. This committee will have a monthly meeting on a Monday afternoon and will be responsible for taking forward Fairtrade within school and across our community as we work towards Fairtrade Town status.

Nursery	Amelia Littlejohn & Logan Jones
P1	Cameron Miller & Eva Morton
P2	Anya Lyon & Harris Scott
P3	Katie Roberts & Imogen Scott
P3/4	Edmund Wigram & Conor Smalls
P4	Harris Watson & Lewis Jamieson
P5	Samantha Pratt & Ewan Morgan
P6	Charles Barron & Matthew Shannon
P6/7	Skye Cullen & Grace Bartholomew
P7	Fergus McShane & Florrie Galbraith



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	Alexander Smillie & Mhairi Spence
Vice Captains	Jessica Prentice & Grace Robertson
Colville	
Captains	Molly Tolson & Ashley Court
Vice Captains	Mitchell Hamilton & Kira Davidson
Gladstone	
Captains	Ander Harrison & Mhairi Spence
Vice Captains	Jessica Prentice & Grace Robertson



The Captains and Vice Captains will form the Rotakids committee which works in partnership with the Rotarians in our local club. They will further develop the intergenerational link established with the Bield by the committee last year and look at new ideas.

Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO)

Mrs Harper will work with Ross McIntyre and Caitlin Whitefield on a regular basis to update the road safety notice board and organise events across the school.



I have been approached by a few concerned parents who have experienced playground as a result of children being on their bikes and scooters. Please ensure your child does not cycle or scoot in the playground. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Improvement Plan SMT Meeting on Thursday 31st 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 1	13/ 24 children represented	Primary 5	6/32 children represented
Primary 2	12/28 children represented	Primary 6	11/28 children represented
Primary 3	9/27 children represented	Primary 6/7	9/22 children represented
Primary 3/4	9/24 children represented	Primary 7	3/21 children represented
Primary 4	12/32 children represented	Total	84/238 children represented

Improvement Plan 17/18

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 along with our Standards and Qualities report.

- Raise attainment in numeracy
- Raise attainment in literacy with a particular focus on writing
- Developing the Young Workforce

Maintenance

- Languages 1 +2 (phased implementation of French officially into P5 and language 2-German through IDL into P6, P6/7 and P7)
- School playground/outdoor learning (£10,000 Awards for All grant)
- Health and Wellbeing- Growth Mindsets and Language of Learning
- Tracking, monitoring and analysis of data over time (including profiling, target setting, benchmarks, achievement of a level, SNSA, SLC tracking tool)

Emergency Text System

On Monday 11th September we will test our text messaging service which will be used in the event of any emergency closures. Please note that the text will only be received by the main emergency contact.

If you do not receive the test text please contact the office immediately with your emergency contact details.

Chaplaincy Team

The chaplaincy team at Biggar Primary and 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 Thursday 21st December and Wednesday 28th 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.

Our annual assembly programme will be published on the school website.

Many thanks are expressed to the church for paying another annual subscription for us to Fischy music. We use this resource at assemblies and the children love the songs.