



Newsletter

March 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

Newsletter

Thank you so much to everyone who returned the yellow slips regarding communication of school information - the children certainly responded well to the promise of house points! Thank you to those of you who have provided us with an up to date email address. We plan to send as much information and newsletters by email as possible to save on printing costs but there will inevitably be some correspondence which will need to be in paper format. We would appreciate if you could confirm you would like to be notified of BLOG updates once you receive the email. We are aware that the BLOG/website is experiencing difficulties but look forward to eradicating these when our new website is up and running in the future.



Ward Bid

As most of you will be aware, the Parent Council put in a bid for ward cash to renew our website. Michael, Daisy, Eve and Sarah from Primary 7 made a super presentation to councillors and members of the community in Drumnadrochit on Saturday 18th February. This resulted in them being awarded money to renew the website and receive training for staff and pupils to be able to use it properly. Well done to the fabulous four and thanks go to the Parent Council for completing the application form. Thanks also to all our supporters who turned up and voted on the day.

Trim Track

Thank goodness the rain stayed away on Friday afternoon for our grand opening. It was great to see so many people there celebrating with us. I think the children were particularly excited to see Mr Morrison and I was so glad he was able to come. The Trim Track is a great success so far and is an extremely busy part of the playground.

Please could all children wear welly boots or other suitable boots so they can go on the field as it is very muddy. Please can children also take a spare set of clothes in their bag so they have something to change into if need be.



Basketball League

Congratulations to our U12 boys and girls teams who recently competed in the Highland Primary Schools League. The Girls Team came second and the Boys Team came third in the League Tables, more information can be found on their website, <http://highlandprimaryschoolsleague.leaguerepublic.com/>



A huge thank you goes to Adam and Laura, the coaches, and also to the parents who transported the children to and from Millburn Academy on several occasions. Without all of their support it would have been difficult to give the children this wonderful opportunity.

We would also like to wish Laura every success in her new post..... Laura has coached Basketball in Beauly for the past 4 years, dedicating her time every week and supporting our teams at the Basketball Leagues. We are going to miss Laura in Beauly and on behalf of everyone we would like to say a **BIG, HUGE THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK.**

Fair Trade Café - Friday 3rd March

Please come along to the school hall on Friday between 1.30pm and 3.00pm and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate and support the Eco Warriors at the same time. Everyone welcome so bring your neighbours and relations! The more the merrier. **Thank you very much to everyone for the donations of chocolate, teas and coffee. We are still looking for donations of fruit - if you are able to please could you drop this off at the office on Friday morning.**



Beauly Cross Country - Tuesday 7th March

Tuesday 7th March is our annual Beauly Cross Country Championships. Children from P4 to P7 will be taking part in the races. The races will start at 11am and medals and trophies will be presented shortly afterwards. We are in desperate need of helpers on the day so if you are available please could you contact the school office as soon as possible so we can go ahead with this event. We need lots of marshals so this can run smoothly. We are still awaiting some of the trophies being returned so if you have some silverware from last year please can these be returned to school as soon as possible.

The children are also hoping to use part of the Cnoc woods during their Tuesday training session but we need volunteers for this to happen too. If you are available between 12.30 and 1.00pm on a Tuesday to help - even if it just occasionally - we would be absolutely delighted as this would give the children a more challenging run with hills and rough terrain. If you think you can help please contact the school office and let us know.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 14th March from 3.30 - 5.30pm (with crèche facility available) and Thursday 16th March from 5.00 - 7.00pm. Appointments will be issued shortly.



McRobert Cup Cross Country Wednesday 22nd March

The McRobert Cup Cross Country takes place. Our Cross Country training sessions take place at Bught Park on Wednesday 22nd March. Further information will be issued shortly.

£ Red Nose Day - Friday 24th March

Children will be involved in a variety of activities for Red Nose Day around the school. The children will be working in House Groups for this and house points will be awarded for each activity. Children should take in a donation on the day and wear something red.

Red noses will also be available to purchase for £1 each from Monday 20th March 2017.



**DRESS
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£ Dress Down Day - Friday 31st March

Our next Dress Down Day will be on Friday 31st March 2017. The donation to the school fund (generally £1) makes a huge difference over the course of the year and supports a wide range of special opportunities for children in the school. This might include subsidised class trips, visiting performers or the occasional special treat. Thank you all for your support with this initiative.

Parent Council Meeting- Monday 3rd April

The next Parent Council Meeting is planned for Monday 3rd April at 7pm in the wooden hut.

Spring Assemblies - Wednesday 5th April

P1-3 will be having a Spring Assembly at 1.30pm on Wednesday 5th April in the school hall, followed by P4-7 at 2.15pm. We would like to invite parents and carers to join us at these assemblies so please come and join us if you can.



Beauly's Got Talent - Friday 5th May

Beauly's Got Talent will be taking place on Friday 5th May in the Phipps Hall. Auditions will be taking place during weeks commencing the 28th March and 3rd April during lunch times. Please sign up if you would like to audition before it is too late. Primary Seven pupils will be taking responsibility for organizing this event.



Severe Weather Arrangements/School Closure

Guidelines for travelling to school during adverse weather have now been shared and are always available on the school website. Please keep this information for use during the winter months. The phone number for the telephone messaging service is 0800 564 2272, and the school pin is 041530. This service will be given the highest priority in the event of a closure, followed by other methods of communication e.g. Radio Broadcast and School Blog.

Reminder to All Parents/Carers

Pupil Absences

Please contact the school office before 9.30am if your child will not be attending school for any reason, unless prior contact has been made.

Parent Contact Details

Please keep us updated with any changes of address, telephone numbers (home and work), mobile numbers and emergency contact details.

Pupil Medicines

Please ensure that you inform us of any medication your child is taking or any conditions affecting your child's wellbeing, providing medication where applicable. Please help us to be prepared for any eventuality; all information will be treated confidentially.

Head Lice Advice

Head lice are often a problem within schools and the wider community. Regularly practicing 'wet combing' with a suitable comb is advisable for parents of children throughout their school years. If head lice are detected, Pharmacists are able to advise on the management of a head louse infection. We would also be grateful if you would contact the school if you find your child has head lice. Children should be returned to school once they have been treated. Head Lice 'alert letters' are against Highland Council policy as most schools will have a few pupils with head lice at any one time. Also, in the past these letters have led to parents attempting preventative treatment which does not work and over-use of treatment may also lead to resistance.

SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISING

Rag Bag

All the following items are accepted:

Clothing, All Fashions, All Ages, Paired Shoes, Handbags & Belts. All items should be wearable, dry and clean and wrapped in a plastic bag as the bin is not totally watertight and any wet clothing cannot be collected.

To date this has raised a massive £2,203.50

Easyfundraising

As the title suggests it is easy to sign up and raise money for Beauly Primary School. Simply log on to www.easyfundraising.org.uk select support a good cause, search BPS, select and support us now, follow the online instructions and happy shopping. There is also a link to this on the school website.

To date this has raised £972.15

**Your valued and continued support with all our fundraising initiatives really does
Make a difference to every child in the school. Thank you!**

School Calendar 2017-2018

School Closes after School on:	School opens for pupils on:
Wednesday 5 th April 2017	Monday 24 th April 2017
Friday 30 th June 2017	Tuesday 15 th August 2017
Friday 6 th October 2017	Monday 23 rd October 2017
Friday 22 nd December 2017	Monday 8 th January 2018
Wednesday 28 th March 2018	Monday 16 th April 2018
Friday 29 th June 2018	Tuesday 14 th August 2018

Extra Closure Days

Monday 1 st May 2017	May Day Holiday
Thursday 4 th May 2017	Inset Day - Staff only
Tuesday 15 th August 2017	Inset Day - Staff only
Thursday 21 st September 2017	Inset Day—Staff only
Friday 22 nd September 2017	Inset Day—Staff only
Monday 19 th February 2018	Weekend Break
Tuesday 20 st February 2018	Weekend Break
Wednesday 21 st February 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 7 th May 2018	May Day Holiday
Monday 4 th June 2018	Inset Day - Staff only