



Beckford Primary School November Newsletter 2017



Acting Head Teacher: Mrs L. Hogg

NOVEMBER 2017

Friday 10th November

- Primary 2 assembly – 9.30 am. Parents/Carers welcome

Monday 21st November

- Inservice Day – School closed to pupils

Friday 24th November

- Rag bags collection – bags will be sent home for old clothes that can be recycled. Shoes can be sent in but must be paired together by an elastic band.

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Friday 1st December

- Christmas Fayre 9.30 – 11.30 – more details to follow

Monday 11th December

- Choir at Sainsburys 10 – 11 am.

Thursday 14th December

- Christmas Show Primary 1-7 – more information to follow 9.30 am show and 1.30 pm show.

Friday 15th December

- Christmas Lunch – more details to follow

Thursday 21st December

- Christmas Service 10 am – all parents/carers welcome.

Friday 22nd December

- School closes at 2.30pm.

Head Teacher Update

Our school, as always, is a very busy place. The children are engaging in many activities not only in the classroom but through extra-curricular experiences including dance for the Primary 2 and 3 children, fun fitness for Primary 4 & 5, chess for Primary 6 and Netball and Football for Primary 6 & 7. Remember to follow us on Twitter for regular updates about these opportunities.

Not only are we working collegiately with other partners to continue to improve the learning experiences of our children but also as a school have made a commitment to supporting the development of new practitioners. You will see a few new faces around the school over the next few weeks and months as we are currently supporting BA and PGCE student teachers from the University of the West of Scotland and the University of Strathclyde. They have all been very enthusiastic and have found our children to be very respectful, polite and eager to learn.

Keep up the good work everyone! Mrs Hogg

Poppy Scotland Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in school from today until Friday 10th November. Children in Primary 6 will bring the poppies around the classes this week to allow the children to purchase a poppy for a small donation should they wish to do so.



Your Voice as Parents Counts – Family Learning

An invitation by South Lanarkshire Council is extended to all Parents/Carers/Families to attend an exciting event taking place in the Banqueting Hall, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on **Thursday 16th November 2017**. The evening will begin with teas/coffees being available from 6.30 pm with the event beginning at 6.45pm.

The event aims to bring parents together to talk about family learning, hear about good practice and about how you can support your children's learning – and have a wee blether about what matters to you!!

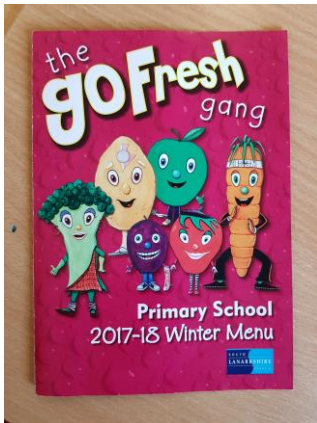
If you would like to attend, please email parents@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

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Winter Menu

The new Winter Menu began last Monday. A copy of this menu will be sent through the app and uploaded to the school website for your information.

Please note that the snack tray is now a combo meal where the children are given 3 different items on their tray. Please discuss these options with your children to ensure that they like what is on offer. Thank you for your support with this matter.

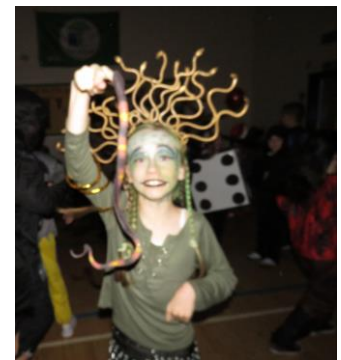
Primary 7 Harvest Assembly and MacMillan Coffee Morning

I would like to congratulate our Primary 7's on their Harvest Assembly showcase in October which highlighted the need to support and take care of others, and to be thankful for all that we have. The children raised an impressive £456 for MacMillan through the coffee morning, dress down event and selling raffle tickets. They also collected 114.80 kg of non-perishable food items for the Hamilton District Foodbank. The children would like to thank everyone who supported this cause.



Halloween Disco

The Halloween Disco was a huge success on Thursday 26th October. As always the costumes were fabulous - we certainly have very creative families in our school. Well done to Abigail Newlands in Primary 1 and Emily Moore in Primary 7 who received prizes for their costumes on the night. Thank you to all parents and the Parent Council who organised and supported the event.



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Primary 1 Story Sacks

We aim to provide a literacy rich environment for our children and promote reading for enjoyment right from the start of Primary 1. Part of this work includes reading for enjoyment with our families too.

A huge well done goes to all of our children and family members in Primary 1 who completed our Story Sacks afterschool programme. Through our SAC funding we have been able to purchase new story sacks this year and the children (and adults!) seemed to really enjoy using them! The children engaged with lots of different activities related to the books they were reading including making gingerbread people and scare crows.



Thanks to Colin, Ms Linda and Ms Bradley for supporting this initiative.

Improving Air Quality - Engine Idling Campaign

We have been asked to inform parents about a campaign the Council is running to help improve air quality. Children are more vulnerable to air pollution because they breathe 50% more air per pound of body weight than adults. Engine idling occurs outside schools, leisure and cultural centres when children are dropped off and picked up and this coincides with the time children are often concentrated in these areas.

To help spread the 'no engine idling' message officers from South Lanarkshire Council will be visiting schools. They will speak to drivers who have switched off their engines and reward them with a car freshener. We hope this will remind drivers in future not to leave their engines running whilst stopped. If a driver has forgotten to switch off their engine our officers will speak to the driver and explain why this is important.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 01698 455373 or via Bronah.Byrne@southlanarkshire.gcsx.gov.uk



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Recognising Pupil Achievements

I am pleased to say that Primary 5 and Primary 3 have been awarded the School Values Award over the last couple weeks.

Star of the Week

<u>Successful Learners</u>	<u>Effective Contributors</u>	<u>Confident Individuals</u>	<u>Responsible Citizens</u>
Lewis Smith P1 Nicole Clements P3 Aadam Ibn Altaf P6 Waleed Salkini P5 Yasmin Winning P7 Riley Findlay P1 Cooper Currie P4 Rebecca O'Rourke P2 Kiera Donnelly P3 Daryl Brogan P4 Joe Colville P6	Aaron Docherty P4 Tjay Wilson P7 Eric Leesment P1 Olivia Hunter P2 Jamie Mohan P3 Leyla Unay P5 Connor Kerr P7 Emily Etherson P1 Paige Robertson P5	Hanna Flicinska P4 Lucy Hardman P2	Scott Burrows P2 Ryan McAlonan P5 Owen Strang P3 Rachel Ramsey P6 Craig Cuthbertson P6 Shannon Murphy P7

Playground Award

Primary 1	Eva Hanley, Zac Allison, Maria Erdem, Abigail Newlands
Primary 2	Charlie Alexander, Noah Clements, Sophie Strain, Maxime Fjodorovs
Primary 3	Grace Cooper, Hailey Kaiser, John Paul Rooney, Jayden Ward
Primary 4	Sara Asami, Ellie McLeod, Jack Moore, Gabriella Winning
Primary 5	Denny Burston, Eva McAlonan, Connor Dolan, Erin Timoney
Primary 6	Craig Cuthbertson, Rachael McLeod, Kyle Bell, Joe Colville
Primary 7	Kara Brown, Luke McAlonan, Logan Beecroft, Sophie Duffy

Celebrating Success in and out of school - Achievement Assembly

Please note our next achievement assembly will be Friday 17th of November. If your child has an achievement from outwith school that they would like to share at assembly, e.g. has taken part in a swimming, dancing, community club (Brownies, Scouts etc), event/assessment/competition, that they would like to share could they please let their teacher know on Thursday 16th that they would like to do so.

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