

November 2021

Friday 26th November

- Dress down for £1 – please note that in place of the £1 we would ask that the children bring in a £1 sweet/chocolate bag for the Christmas Fair

December 2021

Friday 3rd December

- Christmas Fair for pupils only

Monday 6th December

- Flu vaccinations catch up for pupils and staff in school

Friday 10th December

- Primary 2 Christmas Party

Monday 13th December

- Primary 1 Christmas Party

Tuesday 14th December

- Primary 4 Christmas Party

Wednesday 15th December

- Primary 3 Christmas Party

Thursday 16th December

- Christmas Lunch – more details to follow

Friday 17th December

- Primary 7 Christmas Party

Monday 20th December

- Primary 5 Christmas Party

Tuesday 21st December

- Primary 6 Christmas Party

Head Teacher Update

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through November and heading towards the fun that December brings! I have tried to include as much detail as I can with regards dates for December and will provide any other updates in the December Newsletter.

With regards the Christmas Parties each class have been allocated a day for their Christmas Party rather than joining with other classes. This again is part of our covid risk assessment planning. The children can come to school dressed in their party clothes should you wish, or they can go home at 12 pm on the day of their party to get changed.

Christmas jumpers can be worn throughout December, but we would particularly encourage them for the Christmas Fair and Christmas Lunch. We will have a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop, therefore if you have any Christmas Jumpers in good condition that you would like to donate to the school, you can from the week beginning the 22nd November.



At our assemblies this month we have been looking at how we can all be responsible citizens with a specific focus on making small changes to help the environment due to COP 26. We are in the process of creating a promise tree, where all children have made a pledge of something they are going to try and do to help the planet.

Our manner of the month for October is to remember to say 'SORRY!' when you make a mistake, or a wrong choice.

Kind regards, Mrs Hogg



Junior Road Safety Officers



Last week Grace and Leo the Dahl House Captains interviewed Primary 6 candidates for two new Leadership Roles within the school, which is the Junior Road Safety Officers. Their job will be to provide information to families and the children about Road Safety around our school and community. I am pleased to announce that Aimee and Lewis were successful. All candidates did very well during the application and interview process. We are very proud of you all. Good luck to Aimee and Lewis in your new role.

House System

House system is well and truly up and running. The children are trying very hard to earn points for their house. The points total at the week ending the 19th November was as follows:

HOUSE	POINTS TOTAL
WALLIAMS (RED)	1060
MURPURGO (GREEN)	1150
DAHL (BLUE)	1180
ROWLING (YELLOW)	1885

Dress Down in Blue Diabetes Nail It Day - Friday 12th November

A big thank you to everyone for their support for our Diabetes Dress Down Day. We raised £110 which is wonderful! Thank you to everyone for supporting this.



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After School Activities

Letters went out last week to all classes about after school groups beginning this week. These groups are curriculum based and are being funded by recovery funding from the Scottish Government. If your child did not get a place for this block, we will be running more activities in the January. The activities are as follows:

- Primary 1 & 2 Story Sacks
- Primary 3 & 4 Magic Media
- Primary 5 Healthy Cooking Club
- Primary 6 & 7 Transition Taster Class



Pupil Achievements

Star of the Week

<u>Successful Learners</u>	<u>Effective Contributors</u>	<u>Confident Individuals</u>	<u>Responsible Citizens</u>
Quinn P1 Joseph P1 Junior P4 Sophie P6 Kayden P1 Toby P2 Millie P5 Bradley P4 Isaac P3 Jayden M P7	Hailey P7 Grace P7 Olivia P6 Mason L P2 Tim P3 Abdul Wahhab P1 Keigan P4 Brogan P7 Lacey P2 Maria P5 Lucy P6	Olivia P2 Milana P3 Lewis P2 Harvey P3 James P4	Kimberly P5 Kai S P5 Jack P4 Lilly P3 Riley P5 Whole of Primary 6 Layla P7 Scott P6 Isla P1 Kwabena P1

Hot Chocolate Friday - Going Above and Beyond!



Primary 1	Sophie H, Sophie T, Darcey, Rhea, Lilah
Primary 2	Jack, Ruby, Brynn, Mason J, Amelia S
Primary 3	Isaac, Abdul Azeez, Junior, Freya, Cole
Primary 4	Jack, Amelia, Millie, Ava, Ryan
Primary 5	Aaliyah D, Alfie, Layna, Hope
Primary 6	Ariana, Robert Mc, Kayden, Scott, Cole
Primary 7	Jamie, Yasmine, Hailey, Nicole (HT Award), Leo, Kenzie (HT Award), Owen

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Covid-19 Update

As advised by Scottish Government on the week beginning the 18th October, measures that have been in place in schools since the beginning of term have to remain in place until the next review point in six weeks time.

A big thank you to everyone who has followed these rules, especially recognising the importance that if any of your children develop symptoms they have to isolate and be tested (PCR). Can I also please gently remind parents about wearing face masks around the school grounds (including at the gate) and maintaining at least 1 metre+ distance from each other. Covid is in the school community and it is all of our responsibilities to minimise risk to the children, staff and each other.

Please remember that if your child develops any of the symptoms below:

- a continuous cough
- fever/high temperature (37.8C or greater)
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

Where a new continuous cough is:

- a new cough that's lasted for an hour
- where the child has had 3 or more episodes of coughing in 24 hours
- are coughing more than usual

You should follow the steps below:

- If your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19 they must not attend school. They should stay at home, self-isolate and get tested for COVID-19. Find out more on NHS Inform.
- All other household members of your child (including yourself) must also stay at home and follow the latest guidance, which can be found on NHS Inform. In the event of a positive result, the Test and Protect service will contact you to provide tailored advice on what to do.
- Book a test at NHS Inform for your nearest COVID-19 test site. There are drive-through, walk-through, and mobile testing units across Scotland which are open from 8 am until 8 pm, 7 days a week. A full list of sites can be found at Gov.Scot. Or you can order a home PCR test kit online, or by calling 119. A test will then be delivered to your home. To return you can either drop the test at your nearest priority post box, or if you are unable to go out, you can also call 119 to book a courier collection from your home.

If your child has cold-like symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, they do not need to be tested and do not need to self-isolate.

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However, we would ask that parents assess whether their child is fit to return to school or needs time off to recover.

For general Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions and information:

<https://www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus/coronavirus-faq?page=0> Coronavirus (COVID-19):

School Information/Communication

As a school we encourage our children and families to talk to us, therefore if you have any worries or concerns about life in school, please do not hesitate to do so. Initially we would ask that parents contact the school by phone or to the office email. We need to minimise visitors to the school and therefore it would be helpful to try to address any concerns initially in these ways before a meeting is required.

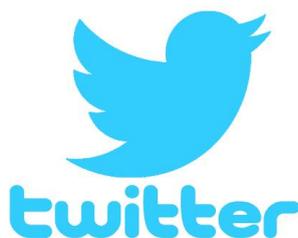
Website - www.beckford-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk.

Key documents including the school lunch menu, handbook and up to date newsletters are on our website.

Text Messages - From time to time we may send messages via a text message. Please note that we can only send this to one parent/carer on the emergency contact list. This is usually the first person named on the annual update check letter.



Twitter - Updates on activities and the learning and teaching experiences of our children are also placed through the school's Twitter Account.



Follow us at:

@beckfordps_slc

School App - School App - Our School App can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store or Google Play. If you have been signed out of the app during the summer, please input the details as below again.

Username: BPS
Pin: 4143



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Technology is a wonderful thing, but please remember our door is always open. If you need to speak to us, please do not hesitate to contact the school office (office@beckford-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk).

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