

Head Teacher: Mrs L. Hogg

September 2021

Thursday 23rd September

- Dress down for £1 day – school fundraiser

Friday 24th September

- Holiday – school closed



Monday 27th September

- Holiday – school closed



October 2021

Tuesday 5th October

- Parent Council AGM – Virtual Meeting through google meet 4.45 pm – 5.45 pm.

Friday 8th October

- School closes at 3pm for October Break.



Monday 18th October

- School reopens

Friday 29th October

- Dress down for £1 day – school fundraiser

We have had a busy few weeks in school since the beginning of term and everyone has settled very well into the routines of their new classes and the focus on learning and positive engagement in school is clearly on track.

I have had the pleasure of looking at all of the children's 'Daily Writing' jotters last week and it has been great to see how they are progressing positively already and taking on the challenges of the new year.

Teaching staff have begun the preparation of interim report cards which will be issued before the October Break. This will replace Parent Consultations as we are still prohibited from having parents in the school building.

This year we are introducing a new fundraising initiative for school funds. The children will have the opportunity to dress down for the day on the last Friday at the end of every month. We ask that everyone brings £1 to do so. As we are on holiday on the last Friday of September, the dress down day will be Thursday 23rd September.



Our manner of the month for September is 'Excuse Me' and I would encourage you all to talk to your children about using this when in school and the community. It would amaze you how many forget it on a regular basis!

Finally some lovely news from Mrs Gilfether. Baby Ayla was born on 8th September! Both Mrs Gilfether and Ayla are doing well. She is a wee beauty and we are all looking forward to meeting her. Congratulations again to Mr and Mrs Gilfether!



Kind regards, Mrs Hogg

Covid-19 Update

As advised by Scottish Government on the week beginning the 13th September, measures that have been in place in schools since the beginning of term have to remain in place until at least the October Break.

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 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):

Busy, Busy Bees at Beckford

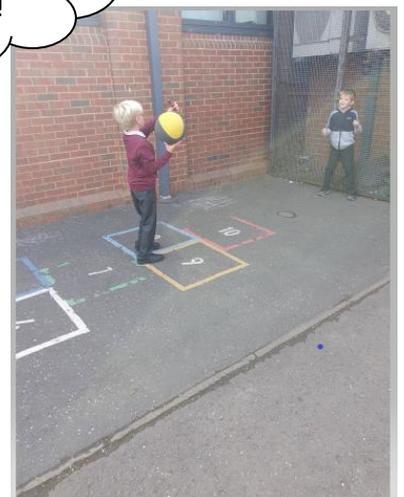
We thought it would be nice to share some photos of what our children have been doing in school since the start of term. If you follow us on Twitter you may have seen some of these already.



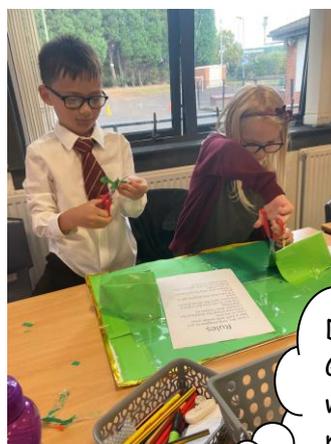
Fun in the playground!



Learning Outdoors!



Rugby in Primary 1-4.



Designing Games with magnets.



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Pupil Achievements

Star of the Week



| <u>Successful Learners</u> | <u>Effective Contributors</u> | <u>Confident Individuals</u> | <u>Responsible Citizens</u> |
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| Joseph P1 Kyle P1 Esme P2 Keira P7 Sophie P2 Isaac P3 Aiden P4 Kenzie P7 Leo P7 Jaiden P5 Robert Mc P6 Quinn P1 | Blake P1 Millie P4 Hope P5 Rachel P2 Jude P3 Ava P4 Ava P3 Colin P7 | All of Primary 1 All of Primary 6 Amilia P4 Rudvick P2 Robert C P6 | Brodie P3 Cole P6 Poppy P5 Eric P5 Ariana P6 Aisha P7 Junior P3 Aliyah C P5 Laurelle P1 Isaac P2 Alexander P4 |

**Hot Chocolate Friday -
Going Above and Beyond!**



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| Primary 1 | Ellie, Theo, Sophie H and Isla |
| Primary 2 | Peyton, Mason C, Oliva and Ruby |
| Primary 3 | Ava, Patrick, Cole, Harper, Harris and Junior (Invited by Mrs Hogg) |
| Primary 4 | Dexter, Olivia, Kourtney and Isla |
| Primary 5 | Chelsy, Malachi, Gordon and Hope |
| Primary 6 | Rebecca, Amy C, Noah and Kayden |
| Primary 7 | Brogan, Colin, Scotty, Jayden, Yasmine (Invited by Mrs Hogg) and Grace (Invited by Mrs Hogg). |

Please remember to celebrate your children's achievements in and out of school. If your child achieves something at clubs or activities within the community, please let us know!

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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.

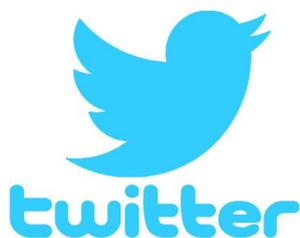
Website - www.beckford-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk.

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



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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