



Beckford Primary School October Newsletter 2021

Head Teacher: Mrs L. Hogg



October 2021

Monday 25th October

- Flu vaccinations for pupils and staff in school

Friday 29th October

- Dress down for £1 day – school fundraiser -crazy hair or Halloween design your own crown theme. More information will be sent via the app.

November 2021

Tuesday 2nd November

- Parent Council Meeting 4.30 pm via Microsoft Teams joining code to follow

Monday 15th November

- School closed to pupils for staff inset day.



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

Head Teacher Update

It was lovely to welcome back all of our children on Monday after our October Break. The weather has certainly changed greatly during the month of October and is beginning to become quite cold. It is great to see that as the weather changes that the children are dressing appropriately with warm jackets, hats and gloves. Can I ask that any items of clothing including hats, scarfs and gloves are labelled please. This helps to avoid any upset or confusion over items within the classroom.



You may have noticed that Mr McCann has been absent recently and unfortunately he is still feeling unwell. While Mr McCann is absent Miss Reilly will take over the role as Acting Principal Teacher. Mrs Lafferty has been in Primary 1 teaching on the days that Miss Reilly is out of class. If you require to speak to the school about any concerns or matters you can request to speak to either myself or Miss Reilly. We wish Mr McCann a speedy recovery.

Miss Bradley has also not been in school over the last few weeks and has now started her maternity leave. We will update news on the new arrival when the baby arrives.

Our manner of the month for October is 'Thank you!' and again I would encourage you all to talk to your children about using this when in school and the community.

Kind regards, Mrs Hogg



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School House System

We are pleased to announce that the House Captains have been selected from Primary 7 following the Primary 7 Leadership Application Process last term. They are as follows:



- Kiera is the Walliams (Red) House Captain.
- Scotty and Yasmine are the Murpurgo (Green) House Captains.
- Leo and Grace are the Dahl (Blue) House Captains.
- Aisha is the Rowling (Yellow) House Captain.

There have been some changes to the House System which the children are aware of. The main change being the organisation of the houses. The House System is arranged based on the first initials of the children's surnames. To ensure there is around the same number of children in each house we have had to make changes. The organisation is as follows:

HOUSE	SURNAME BEGINS WITH...
WALLIAMS (RED)	A B C
MURPURGO (GREEN)	D E F M N
DAHL (BLUE)	G H I J K L O
ROWLING (YELLOW)	P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Primary 7 Leadership Roles

Primary 7 also had the opportunity to apply for other leadership roles within the school. They are as follows:

Football buddies - Jayden W, Nicholas, Jayden M, Nicole and Brogan

Health and Wellbeing buddies - Aaron and John-Paul

Maths Buddies - Ellie and Colin

Literacy Buddies - Hailey and Kenzie

Digital Leader - Akira

Pupil Voice Groups

At our final assembly last term, our Pupil Council and Sports Council representatives were named and given their Council Badges. We look forward to hearing all of your good ideas!

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Our representatives are as follows:

Pupil Council - Ameira (P1), Amelia S and Braydon (P2), Ava and Brodie (P3), Ryan and Isla (P4), Tyler and Layna (P5), Rebecca and Lucy (P6) and Owen (P7).

Sports Council - Joseph (P1), Eva and Mason L (P2), Ruby and Cole (P3), James and Keigan (P4), Jaiden and Kai (P5), Robert C and Olivia (P6) and Aiden and Aighleigh (P7).

Pupil Achievements

Star of the Week

<u>Successful Learners</u>	<u>Effective Contributors</u>	<u>Confident Individuals</u>	<u>Responsible Citizens</u>
Emily P1 Bella P3 Aimee P6 Braydon P2 Kayden P6	Amelia P2 Layna P5 Patrick P3 Nicole P7	Daniel P1 Tyler P5	James Li P4 Akira P7 Ryan P4

Hot Chocolate Friday - Going Above and Beyond!



Primary 1	Kwabena, Abdul Wahhab
Primary 2	Lacey, Braydon
Primary 3	Holly, Kyle, Harley (Invited by Mrs Hogg), Holly (Invited by Mrs Hogg)
Primary 4	Alexander, Georgia
Primary 5	Emma, James
Primary 6	Lewis, Sophie
Primary 7	Ellie, Jamie

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

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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.

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?age=0> Coronavirus (COVID-19):

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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.

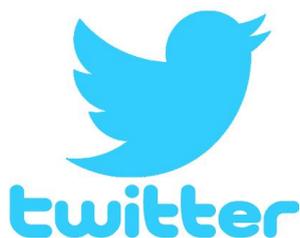
Website - www.beckford-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk.

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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