



Beckford Primary Newsletter February 2016



Welcome

Thankfully we are over the January blues and ready for another busy month ahead in school. The weather has been challenging but most of our children have managed to get into school each and every day. We appreciate getting to school in inclement weather can be difficult, however it is important that children do attend school every day to maximise their learning potential. Once the weather picks up we are delighted to say that we will be able to push ahead with enhancing our playground areas as we have been successful in our bids for two awards, yes two! We have secured £4825 from Awards for All and £4858 from HSBC Banking. How lucky are we!!! We will keep you up to date with our plans over the coming months. Best wishes, Jacqueline Wallace, Head Teacher.

Star Pupil Awards - January

Confident Individuals	Responsible Citizens	Effective Contributors	Successful Learners
Aisha Hussain P1 Nathan McInall P2 Kayla Downie P3 Aadam Ibn Altaf P4 Emma Bookless P5 Jai Robertson P6 Primary 6 ☺ Andrew Murphy P7 Primary 7 ☺	Kaden Docherty Cunningham P1 Eva McAlonan P3 Hallie Stevenson P5	Owen Strang P1 Grace Cooper P1 Mitchel Scott P2 Craig Milne P3 Aaliya McKee P4 Lucy Graham P7	Aaron Docherty P2 Gabriella Winning P2 Leyla Unay P3 David Thomson P4 Olivia Stewart P4 David Buchanan P5 Tjay Wilson P5 Nathan Mackie P6 Dylan Irvine P6 Owen Grenfell P7

School Values Award

Well done to Primary 1, 3, 6 who were all winners of our Values Award this month!

Parent Council Friends of Beckford

It's Bake Off time again! The now annual Beckford Bake Off will be on Wednesday 17 February at 3.00pm. Watch out for a flyer coming soon with all the details, meanwhile, get those ideas flowing!

The next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday 1 March @ 6.00pm here in Beckford Primary. Please come along and join in, we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

Religious & Moral Education (RME)

Religious and Moral Education is taught as part of the Scottish Curriculum in all schools. The following areas are studied as part of the RME programme:

- Christianity
- World religions
- Development of beliefs and values

This work is supported by a number of organisations including, West Church, Scripture Union as well as whole school events and services. Should you wish to discuss any area of our RME programme further, or wish your child not to participate in any of these lessons, please contact me directly.

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Caring

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Ethos & Life of the School Scottish Week



What a wonderful week we had in school for Scottish Week. The children worked in 'clans' on Monday and Tuesday afternoon, which gave them the opportunity to work with children from all classes in the school, and other members of staff. The children named their own clan and made a shield to represent the clan, along with all other kinds of activities. Clan names included: Clan Beckford Bairns, Clan Hamilton, Clan Bruce, Clan Highland Flingers, and my particular favourite, Clan Wallace! ☺ The clans worked together on Scottish dancing, Highland Games, making Cranachan and lots more. On Thursday we had our Scottish Celebration, organised by Primary 7. This was a superb afternoon and the confidence and enthusiasm the children from all of the classes displayed was quite something. We are so proud of each and every one of them. Some of our boys and girls also performed their Scottish verse at the Hamilton Accies Burns' Supper evening. Once again they were a credit to the school and had the audience singing and laughing along with them. The audience commented on how much hard work the children had put into their performance. Well done to Lee Jack P5, Macey Gray P6 and Abigail Lennox, Kaida Campbell and Owen Grenfell from P7.



Reminder-Mobile Phones

We have noticed an increase in the number of children bringing their mobile phones into school. PLEASE REMEMBER THESE SHOULD ONLY BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL FOR ESSENTIAL USE ONLY, AND MUST BE HANDED IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR THE DAY.

Reminder-Dogs in playground

If any dogs are brought into the playground please remember that they must be kept on a lead, and any dog fouling must be removed from school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dates for Your Diaries

INSET	Friday 5 February-school closed to pupils
HOLIDAY	Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 February
Scripture Union visit to P4	Wednesday 10 February
Universal Connections start with P7	Wednesday 10 February
Rookie Rockstars Workshops to all classes	Monday 15-Wednesday 17 February
Beckford Bake Off	Wednesday 17 February @ 3.00pm
Chess Tournament	Thursday 18 February
P7 Living to Learn Day	Monday 22 February, 9.30-12.15pm
Madarin visit to all classes	Wednesday 24 February
Scripture Union visit to P5	Thursday 25 February
ROOKIE ROCKSTARS PERFORMANCE	Thursday 25 February @ 7.00pm in Holy Cross-
more details to come!	
Science Week	Monday 29 February-Friday 4 March
OPEN AFTERNOON	Thursday 3 March @ 1.30pm-all welcome

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