



Beckford Primary Newsletter March 2016



Welcome

It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of another school term already! The children have had a very exciting last few weeks working with the Rookie Rockstars, and their enthusiasm and commitment throughout all of the process was exemplary. As always, life has been busy and the children have had a great start to this week with a Science Quiz with Mrs Currie, to help us launch our school science week. We hope you will come along to our Science Open afternoon on Thursday 3 March, from 1.30-2.45pm to join in with the fun. We always appreciate parental support and we are delighted that so many parents attend school events. If you are able to give a little time to the school to help out in classes or at any events, please let us know. Best wishes, Jacqueline Wallace, Head Teacher

Star Pupil Awards - February

Confident Individuals	Responsible Citizens	Effective Contributors	Successful Learners
Ryan Etherson P2 Lewis Hunter P3 Ruban Linton P4 Daniel Scott P4 Abdur-Rehman Ibn-Altah P6	Nicole Clements P1 Scotty Findlay P1 Jessica Hamilton P2 Kenneth Robertson P5 Rhianne Hannaway P6 Jack Hannah P6 Lewis Kyle P7	Matthew Carson P1 Kayla Russell P2	Emily Docherty P3 Darren Alexander P3 Jenna Quinn P4 Calum Inglis P5 Robbie Thomson P5 Lori Gilluley P7 Jack McGauchie P7

School Values Award-All classes, for their outstanding work with Rookie Rockstars! ☺

Friends of Beckford Parent Council News

We recently held our now famous, 'Beckford Bake Off' with the help of our Parent Council. This event was a great success, and as always the children's efforts were outstanding. The judges had a very difficult job to do as the standard of entries was so high. The only disappointment of the day, was when all of the delicious cakes went back home again after a whole day's temptation for us all!

The winners on the day were:

P1-3 Matthew Carson and Ryan McAlonan

P4-7 Zahar Burlakov

Congratulations!



As part of the event, the children had the opportunity to put their artistic talents to even further use, and draw their ideas for a fantastic cake design. **The winning cake design was created by Charlotte Lamb P6. Well done everyone for all of your entries and ideas! ☺**

THE NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 1 MARCH @ 6.00PM

Playground Charter

As a follow on from our work last year to promote our school Vision, Values and Aims, we have now worked with the pupils to produce our Playground Charter.

The Pupil Council asked the children in their class what they thought was important in the playground. Each class now has a copy of this up on display and I have attached a copy of the new charter to the newsletter for you.

To help promote our charter we have also introduced a new weekly award for our **Playground Star of the Week**. Support Staff choose this award and our first winners were:

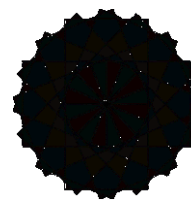
P1 Owen Strang
P2 Jayden Gallagher
P3 Lloyd White
P4 David Eresaba
P5 David Buchanan
P6 Jack Hannah
P7 Owen Grenfell

Well done boys and girls!

Ethos and Life of the School

As you will be aware, we have been exceptionally lucky in securing not only one grant but two for our school! ☺ Some of the monies will be used for a whole school art project, aptly named, Beckford's Art Extravaganza-Bringing Art to the Community!

We are delighted to have secured the help of a local artist who will come into school to work with all of the pupils in each class. They will have the opportunity to design and make glass tiles which will form a whole school art piece at the front entrance hall. We hope to open up this opportunity to parents and carers also, so please look out for information coming home soon about this.



Pupils will also be involved in the creation of several murals out in the playground and at the sandpit area. What an exciting and colourful school we are going to have, we can't wait for all of the work to begin!

Mandarin

As part of our 1 plus 2 work in languages, the children are having weekly Mandarin lessons from a visiting specialist from Hamilton Grammar. The lessons will last for 6 weeks, please encourage your children to share some of their new language skills at home.

Dates for Your Diaries

Science Week-workshops to all classes	w/b 29February
Parent Council	Tuesday 1 March @ 6.00pm
P7 Artsnet Presentation	Tuesday 1/Wednesday 2 March, 7.30pm Townhouse
SCIENCE OPEN AFTERNOON	Thursday 3 March, 1.30-2.45pm-all welcome ☺
P3 Maths workshop	Wednesday 9 March
P4 Maths workshop	Thursday 10 March
P1 Assembly	Friday 11 March @ 1.30pm-P1 parents/carers welcome
Lepra fundraising workout day	Monday 14 March
P2 to Science Centre	Friday 18 March
Parent Council Pyjamas and Movie Afternoon	Wednesday 23 March, 3.00-4.00pm
Easter Service	Thursday 24 March @ 9.30am, all welcome
HOLIDAY	FRIDAY 25 AND MONDAY 28 MARCH
Parents' Night	Thursday 31 March, 3.30-8.30pm
P3 Assembly	Friday 1 April @ 1.30pm-P3 parents/carers welcome
HOLIDAY	MONDAY 4 APRIL-FRIDAY 15 APRIL

