



BALMUILDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Feb/ March 2025



Dear Parent and Carers,

As we approach the mid-way point of the term, I thought it would be useful to give you an update of the life and work of the school.

Outdoor Learning

We have relaunched our outdoor learning sessions for all classes. We are very fortunate that we have a wide range of equipment which means all classes from Primary 1 to Primary 7 will participate in a session once a fortnight. Already children have been using their cooperation and creativity skills to design and solve problems, and even more importantly having lots of fun, as you can see in the pictures.



East Dunbartonshire Art exhibition

Our Primary 7 children entered an art competition organised by the friends of Thomas Muir. I am delighted to say that two of our P7 pupils were finalists, Aria and Isla. We are very proud of their achievements. Their art work was displayed in Thomas Muir Coffee Shop and is now displayed in Kirkintilloch Town Hall. Well done!

P3 Assembly

On Friday 31st of January, Primary 3 led us in celebrating Chinese New Year. They shared their learning with the whole school and their families. It was lovely to see so many of our children confidently talk about their learning. It was a very entertaining and informative morning and we were delighted that so many of the P3 families could join us. Thanks to our PTA members who provided tea and coffee for the event. We are looking forward to P6 and P5 sharing their learning at their assemblies before the end of this term.

Bulb competition

Our P1 and P2 learners were invited to take part in the East Dunbartonshire annual bulb competition. This year the entries were fantastic and were proudly displayed in our foyer. The winning entries selected by EDC were:

1st Prize Leo P2b
2nd Prize Liam P1b
3rd Prize Abigail P2a
Well done!



Mrs Thomson also had lots of help from P4 pupils to help her grow the remainder of the bulbs. A fantastic display of Pink & White Hyacinths.

World Book Day Celebrations

Our Reading Committee have been busy planning lots of exciting activities to celebrate World Book day on Thursday 6th March. The committee have been gathering ideas from every class across the school on how our pupils would like to celebrate the event. Once plans and activities are finalised they will let all our families know about the exciting things happening in school during the course of World Book Day week. Happy Reading!

Celebrating with

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Reading
Schools

Parents Evening

There will be another opportunity for a 1-1 parental appointment with your child's class teacher on Thursday 13th of March (3.30pm- 8pm). As before, appointments should be booked through our online booking system. Information on how to do this will be issued shortly. During the evening there will also be an opportunity for you to visit your child's class and see examples of their work.

Parent Council AGM

Our annual Parent Council AGM was held on Tuesday on 21st January 2025. Our Chairperson, Mrs MacLeod, provided a detailed report as to the work of the Parent Council over the last year and new office bearers were elected.

I would like to take this opportunity thank Mrs MacLeod, Mrs Fowler and Mrs O'Neill for all their effort and support as office bearers within the Parent Council. A special thanks must go to Mrs O'Neill who has been our clerk for 12 years and will now pass this role on to another member. Thank you for your dedication and support.

The new office bearers for the Parent Council are as follows:

- Chairpersons (Joint) - Mr Kelly, Mrs MacLeod
- Vice-Chairperson - Mrs Fowler
- Clerk - Mrs Heaney

Thank you to our new office bearers for volunteering to support the Parent Council and the wider parent forum of Balmuildy Primary School.

Keeping Healthy

Unfortunately, although we are starting to see a little more daylight and getting that well needed bit of fresh air, there are still many colds and bugs going about. Please ensure that if your child has any sort of tummy bug that they remain off school for 48 hours. This will help to reduce the spread. We would also ask that you be vigilant in the matter of headlice. **"Once a week take a peek"** emphasises the importance of **everyone** checking **every** week. Further information can be found on www.onceaweektakeapeek.com. Finally, please encourage your child to bring their water bottle to school each day which they can refill throughout the day.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards

Charlotte Grogan
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary:

January 2025

17 th February	School Closed - February Holiday
18 th February	School Closed - February Holiday
19 th February	School Closed- In-service Day
21 st February	P6 Assembly
3 rd March	Parent Meeting for Ardmay Residential
5 th March	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm Turnbull High School
6 th March	P6 Swimming Lessons start
7 th March	World Book Day
10 th March	PTA Meeting 6.30pm Turnbull High School
13 th March	1-1 Parent Appointments (3.30pm- 8pm)
25 th March	Class Photographs
3 rd April	PTA Easter Disco
4 th April	P5 Assembly
4 th April	School closes at 2.30pm for the Easter Holidays
22 nd April	School reopens for all children.
22 nd April	P7 Residential trip to Ardmay
28 th April	PTA meeting 6.30pm Turnbull High School
29 th April	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm Turnbull High School
5 th May	School Closed May Holiday
6 th May	School Closed In-service day
10 th May	PTA Spring Fayre