



## BALMUILDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - January 2026



Dear Parent and Carers,

Happy New Year, I hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas. It was great to see everyone back this week and hearing all about their time off during the holiday period.

### **P7 Transition**

Primary 7 transition is now well underway. Our pupils have already enjoyed a Christmas dance where they had the opportunity to meet pupils from other cluster schools and the Science department have delivered the first of a series of CSI lessons which our pupils really enjoyed. This term we will be going to Bishopbriggs Academy for a lesson within the Business department and attending a German concert arranged by the Modern Languages department. Catchment pupils will then be taking part in a treasure hunt to help familiarise themselves with the school layout. These are only a few of the fantastic opportunities our children will have as they prepare for the transition to secondary education.

### **Scots Poetry Event**

This year, as part of our Scottish focus in January, we are introducing a Scottish Poetry Recital Competition for all year groups. This will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Each year group will have 4 finalists who will perform at this competition in front of the whole school. If your child is selected as a finalist, we will be in touch on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to inform you as you are welcome to attend this event to watch and be part of our live voting audience. All children have an allocated Scottish poem to learn for homework, as always, we appreciate your support with practising this at home with your child/children.

### **Reading Schools Update**

Last term P3, P4 and P5 enjoyed their visit to Bishopbriggs library. They were read a story and had an opportunity to borrow books with their library card. This term all remaining classes will have an opportunity to visit Bishopbriggs library. All visits will take place on a Tuesday morning and you will be notified of the date your child will be attending in advance of their visit. If your child is not already a member of the library and would like to join please request a membership form from the school office. If you return your form in advance class teachers will take these along on the day.

Some P4 families have recently enjoyed taking part in our first 'Book and a Biscuit' after school reading club. This term, P5 and P6 families will have the opportunity to come along to 'Book and a Biscuit'. Look out for further information from the school office about dates and times. This

is a lovely opportunity for pupils and adults to bring along their own books and read together or enjoyed some shared reading.

### Bikeability

Primary 7 will participate in a 4-week Bikability programme commencing the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March. The programme supports pupils to develop confidence on their bikes and gain vital road safety and life skills. More information about bringing bikes to school will be provided closer to the time.

### Head Lice

Please remember to take the sensible precaution of regularly checking your child's hair for any sign of infection. Further information can be found on: [www.onceaweektakeapeek.com](http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com) or from your local pharmacist.

### Achievements

#### Primary 5

Well done to Primary 5 who sang beautifully in the Bishopbriggs Christmas Light Up event on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting this on such a cold and wet evening!

### P7 EDC Choir Event

This has always been a really popular event in P7. Unfortunately, we are restricted with numbers but eight pupils were lucky enough to have the opportunity to take part in the EDC Christmas Concert at the Royal Concert Hall. The pupils spent the day rehearsing and were then treated by the PTA to a lovely meal in a restaurant. The pupils had a fantastic day and I am sure the family members who attended the evening show will agree that our pupils were amazing.

### House Award

At the beginning of the academic year, we relaunched our House Reward System. All children are in a house and throughout the term, children earn points and certificates by demonstrating our Balmuildy School Values. We had an amazing amount of points earned. However, Fleming House gained the most points last term and enjoyed a movie on the last day of term.

We have started afresh this term and again we will again be issuing points to those children who are displaying the values of teamwork, kindness, honest, respect, equality and doing their best. Thank you to our House and Vice Captains for their hard work.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

*Charlotte Gregan*

Head Teacher



**Dates for your Diary for Session 25-26:**

**January**

5th School reopens  
14<sup>th</sup> P7 to Bishopbriggs Academy - Business lesson (PM)  
19<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting Turnbull High School 6.45pm - 8pm  
P7 at Bishopbriggs Academy - German Concert (AM)  
20<sup>th</sup> Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm - 8pm (AGM)  
23<sup>rd</sup> P5 Assembly 9.30am Parents Welcome  
27<sup>th</sup> Scottish Poetry Competition

**February**

6<sup>th</sup> PTA Back to the 90s Party  
13<sup>th</sup> P3 Assembly 9.30am Parents Welcome  
16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> School Closed (Mid Term holiday)  
18<sup>th</sup> In-service Day (School closed to pupils)  
24<sup>th</sup> P7 Residential Meeting (time to be confirmed)

**March**

3<sup>rd</sup> Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm - 8pm  
7<sup>th</sup> PTA KPOP Event  
12<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evening (3.30pm- 8pm)  
18<sup>th</sup> Class Photographs  
20<sup>th</sup> P4 Assembly 9.30am Parents Welcome

**April**

1<sup>st</sup> PTA Spring Disco  
2<sup>nd</sup> School closes at 2.30pm for Easter Holiday  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Holiday  
20<sup>th</sup> School reopens for all pupils and staff  
21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> P7 Residential to Ardmay

27<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting Turnbull High School 6.45pm - 8pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm - 8pm

May

4<sup>th</sup> May holiday school closed  
7<sup>th</sup> In-service Day school closed to pupils and staff  
22<sup>nd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> May Holiday school closed to pupils and staff  
26<sup>th</sup> Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm - 8pm  
27<sup>th</sup> P7 Team Building Morning at Bishopbriggs Academy  
28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> P7 Induction Days at Bishopbriggs Academy

June

11<sup>th</sup> PTA Summer Disco  
18<sup>th</sup> P7 Leavers Party  
23<sup>rd</sup> P7 Assembly  
25<sup>th</sup> School closes for Summer Holiday at 1pm