



## BALMULDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - April 2026



Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely break and were able to enjoy some time with family and friends. It is great to see everyone back and ready for the final term.

### Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Miss Woolard and Miss Hood, who were married over the Easter break. We hope they had a lovely day celebrating with family and friends and wish them all the best as they start their married life with their respective husbands. Congratulations to both couples.

### Pupil Council



Our Pupil Council visited the site office to see how the new build was developing. It was a great afternoon and the highlight was when Ian Crow, Project Manager, demonstrated a fly through on the big screen as to what the school would look like inside. We could see the classrooms, gym hall, nursery and much more. There were a lot of gasps as it looked amazing! We hope to share this fly through with the rest of the school shortly. All members of the Pupil Council received a notebook and a high-vis vest. The plan is we will use these

to gather questions from the other children and ask them at our next visit wearing our high-vis clothing. We can't wait, we have another visit planned in May.



### Big Walk and Wheel

Thank you to all of our children who participated in the Big Walk and Wheel event in March. We recorded 1429 active journeys over the two weeks, with 48% of our school travelling to school actively. We came 7<sup>th</sup> in East Dunbartonshire, which is a great achievement considering how many of our children come to school by bus! A huge well done to P4B who recorded the most active journeys. Thank you to all parents and carers who supported this, it was lovely to see children walking, cycling, scooting and even skating to school!

## Updated Policies

After consultation with staff, pupils and parents we have updated and created our Additional Support Needs Policy (ASN) and our Mobile Device Policy, both can be found on the school website. The ASN policy outlines the supports and processes that we follow when children require additional support and importantly how we work in partnership with parents and other agencies to support our learners. The Mobile Device Policy, has been updated in line with East Dunbartonshire policy and the recent survey undertaken by parents, staff and pupils across the Authority. Our policy ensures that children do not use personal mobile devices during learning or within the social times of the day.

## Parent Portal

As an Eco friendly school we are always looking at ways to do our bit to save the planet! We have made a lot of improvement and have reduced the amount of school bag drops by using email and SEESAW.

We currently have 74 % of our parents signed up to Parents Portal and would like to increase this in order to be able to use the facility to complete EV 3 , annual data check etc. Please find further information about Parents portal and how to sign up below. If you have any issues, please contact the office who would be happy to help

### **parentsportal.scot.**

This is an online portal designed to be a one-stop shop for a number of school-related activities and will create a new digital relationship between home and school. At the heart of the system is an online account created by the Scottish Government called [mygovscot myaccount](https://mygov.scot/myaccount).

This is a secure method of accessing [parentsportal.scot](https://parentsportal.scot) which will allow you to link to your child and carry out the following tasks using a single sign-on approach:

- Make online payments (cashless catering)
- Report an absence
- View pupils' attendance
- View pupils' timetable
- View trips and events
- View school holidays
- View school twitter feed
- Book appointments for Parents' Evenings
- Update contact details
- Receive notices from the school
- Apply for Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme (for 5-10 year olds)
- Complete the annual data check (that's when we check emergency contacts etc).

[Watch a short video for a useful guide to registering](#)

## Communication

Here at Balmuirdy Primary we strive to ensure there is an open-door policy for Parents and Carers. The Senior Leadership Team are often in the playground before and after the school day and can pass any information on to the office or class teachers that is required. If any Parent/Carers requires support or have any concerns, we would ask them in the first instance to contact their child's class teacher or relevant member of the SLT. Class teacher and SLT can often support by providing further information or signposting families to other relevant agencies.



Parents/Carers can contact their child's teacher or the Leadership Team by telephoning the school office on 0141 955 2276 or e-mailing the school office at [office@balmuirdy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk](mailto:office@balmuirdy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk). The school office is open to accept telephone calls Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 4.00pm. Due to teaching commitments and other demands on their time, members of staff and Senior Leaders are not always available to take a call or see you immediately. If this is the case, the office team member will pass on a message requesting a call back. The office staff will also forward emails to the relevant member of staff. You should receive a call or e-mail back within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holiday periods.

We thank you for your continued support.

## PVG

Thank you to all our parents who have started their PVG update and will be invaluable parent helpers for our school. We have processed the details and passed your information to EDC. They will then complete the PVG by sending you a link to complete. This can sometime take a bit of time so please don't worry. Just a reminder that after the summer, only parents who have a PVG for our school will be able to volunteer at school events and trips. If you would like more information on how to do this, please contact the school office.

## Red Nose Day



We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone for all your support during our fundraising campaign.

Comic Relief have benefited by a massive £630 and our school funds by a fantastic £175!

We are so delighted and cannot thank you enough! We so appreciate the time, effort and kindness of everyone who has helped us raise so much money. Every penny will make a difference.

THANK YOU!

Rights Respecting Committee and House Captains

## Your views

As part of our continuous journey of improvement, we are keen to gather your views about our school. We have already gathered views at our recent Parents Evening but we would like to gather individual responses. The questionnaire link is below and it should only take few minutes. We would really appreciate your feedback. Please complete 1 per child if you can.

[BALMULDY PARENT AND CARER SURVEY – Fill in form](#)

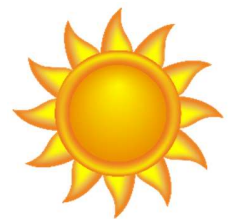
## Class trips



This term, each class usually plans a summer trip linked to the learning throughout the session. We are very lucky that our PTA will subsidise our trips and will pay the first £5 for each child. We are fully aware of the cost of the school day and we will not ask any Parent or Carer to pay any more than £10 per child for their trip. This means we are keeping the cost as low as possible for our families but still enjoying a much loved trip out of school. Teachers are arranging these at the moment and dates will be issued shortly. We want all of our children to enjoy these experiences so if you have any issues, please contact a member of the SLT and be assured this will be dealt confidently.

## Sun cream

As we move into spring and summer, we hope to see lots more sunshine, however lovely that is we must remember to protect ourselves against the sun. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing, hats and sun cream on. Children can bring sun cream in their bags to put on themselves but this should not be shared with any other child.



As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

*Charlotte Grogan*  
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary for Session 25-26:

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
<u>May</u>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	May holiday school closed
7 <sup>th</sup>	In-service Day school closed to pupils
22 <sup>rd</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 Information evening for P7 Parents at Bishopbriggs Academy 6pm- 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
<u>June</u>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Fayre at Allan Glens Rugby Club 10.30am - 1.30pm
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