



# Newsletter

## April 2013

Dear Parent / Carer

### Thank You

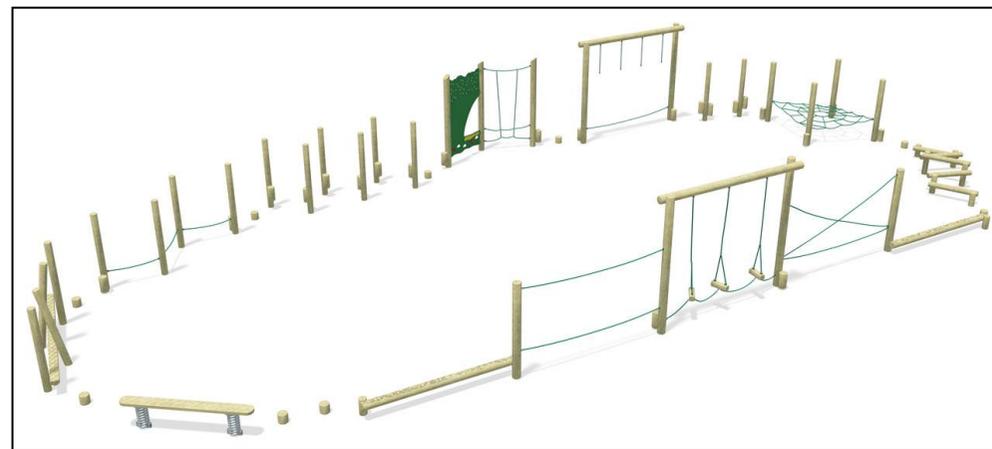
Everyone at Beauly Primary would like to extend a big THANK YOU to John Macritchie for arranging a tonne of sand for the school long jump sand pit for FREE. With the permission of Company Director, Angus Macleod, John who is Transport Manager with Bardon Aggregates provided the sand in the knowledge that it could be used for PE lessons in the coming months when the children are developing their athletics skills. Generosity like this from local companies help make every penny in the school go further, while also showing our pupils the strength of community spirit in Beauly.

Mr Morrison was delighted to welcome a surprise visitor into his office last month, particularly given the reason for the visit! Mr Cathel Macaskill, Customer Service Manager with Scotland Transerv popped in with a £150 cheque for the Beauly Primary School Fund. Following a donation of thirty six high visibility vests earlier in the year, Mr Macaskill wanted to make this contribution on behalf of Scotland Transerv before they stop working in the local area; being replaced by Bear Scotland. This money was gifted to Beauly Primary in recognition of all the community based initiatives that the pupils are working hard to develop. Well done everyone, keep it up!

### Trim Track Fundraising Gains Momentum...

A fundraising drive, prompted by Beauly Primary Pupils has taken some strides forward, mainly due to the generosity of the Beauly Community. Last year children across the school requested several developments; nets for the football goals, a P7 residential, more after-school activities, a cycle shelter and seating for the playground are all in place due to our pupil voice! One of the most popular requests was for a large piece of equipment to improve the playground, however this is expensive. Already donations have been steadily flowing into the school fund, with

this equipment as the target. Most recently this has seen £170 provided by Alisdair and Diane Ritchie, following their marriage and £500 gifted by the Beauly Gala Committee. The school also received £500 from the volunteers that run the New Years Day Family Ceilidh and £400 from the village Co-op. **Collectively this brings the total raised so far to £1570.** A big thank you to everyone that has supported this initiative so far, hopefully our collective efforts will allow the children to choose an exciting addition to the playground in the year ahead, an example of which you will find below:



### Pyjama Fun Run

Every child in Beauly Primary School and Nursery ran either one kilometer or one mile in their pyjamas to raise money for Comic Relief on our very special Red Nose Day. We have now received a phenomenal £3032.50 for this wonderful cause. Everyone had a great time while making a valuable contribution through their fundraising at the same time. Each and every child should be VERY proud of what they have done for people that need their help around the world!

To make this tally even better, the Beauly branch of Royal Bank of Scotland have agreed to match our funding, pound for pound! **As a result our fundraising total now sits at an unbelievable £6065!** Thanks must go to EVERYONE in the local community for sponsoring, cheering, encouraging and supporting this incredible



fundraising effort and of course to RBS Beaulieu. Special recognition must go to Beaulieu Primary's Fundraising Citizenship Group, which is run by Miss Macleod (P7 Job-share Teacher) for driving this idea forward with such success. What has been achieved by the children of Beaulieu Primary is simply incredible!

### **Comic Relief 'Thank You' Message**

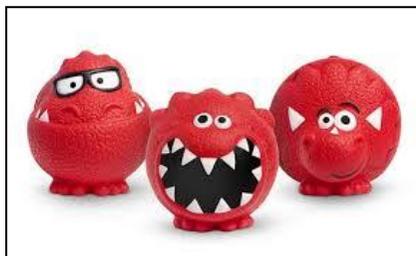
*Dear Beaulieu Primary School and Community  
Thank you for sending through the link to your website about your fundraising. I have read your blog and your school did some absolutely amazing fundraising for Red Nose Day, thank you so much!*

*It's great to see that you reached out into the local community and worked with local partners too. Were these existing relationships that the school held or did you build them on the basis of fundraising for Red Nose Day?*

*Please say thank you from us to all of the children, staff, parents and partners who took part, it really is a fabulous amount of money to have raised, and we appreciate it so much. The money that you have raised will help people who are living unimaginably tough lives both here in the UK and in Africa.*

*Thanks again,*

*Catherine Harrison, Fundraising Officer, Schools & Youth, Comic Relief*



### **Fizzy Pop Fairies**

P1/2 and P2/3 took part in a vibrant and engaging 'Fizzy Pop Fairies' Health and Wellbeing and Expressive Arts promoting performance and workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> March.



The Fizzy Pop Fairies was a light hearted story/show to encourage young minds to make healthier food and drink choices. By keeping the audience spellbound with rhyming storyline, colourful illustrations, mesmerising magic tricks, a sing along song and a whole host of fairy facts and fiction. In addition the children took part in a puppetry art workshop. The children enjoyed fun, unique and stimulating creative inputs through these experiences.

### **Maths Monday**

P1/2 invited our parents to join the line with us on Monday 11th March for a Maths Monday! We were delighted so many of our parents were able to come along. We started off by showing everyone the kinds of activities we do in our mental maths sessions and then moved on to some active maths activities. P1 impressed everyone with their addition and subtraction skills and P2 were working on tens and units and money. Mrs Williams was very proud of our excellent behaviour and super maths skills and we hope everyone that came along enjoyed it as much as we did.

### **Scottish Parliament Visit**

Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 enjoyed an excellent visit on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April from Mrs Linda Young, who was visiting from the Scottish Parliament. Mrs Young had a fantastic rapport with our pupils, who enjoyed lots of interactive activities, which made their learning fun.



### **Primary 5/6**

Primary 5/6 had a great time and learned lots about the Scottish Parliament at the same time! Below you will find some feedback from the children:

*Lara – I learned that there is a Scottish Parliament and a UK Parliament in Britain.*

*Leigh – We had a quiz about everything we had learned and got to use Power Vote Consoles to record our votes for the answer choices. It was fun!*

*Charlotte M – We had a Mini Election and we each had to vote on a ballot paper writing a X next to our choice of Party after having listened to the Leader's speech about their Manifesto. I enjoyed pretending to be a Party and trying to get people to vote for us.*

*Anna – We were split into groups and had to vote for our Party Leader. Everyone voted and I was chosen. I had to make a speech in front of the whole class telling them about what we stood for and our proposals in our Manifesto. I was quite nervous.*

*Alex – I learned that there are 129 MSPs representing us in the Scottish Parliament. That's lots of MPs!*

*Liam – The Scottish Parliament is in Edinburgh in the Holyrood area, and the UK Parliament is in London in an area known as Westminster.*

*Cameron – I now know that Tricia Marwick, the Presiding Officer, in the Scottish Parliament, uses a gravel hammer that she thumps down to help her keep order in the Parliament. Auctioneers and Judges also use gravel hammers.*

### **Primary 7**

On Tuesday the 16th of April Beaulieu Primary school got a visit from Mrs Young who came from the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. Some of P7 have some quotes to tell you about the visit.

*“I was taught important things about the Scottish Parliament and I found it very interesting.” (Cameron)*

*“I really liked how we got a power vote by using our individual voting controls. We got to pretend we were MSPs and we were voting just like they do in Holyrood.” (Jade)*

*“I liked the choosing controls that Mrs Young took down from the government. I learned a lot about the government and I enjoyed the experience.” (Ciara)*

*“I really liked being the leader of the ‘Save the Earth’ party. We had to think of a way to make the world more eco friendly. I had to read out our ideas to everyone else. It was really fun.” (Georgina)*

*“I thought it was very interesting and it was really good fun experiencing what it is like to be a MSP. We had to go in teams and think of an idea for our manifesto. I was the leader of the Music Group and my group won the election.” (Ellie)*

*“I was chosen to be the Presiding Officer of the class and I had to call up people and ask them to debate. It was fun to bang the gavel and shout ‘Order, order!’” (Robbie)*

### **School of Football**



We were recently joined by SFA Player and Coach Development Officer Callum MacDonald and Russell MacPhee, Principal Teacher of PE at Charleston Academy. They gave a talk on the School of Football initiative which supports educational goals through a programme of football.

Charleston Academy is home to the only SFA School of Football in the Highlands. Boys and girls in

S1 and S2 take part in daily football sessions which are geared towards developing their social and academic skills.

A SFA accredited coach delivers sessions which help to promote responsibility and determination as well as enhance skills such as communication and problem solving, all of which can be applied to classroom situations. Players are selected on a variety of factors and their participation on the programme is dependent upon attendance and academic performance. School of Football uses pupil's passion for football as the tool to motivate them and develop engagement in school life as a whole.

### **Shinty**

Well done to everyone associated with the Beaulieu P5 and Under First Shinty Team after their fabulous success at the recent Scottish Championships in Fort William. The team should be rightfully proud of this achievement and can lay claim to the title, **Scottish National Champions 2013!** Following a solid performance in the group stages, Beaulieu went on to win 1-0 against Kyles in the semi-final before being crowned as National Champions following their 2-0 victory against Park (Oban). CONGRATULATIONS!



## MacRobert Cup

The largest cross country event in the Highlands, the MacRobert Cup was attended by a record number of Beaully pupils who were amongst the 900 competitors from across the region. Some of our runners had high standards coming into the event following recent successes at the Kirkhill Cross Country. Notably all of the Beaully runners completed the one mile distance without stopping for a rest, which is a credit to the training and preparation that they had undertaken.

Each individual did well in their own right, however the P6/7 girls did particularly well and secured a third place in the team event. A big THANK YOU must be extended to Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Nair for all the hard work that they put into this lunchtime activity.



## Hockey

Massive congratulations go to the two Beaully Primary Teams for their success in the recently contested InveRoss Shield. Both teams did the school proud, particularly when considering that twenty four schools entered the two sections of this Highland tournament. Beaully A (shown in our first picture below) finished 10th and demonstrated some exciting and skillful play throughout. Craig shone through as a special talent and secured a coveted Player of the Tournament award for his efforts.



Beaully B can be seen proudly showing off their medals after an incredible run off games that secured the runner-up spot. The goals flew in, with Niamh, Ross, Callum and Cameron all on target. Robbie was our most prolific striker, scoring five goals in six games! However, everyone played their part in forming a group where teamwork, positivity and enthusiasm came together; making this a tough



team to beat. The tension mounted as everyone realised that the tournament would be decided in the final game. Beaully B needed a win to become tournament champions over last years winners, Crown Primary. In this tight battle, Beaully B took the lead and looked comfortable in the game. After several close shots, including some incredible goalkeeping from Crown A the opposition made a break and scored the equaliser with a well finished shot. Beaully B fought tirelessly but couldn't score the winning goal. Finishing in second spot just a single goal from victory the team were comforted in the knowledge that they did not loose their game against the eventual winners! Beaully B showed their true colours when they individually congratulated each member of the opposition after the game, acknowledging how well Crown A had played to secure the title.

A big THANK YOU must be extended to the Beaully cheerleaders! All the family and friends that came to watch made a real difference and a number of other schools commented on the high level of support that Beaully received. A special mention should also go to Miss Macleod and Jill Hardiment, who gave up their time to support and coach the teams. Jill is a senior Highland Ladies player and is keen to develop a close relationship with Beaully in the coming months.

## Karate Alba Championships 2013

We were delighted to hear from Dolina Ross that some of our pupils (and former pupils) competed at the Karate Alba Championships on Saturday, and that Kern Robertson won 1st Prize in the Girls Novice Kata.

Dolina reported that Kern's performance was exceptional for her level. She put out Charlotte MacWilliam in the quarter finals, but Charlotte's Kata was also excellent. We hear that they are both showing great potential for the future.

Kai Delonnette won 3rd place in the small boys fighting event. He won all his fights until he was eventually beaten by the winner of the entire event (who is a much higher grade than Kai).

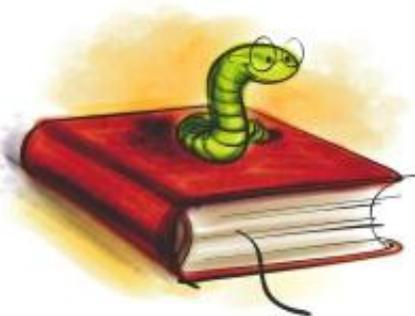
Alexander MacDonald beat a brown belt in the medium boys fighting, before being eliminated in the quarter finals.

Former Beaulieu pupils Liam Eaton, Hannah Eaton, Ben MacLellan and Paige Maclellan all competed and won medals.

A great event. All our pupils gave spirited performances and Dolina told us that she was very proud of them.

Congratulations to you all.

### World Book Day



Thanks to everyone for supporting our World Book Day Activities.

We would like to give a huge thanks to Jill Kent for the fantastic book sale. The choices were amazing! Super titles by fantastic authors! Everyone had fun using their FREE £1 book tokens and buying books. ***Jill is kindly donating 20% of the takings from the afternoon toward books for the school library. Thank you Jill!***

***(The value of this gift was an incredible £100!)***

A special mention should be given to all the pupils in the Citizenship Library Group for their help during the book sale. Particularly Matthew, Callum and Jade in Primary 7 for dealing with all the money and tokens so responsibly.

On the day the Library Group ran 5 book competitions for the pupils in the school. Jill Kent drew the winners out of a hat. ***Jill very generously supplied prizes and the winners were allowed to pick any book from her collection!***

The winners were:

Nursery Aiden

P1 and 2 James

P3 and 4 Ollie

P 5 and 6 Emily B

P7 Ellie

### Congratulations!

During the afternoon, Mums and Dads, Grans and Granddads joined us too with their purses and wallets at the ready!

Thanks everyone from the Library Group and Mrs MacKenzie, enjoy your books!

### Beaulieu Nursery Report Oral Health Educator

Ailsa, the Oral Health Educator has been reinforcing the message of using a dry toothbrush for brushing the children's teeth. The children should be encouraged to spit the toothpaste bubbles from their mouth into the sink instead of rinsing with water. Water should only be used to wash the toothbrush at the end of tooth brushing.

### Share A Session

Thank you to all parents who attended our Share A Session. Please remember that you will always be made welcome should you wish to spend time with us. If you have a talent, hobby you could share with us or would even like to read a story to the children, then please just speak to staff to make arrangements to come in. If you haven't yet managed to attend a session and would like to, let us know.

### Achievement Tree

We would like to encourage parents to share with us any achievements from home. It could be something as simple as tidying up, dressing themselves, learning to ride a bike, swimming etc. Staff would put an achievement leaf on the tree at the main door.

## Planning Overview & Snack Menu

The planning overviews for parents, nursery snack and primary menus will now be displayed on the school website. The planning overviews are in response to feedback from parents through questionnaires and the Parent Council, hard copies will be distributed.

## Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place at **7pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** in the school library. The Parent Council always welcomes new members and would be delighted if you could join them. This is a great opportunity to find out about the life and work of the school. As the Parent Council only meets once per term being a member is not an onerous task.

## Rag Bag Recycling Scheme

The school has recently been signed up to this fundraising initiative and we would like to thank Hazel Stewart, Parent Council Member, for all the work she has put in to researching this scheme on behalf of the school.

The 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools, clubs, nurseries and various organisations UK Wide. It increases awareness about textile recycling and by increasing recycling rates helps the environment by ensuring less material goes to landfill.

The scheme is completely free, and we will be paid 50 pence for every kilogram we recycle. We therefore ask for your help and would be grateful if you would consider passing on your unwanted items to the school. We are currently arranging our first collection which will take place on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. We will shortly be issuing pupils with plastic bags for this purpose; however, you are welcome to supplement these with ordinary black bags if you wish. The items will then be weighed and the school issued with a cheque in 7 days. Items accepted are as follows:

- All men's, ladies and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together)
- Handbags, bags, ties & belts
- Soft Toys
- Blankets
- Underwear to include socks, tights, pants and bras etc...
- Household textiles to include towels, bed linen, curtains etc...

## We cannot accept the following items:

- Duvets both synthetic and feathered
- Carpets
- Rugs
- Soiled or wet clothing

**Filled bags can be returned to school from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May until 9.00am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May.** We would like to thank you for your anticipated help with this fundraising initiative.

## Volunteers Required

Cherry Ambrose will shortly be offering an after school 'Art Lab' for pupils in P2/3 and P4/5. We are now looking for volunteers who would be able to assist with this extra-curricular opportunity. If you are able to help out for an hour after school please contact the school office for further information.



Help support community safety for children by volunteering at this year's **Safe Highlander event**

From the 8th to 18th May 2013 just under 2,000 Primary 7 pupils from schools in and around the Inverness area will be heading to the Cameron Barracks, Inverness, at different times over an eight-day period to take part in a community safety project aimed at making them Safe Highlanders.

Volunteers and qualified First Aiders are being sought to ensure the children are escorted safely around the event, which will take place from 8th to 17th May at Cameron Barracks in Inverness. Only volunteers/first aiders with a Disclosure may apply. Anyone wanting more details about volunteering to escort the children from set to set or to provide First Aid cover should call Maggie Young on (01463) 702 246, or email [Maggie.young2@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Maggie.young2@highland.gov.uk)

We value your opinions on the life and work of our school. Any feedback received will be used to evaluate our work and inform future developments for the school and its links with the wider community. Comments can be shared with the school directly in writing or alternatively please e-mail [beauly.primary@highland.gov.uk](mailto:beauly.primary@highland.gov.uk)