



Beauly Primary School Newsletter – December 2012

Dear Parent / Carer

New Beauly Primary Website & Blog

We are delighted to announce that our new Website and Blog is online and ready for visitors! Please take some time to look at the site and let us know what you think of the format and content through the interactive blog and Feedback sections. Some areas of the site are still under construction, so please be patient as we work towards completion: www.beaulyprimary.co.uk

Parent Questionnaire

Hopefully a large proportion of parents/carers from both Beauly Nursery and Beauly Primary will take the opportunity to visit our new website. When you visit the site, please consider taking a few minutes to complete our anonymous parent questionnaire, the gathered data will be used to inform future developments within the school. The link to the survey is on the Self Evaluation page, found in the menu on the right hand side of the home page. Click Self Evaluation and the link to the survey is at the foot of the Self Evaluation page, labelled: [Beauly Primary School – 2012/2013 Questions For Parents.](#) Thank you in advance for your support with this important process.

Thank you

We would like to thank all those involved who helped to make the Winter Fair and the Beauly Song Squad such a success. The amount raised to date is a staggering £3116. We would like to thank the Parent Council and Gala Committee for all their help in making arrangements, running a variety of stalls, providing refreshments and hosting events such as the Lantern Making Workshops. We would also like to thank the dedicated parents who sold even more items at the Christmas Light switch on, and to the aunt who even made and sold baking at her place of work!



We would also like to thank the caretaker and staff at Phipps Hall for their flexibility and help in making the Song Squad event run smoothly. It has been very helpful to have access to the hall in order to measure up for the backdrop, consider our staging positions, and hold rehearsals.

We are delighted at the very positive feedback we have received regarding the Beauly Song Squad event

- *“Two incredible performances of epic proportions!”*
- *“Beauly Primary certainly has the X-Factor!”*
- *“The pupils gave a really polished performance. They should be proud of themselves!”*
- *“Beauly has definitely got talent!”*
- *“Great singing. Great performance. Great atmosphere. You had even arranged for it to be snowing as we came out of Phipps Hall.”*

We would like to thank Margaret Rae for her work with the children over the past few weeks, Helen Goodwill (pianist) and Mandy Macrae who did an amazing job on the backdrop. And last but by no means least, we would also like to thank Norman Bolton, Music Development Officer whose department financed the Song Squad initiative and therefore made it all possible.



Nativity – 14th December

This is to remind parents that the P1/2 class and the P2 children in P2/3 are taking part in a nativity on 14th December. Their production entitled ‘Shine Star Shine’ will take place at 10am in the Church of Scotland on Croyard Road. All parents, wider family and members of the community are welcome to attend. Any donations towards school fund are most welcome.

Our pupils very much enjoyed the dress rehearsal this morning. The primary 7 narrators Jade, Ellie and Ciara really enjoyed working with the younger pupils and narrating.

- Ellie said, "I really liked narrating the nativity!"
- Jade stated, "I think the primary p1s and p2s did very well on the nativity!"
- Ciara commented, "It was a really good experience for Jade, Ellie and I. The teachers did very well directing and we all liked doing it!"

All the costumes looked great and the primary 1s and 2s did very well acting out the story and singing the songs. We would like to congratulate everyone who took part in the nativity and thank them for the work they put in.

Canteen – Menu Changes

On Wednesday 19th December the canteen will providing Christmas lunch. In addition they are also hosting 'Fruity Wednesday' during morning break. Snack options will be fruit and juice only – please note there will be no toast available on this day.

There will also be a change to the menu on Thursday 20th December – choices will be Beef or Venison Burger in a Bun or Fish Cakes, followed by home baking.

End of Term Parties

| Date | Time | Class |
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| Monday 17 th December | Morning session | P1 , Nursery am and pm party |
| Monday 17 th December | Afternoon session | P2/3 + P2 children from Mrs Williams / Mrs Maclver's class |
| Tuesday 18 th December | Afternoon session | P4/5 |
| Wednesday 19 th December | Afternoon session | P5/6 |
| Thursday 20 th December | Afternoon session | P7 |

Braeview Path Re-Surfacing

Work is underway to upgrade the path that links Braeview Car Park and Beauly Primary School. Financed by, 'Safer Routes to School', this development is the result of a period of sustained support by the Parent Council. The Parent Forum had expressed repeated concerns that the surface was inadequate for wet and wintry weather, so it is excellent news that this work is being undertaken. There may be

some short-term disruption, so your patience will be appreciated in the coming weeks. On completion of the project parents are asked to seriously consider using the re-surfaced access for daily use. With parental support it is hoped that this route will relieve vehicular pressure on Croyard Road, where serious road safety concerns exist amongst parents and local residents alike; particularly in the early morning when school starts.

Eco Green Flag

On the 12th November Beauly Primary School was visited by George Allan and Catriona Birnie, Simpson's Garden Centre, Inverness to present a cheque, covering the cost of their newly installed flag pole. The Eco Committee from Beauly Primary School are pictured beneath the flag pole, being used to display their new Eco-Schools Green Flag. Jade W from Primary 7 received the cheque and thanked Catriona on behalf of all the boys and girls in the school. The Eco-Schools programme engages children and young people in key issues including the environment, sustainability, global citizenship and the value of a low carbon future. After all their hard work to secure the flag the children were delighted to finally have it on display.



Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd January 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.

Winter Holiday



Just to remind you that school closes at the normal time on Thursday 20th December, and re-opens on Monday 7th January. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Festive Season.