



Newsletter December 2014

Dear Parent / Carer,

Highland Inter-School Basketball League



Another exciting day of league action took place in the last Highland primary schools league. In the u10 division Beaully continue to sit proudly at the top of the table with Hilton B in 2nd place. Beaully powered home against strong opposition in their first game, winning with a score of 20 against previous winners Hilton A, who managed 17. This was a very exciting game to watch. Beaully did have some strong individual performances; however it is the teamwork and team spirit that seemed to set the teams apart.

We also played a second 'friendly' game against a Highland select team, called the Highland Bears. This was a tight game and Beaully lead the game at the start of the second, third and fourth quarters, however just at the end the strength and depth of the regional select showed and they managed to narrowly defeat Beaully. We look forward to playing them again and will try hard to reverse the result!

Winter Fair

Wow! Thank you to everyone in Beaully Primary School, our pupils, parents, Parent Council, helpers and visitors across the wider community for all your time, generosity, hard work and kindness; all of which contributed to our hugely successful Winter Fair. The rewards for the school are simply incredible! Having spent our £150 book vouchers for the school library (thank you Jessical!) and based on the 100% commission arranged by the school for the Book Fair, our school library will benefit to the fabulous tune of at least..... £605.69 worth of FREE books! Furthermore the profit from all our stalls has generated a fantastic total of £1454.51 from the day. This is a huge help for our School Fund and supports a range of activities and experiences for all our learners in the school throughout the school year. Mrs. Petrie, Parent Council Chair was keen to express her thanks to everyone for the magnificent effort. Thank you all!

Tempest Photography

P1 & P7 class photos are available to view and purchase at the school office, priced at £11.50 each. Other year groups will get have class photographs taken in the 2015/16 academic year. Each year the school alternates between individual and class photos. P1 and P7 receive a class photo each year due to the fact that these are such important milestones in a child's learning journey.

Lifescan Carol Singing

P3 were thrilled to entertain the Lifescan employees this week with some carol singing. They were rewarded with a goodie bag that included a nutritious lunch and warm winter hat. The school has also been told to expect a generous donation to the School Fund as a thank you for responding to their request to visit.



'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' Nativity



Congratulations to our wonderful P1 and P2 performers who filled Croyard Road's Church of Scotland with festive cheer, on a day when even our terrible weather couldn't dampen spirits! With standing room only, the packed venue provided the perfect backdrop for our angelic performers through a modern nativity story. Thanks to staff for making a big effort for this special occasion and well done boys and girls; stars in the making, every one of you!

Menu Change

Please note the menu choice for Thursday 18th December will be;

Homemade Steak Pie with Roast Potatoes
Or
Salmon Fishcakes
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Homebaking



Dress Up Day

Please note our December Dress Down Day is on the same day as our Christmas Lunch - Friday 19th December. All the children are encouraged to Dress Up (as in smartly dressed and not fancy dress), perhaps a smart shirt or blouse, for this special occasion.



Dress Down Day

Our next Dress Down Day will be on Friday 30th January.

Parent Council Thanks

A special thanks must go to the Parent Council for gifting a selection box to each and every child in the school, which will be gifted at our Winter Parties in the last week.

Free School Meals

As of the 5th of January 2015 all Primary 1-3 children will automatically be entitled to a free school meal. No application form is required. This Scottish Government funded initiative will entitle all Primary 1 to 3 children to a free school meal across Scotland.



After School Clubs

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>LAST SESSION</u>	<u>SESSION RESUMES</u>
Multi Sports	Monday 15 th December	Monday 12 th January 2015 (last session for Gp1) Monday 19 th January - Gp 2 Start
Cross Country	Tuesday 9 th December	Tuesday 6 th January
Artlab	Wednesday 10 th December	Wednesday 7 th January 2015
Karate	Thursday 11 th December	Thursday 8 th January 2015
Basketball	Friday 12 th December	Friday 9 th January 2015

SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISING

Rag Bag

Our rag bag collection bin is now located in the school playground, beside the blue recycle bin. All the following items are accepted;

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

All items should be wearable, dry and clean. **To date this has raised £866.70**

Easyfundraising

As the title suggests it is easy to sign up and raise money for Beauty Primary School. Simply log on to www.easyfundraising.org.uk select support a good cause, search BPS, select and support us now, follow the online instructions and happy shopping. There is also a link to this on the school website. **To date this has raised £406.50**

Your valued and continued support with all our fundraising initiatives really does make a difference to every child in the school. Thank you!

Bear Bins



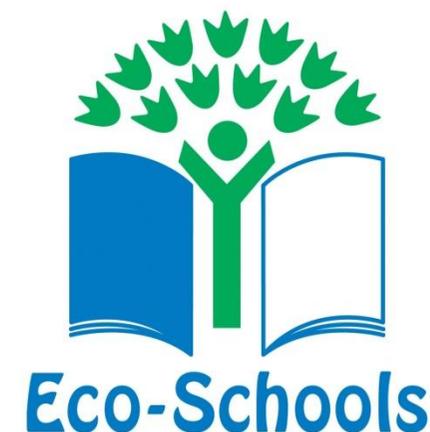
All the boys and girls in Mrs. MacLennan's P4 class would like to extend a massive THANK YOU to all who helped in raising funds for their Primary 4 project, which involved fundraising for two new 'Bear Bins' for the school grounds. Fundraising events that people have supported have included:

- Sale of juice and crisps at the Open Afternoon
- Name the Teddy Competition
- Winter Fair Raffle
- Donation from Parent Council / Garden Group
- Donation from Lifescan
- Donation from Beauty's Hogmanay
- Individual donations (too many to mention!)

The new bins have now been ordered, thanks to the hard work of many. Well done everyone!

Eco Flag

Congratulations to EVERYONE from Nursery to Primary 7, who have all played their part in securing the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award for a second time. Following a recent inspection, carried out by Anne Black from Keep Scotland Beautiful, our Eco Committee made a compelling case for the school to retain the 'Green Flag', which schools are not allowed to display unless they pass inspection. Class visits, presentations by our Eco representatives and a guided tour of the school and grounds provided Mrs Black with enough evidence to merit that we keep our flag. Thankfully this means that our battered old flag will be replaced with a new one!



Head Lice Advice

Head lice is often a problem within schools and the wider community. Regularly practising 'wet combing' with a suitable comb is advisable for parents of children throughout their school years. If head lice are detected, Pharmacists are able to advise on the management of a head louse infection. We would also be grateful if you would contact the school if you find your child has head lice. Children should be returned to school once they have been treated. Head Lice 'alert letters' are against Highland Council policy as most schools will have a few pupils with head lice at any one time. Also, in the past these letters have led to parents attempting preventative treatment which does not work and over-use of treatment may also lead to resistance.

Road Safety

Parents and carers are politely asked to refrain from using the school car park for dropping off and collecting children. The only exception to this is when a parent has a 'Blue Badge' or if a special arrangement has been agreed with the school office. This term a significant increase has been noted, often with car engines being left running while young children are being escorted into the building. Due to the open nature of the school car park in relation to the school grounds this poses a significant risk to our school pupils. A design team have been in school this week making plans to enclose much of the car park with railings and while it is hoped that this will increase pupil safety it is likely to further increase the pressure on our little car park.



The school also continues to receive negative reports from our local community in relation to the use of Croyard Road. Parents and carers are selfishly parking over the zig zag lines and even reversing into the school access road as children are trying to cross the road. While it is clear that all parents are safety conscious with their own children, at times some driving and parking decisions taken by adults is in fact endangering other children, who are crossing the road as they enter the school grounds. PLEASE - NO DROPPING, STOPPING OR TURNING ON THE ZIG ZAG LINES.

Severe Weather Arrangements/School Closure

Guidelines for travelling to school during adverse weather have now been shared and are always available on the school website. Please keep this information for use during the winter months. The phone number for the telephone messaging service is 0800 564 2272, and the school pin is 041530. This service will be given the highest priority in the event of a closure, followed by other methods of communication e.g. Radio Broadcast and School Blog.

Winter Holiday

Just to remind you that the school closes at the normal time on Friday 19th December and re-opens on Monday 5th January. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy festive season. Enjoy!



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 beau.ly.primary@highland.gov.uk

Distribution of Newsletter

If you haven't already signed up to have an electronic version sent to you we would be grateful if you could complete the form below and return to the school office. If you are unable to access the electronic version and require a paper copy please complete the return slip accordingly or contact the school.

Name of Child..... Class

Email address

Second email address (if required)

Name of Parent

I require a paper copy

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