



Beauly Primary School Newsletter – January 2013

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back to school after what we hope was an enjoyable and relaxing break.

We would also like to welcome Annie Macphee who has now taken up her post as Additional Support Needs (ASN) Teacher at Beauly Primary School. Mrs Macphee is a very experienced practitioner and replaces Judith Jardine who retired at the end of last year.

Safer Routes to School

We are delighted that the majority of the work on the Safer Route to School has now been completed. The path should now be much drier, less muddy and fit for purpose whatever the weather. In order to alleviate the congestion and safety problems in Croyard Road we would ask that parents drop their children off at the Braeview Park Car Park and encourage their children to use the 'Safer Route to School'. Thank you in advance for your assistance with making Beauly Primary safer for everyone.



Parent Questionnaire

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our anonymous parent questionnaire. This can be accessed on the school website by clicking on the Self Evaluation page, found in the menu on the right hand side of the home page. To date we have only received 8 completed questionnaires. As the gathered data will be used to inform future developments within the school your views are hugely important. Thank you in advance for your support with this important process. If you would prefer a paper copy please contact the school office.

Cycle / Road Safety Training

A representative from Bardon Aggregates will be providing road safety training for pupils in P5 to P7 on Tuesday 15th January. The focus of the workshops is to teach children about 'blind spots' in relation to vehicles, and lorries in particular. The training will help pupils to be more aware of the risks when cycling near large vehicles and teach them about safe distances and being visible to drivers.

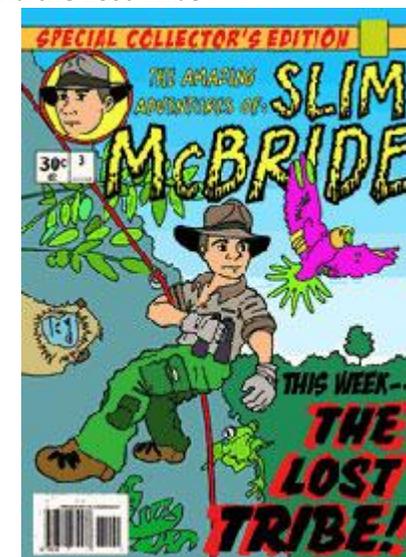
The training will take place between 1.20pm and 2.20pm in Braeview Park Car Park. Pupils will need to wear appropriate outdoor clothing and bring their bikes and cycle helmets.

Scottish Opera – The Legend of Slim McBride and the Lost Tribe

Our P3 to P7 pupils are taking part in workshops lead by the Scottish Opera which will culminate in a 30 minute performance for their fellow pupils, families and members of the community. Children have already started learning some of the songs and will take part in their first workshop on 17th January. **Please note P3 children will be required to stay until 3.15pm on that day.**

The opera encourages pupils to ask crucial questions about the future of South American rainforests, the eco-system that depends on them and why it is so important they are protected. It highlights how Expressive Art can provide cross-curricular learning and include Personal and Social Development, Citizenship and Geography. The project also stimulates pupils' interest in plots and characters, and makes the issues in the stories memorable and real for them.

The performance for parents and members of the community will take place in Phipps Hall on the **afternoon of Monday 4th February**. Further details and information regarding tickets will be issued shortly.



Vocal Tutor

John Thompson, vocal tutor will be working with the P2/3 class on aspects of rhythm and song making. He will be in school each Thursday for a period of 4 weeks commencing on 10th January. The instruction is based on the Kodály musicianship principles which include use of hand signs, rhythm techniques and solfa. This promotes an understanding of rhythm and encourages pupil participation in a child friendly way.



Feis Rois

Pupils in P3/4 will have the opportunity to take part in traditional youth music sessions this term. Feis Rois will provide workshops each Wednesday from 16th January until 27th February.

Aigas Field Centre



Representatives from Aigas Field Centre will be visiting the school on Tuesday 29th January. Pupils from P1 to P7 will take part in an environmental lesson, the topic of which is the Year of Natural Scotland.

It will encourage pupils to identify and make the most of the green spaces around them and also focuses on Scottish wildlife.

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.

Easy Fundraising Initiative

Beauly Primary School now has an account with Easyfundraising.org.uk. This organisation helps charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes to raise money when their supporters shop online. So far they've raised over £3 million for causes throughout the UK.

It works in a similar way to many other loyalty shopping sites, but instead of earning points when you shop, you raise a donation for your cause instead. You can shop with over 2,000 well known stores and each will donate up to 15% of what you spend. For example, John Lewis will donate 1%, Amazon 2.5%, The Body Shop 6%, some insurance retailers will even donate up to £30 simply for taking out a policy with them.

There is no charge for using Easyfundraising plus they have lots of voucher codes and special discounts so you can actually save money whilst raising money for the school.

How to raise money - you will need to register with the site and then when you shop with one of the retailers the system makes a note of your purchase, collects the donation from the retailer and passes it on to the school.

How to get started – if you would like to support the school:

1. Click on '[Find a cause](#)' and select the cause you wish to support (ie Beauly Primary).
2. Fill out the quick form to register your details.
3. Find the retailer you want to shop with.
4. Click to visit the retailer, then shop as you normally would.
5. Your donation will be shown in your easyfundraising account within 30 days

Term Dates

School Closes after School on:	School opens for pupils on:
Thursday 28 March 2013	Monday 15 April 2013
Friday 28 June 2013	Tuesday 20 August 2013
Friday 4 th October 2012	Tuesday 22 nd October 2013
Friday 20 th December 2013	Monday 6 th January 2014
Friday 4 th April 2014	Tuesday 22 nd April 2014
Thursday 3 rd July 2014	
Additional Closure Days	
Monday 11 th February - Friday 15 th February	Weekend Break / Inset Days
Monday 6 May 2013	May Day Holiday