



Beauly Primary School Newsletter – January / February 2013

Dear Parent / Carer

Staffing

Our PE teacher, Suzie Dobson has now resigned from Highland Council and has exciting plans to travel to Africa. Mr Morrison is now the PE teacher and will provide a little more than 2 hours of PE per week for P3/4, P5/6 and P7, which is in line with Government targets for 2014. Class Teachers will continue to deliver PE in P1/2 and P2/3.

Cycle Safety Event

We would like to thank John Macritchie for coming in to school on Tuesday 15th January with two Bardon Aggregates lorries, a high visibility vest and an information leaflet for each child in Primary 5, 6 and 7. The focus of this workshop was to help teach the children about the dangers of a driver's blind spot. John, who is Transport Manager with Bardon Aggregates explained why his company and the Mineral Products Association wanted to invest in this UK wide initiative for schools:

“Due to the high level of accidents involving heavy vehicles and cyclists it is hoped that opportunities such as this will make people more aware of the dangers, for younger children in particular.”



The children and school staff were also joined by PC Blair Lawrie and Road Safety Officers Debbie Tuckwell and Allan Bryce who were interested in seeing the benefits of this experience. Mr Bryce was very impressed with the provision:

“This is a really important learning experience for young people, in the development of their road awareness and in encouraging active school travel.”

In addition to the re-surfaced Safer Routes to School Path, our new cycle shelter and the ongoing Bikeability

Training, approval has also been given for some road markings to be painted to aid the Bikeability training programme. It is hoped that all the progress and work around cycling in recent months will be drawn together with the forthcoming launch of a new school cycling policy to maximise the opportunity for children to undertake safe and active school travel in the months and years ahead.

P1 Health Checks

Mary Finlay, School Nurse will be in school on the morning of 30th January to undertake health checks for children in P1 who have not already undertaken these.

Football Club



We are delighted to be able to offer a New Football Club for the pupils in P5, P6 and P7. Initially this will be for an 8 week block each Monday from 3.30pm – 4.30pm starting on 28th January. There are 20 places available and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Children will be informed by Friday 25th January if they have a space.

The football coach is employed by High Life Highland but **assistance from a volunteer is also required**. If you would be able to help out on a Monday afternoon please contact the school. In order for this club to be sustainable in the longer term we really do need the help of at least one parent / member of the community.

Skipping Club

The children in P7 have set up a Skipping Club which takes place on Monday lunchtimes from 12.45pm - 1.15pm. They are being assisted by Miss MacLeod, P7 Teacher and Mrs Mackenzie, Pupil Support Assistant.



The Junior Club (Primary 1 -3) will take place on:

- 14th January / 28th January / 18th February / 4th March

The Senior Club (Primary 4-7) will take place on:

- 21st January / 4th February / 25th February / 11th March

Due to the current high demand for the Junior Club additional sessions are being offered on Tuesday lunchtimes to those children who could not be accommodated on the Monday. Children should make sure they bring suitable footwear and a bottle of water. Sessions take place in the Gym Hall.

P1 Enrolment



If your child will be five before 28 February 2014 then it's time to enrol them for school.

The next school session starts on 19th August 2013. Children who will be five on or before that date **must be enrolled for school during Enrolment week commencing 28th January 2013.** Children who will be five between 19th August 2013 and 28 February 2014

should enrol at this time. There are circumstances where following discussion with the Head Teacher and nursery staff it may be decided to delay entry for an 'advantage year'. Please ensure that you bring your child's birth certificate when enrolling your child.

Nursery Enrolment

Nursery enrolment takes place during the week commencing 4th February.

All children born between 1st March 2009 and 28th February 2011 are entitled to a funded pre-school place during the session 2013/2014. There are three intakes per year which are as follows:



- Those born on or between 1 March 2010 – 31 August 2010 will be eligible for a funded place from August 2013
- Those born on or between 1 September 2010 – 31 December 2010 will be eligible for a funded place from January 2014
- Those born on or between 1 January 2011 – 28 February will be eligible for a funded place from April 2014

Please note **all children** who are eligible to start during 2013/14 should be enrolled during the week commencing 4th February, regardless of their actual start date.

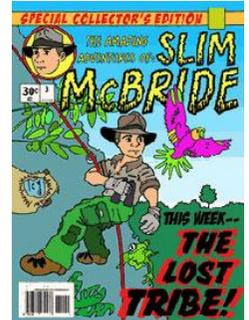
Rock up in Red Day



The school will be supporting the British Heart Foundation by taking part in 'Rock up in Red Day'. This will take place on Friday 1st February and children are being asked to take part in a dress down day and wear something red to school. We would ask that pupils make a financial contribution (£1 if possible) with all monies raised being forwarded to the British Heart Foundation. Thank you for your anticipated support with this charity fundraising event.

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



Parent Council – Please note change of date of next meeting

It has been necessary to **re-schedule** the Parent Council meeting – we apologise if this has caused any inconvenience. The next meeting of the Parent Council will now take place at **7pm on Tuesday 29th 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.