



Newsletter May 2013

Dear Parent / Carer

Thank You

Further to information shared in the April newsletter, it has come to light that some good fairies have been hard at work behind the scenes working to support our school. Beaul Primary School would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Karen Buchan, who had contacted Scotland Transerv to request that some funding be made available to the school. This of course lead to a cheque for £150 being gifted to the school. Mrs Buchan is auntie to Kira and Zoe and wanted to do something special for their school, what a wonderful thing to do!

Entry in April Newsletter

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 Beaul Primary School Fund. Following a donation of thirty six high visibility vests earlier in the year, Mr Macaskill wanted to 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 Beaul Primary in recognition of all the community based initiatives that the pupils are working hard to develop. Well done everyone, keep it up!

Tempest Photography

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 22nd May taking both individual and family group photos. Consent / request slips will be issued shortly. Please return these to the school if you would like your child to have their photo taken.



School Trips

School trips have been arranged as follows:

Class	Date	Details
Nursery	TBA	TBA
P1/2	17 th June	Aigas Field Centre
P2/3	17 th June	Aigas Field Centre
P3/4	3 rd June	Dalcross Airport and Aviation Museum
P5/6	17 th June	Culloden Battlefield &
P7	20 th June	Fairburn Activity Centre

Walk to School Week



Walk to School Week takes place from 20th to 24th May. Please encourage your child to walk to school, or if this is not possible, maybe consider parking a little distance from the school and walking the last part of your journey.

Dress Down Day

We would like to thank parents and carers for supporting the dress down days which take place on the last Friday of each month. The money raised will help to subsidize school trips, allow us to buy in professional performers, workshops and other fun experiences which enable us to facilitate cross-curricular learning in a stimulating way.

The next Dress Down Day will take place on Friday 31st May.

School Football Team – Friendlies

The P5/6/7 School Football Team will be participating in some football friendlies in the next few weeks. Family and friends are welcome to come along and support the team, any pupils that wish to attend as spectators should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

- Monday 13th May 3.30pm at Beaul Primary
Teanassie/Tomnacross Select and Beaul Teams will play in a friendly round-robin style tournament.
- Monday 20th May 3.15pm at Tarradale Primary
Tarradale and Beaul Teams will play in a friendly round-robin style tournament.

Football Festival



Primary 7 spent most of May 1st at Tulloch Caledonian Stadium, participating in a football festival on the SPL pitch with hundreds of children from across Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey. The whole class worked together and have written about their experience below:

"We got on the bus together and set off on our journey excitedly." - Georgina

"On the way to football the music we listened to was really good, we also saw Derek's dad and we gave him a toot! On the way back the music was shocking!"- Derek

At the stadium we all did amazing activities, covering different skills. We also played matches.

"A person crossed in the ball and I was standing in the middle of the box, the ball hit off my leg and went flying into the top of the goals – pot luck!" - Cameron

"We played football games and took shots against some of the ICT players. I scored a lob against Matthew and I felt really happy!" - Robbie

"At 12pm we had our lunch. We sat on the BBC seats in the stadium! Once we were done we returned for more activities!

I thought my lunch was very tasty and we sat in important seats." - Matthew

"We went into the Kingsmills Suite for one of our activities and Brian told us what was healthy for us and was talking about things to do with our blood and exercise.

I think the day was really interesting, covering skills for football, being healthy and eating the right food." – Niamh

Tulloch Homes Football Festival

We are delighted to be entering a Beauly School team for the P4/5 tournament for the Tulloch Homes Festival on Wednesday 15th May. The event will be held at Tulloch Caledonian Stadium between 9.45am and 2.30pm and family members are welcome to come along and support the children for any part of the day.

Basketball



Pupils from Primary 5/6/7 are taking part in the Highlands & Islands Basketball Championships at Millburn Academy on Saturday 11th May. Pupils have already taken part in trials and we will be entering three teams of five players. A training session for team members has been arranged for Friday 10th May.

The Festival is run by the National Under 14 Team with the support of senior officials. In addition to participating in the festival our pupils will also have the opportunity of spectating at the Scotland Boys Under 14 Team exhibition match. We would like to thank Julia MacLeod, Laura Mackenzie and Adam for their coaching and facilitating this opportunity for our pupils.

Art Lab Club

We are delighted to be able to offer a new Art Lab Club for Pupils from P2 – P5. The club will be run by Cherry Ambrose with assistance from Laura MacLennan. The idea behind the Art Lab is to introduce art into children's lives using easily attainable materials and given simple, clear explanations of technique combined with inspiration from established artists. This will enable children to feel confident with the processes and explore art as a form of expression. The club will cover a variety of subjects and mediums including drawing, painting, printmaking and will work towards paper collage and mixed media.



Due to the interest shown in this club sessions will be delivered in two 4 week blocks. Sessions for P2 are held from 2.45pm - 3.45pm each Tuesday and started on 7th May. Sessions for pupils in P3/4/5 will start on Tuesday 4th June.

Multi-Sports Activities

The school has managed to secure the services of Mark Paulin, Coach with the Active Schools programme for a block of 6 weeks commencing on Wednesday 22nd May. He will be providing a range of multi-sports activities from 12.45pm to 1.30pm for children in P1 and P2. In order that all children have the opportunity to participate this activity will be offered in two 3 week blocks. Sessions for children in P2 will take place on 22nd May, 29th May and 5th June. Sessions for children in P1 will take place on 12th June, 19th June and 26th June. Further details will be issued to pupils in P1 and P2 shortly.

Additional extra-curricular opportunities in the form of a Hockey Club and a Model Making Club will be offered shortly. We are currently awaiting completion of disclosures under the PVG scheme and further details will be issued in due course.

Message from Parent Council re Easyfundraising



If you haven't already registered with easyfundraising.org.uk, please do it now. It only takes a couple of minutes and makes a real difference to the school. 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 - **Beaully Primary School**. It's as simple as that! 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 1.5%, The Body Shop 6%, some insurance retailers will even donate up to £30 simply for taking out a policy with them! The easiest thing to do is follow the instructions and set up the Reminder Toolbar, which simply means that when you log into a shop to make an online purchase the toolbar will automatically highlight whether or not you can make money for the school. It's really easy and the school has already raised nearly £50 with only a handful of people registered. When you are making a purchase anyway, why not raise a few extra pounds for your school at the same time!

Thanks for your support, Hazel Stewart, Parent Council.

Rag Bag - Reminder



A reminder that we are currently arranging our first collection which will take place on **Thursday 16th May**. Pupils have been issued 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 due course. 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 13th May until 9.00am on Thursday 16th May. We would like to thank you for your anticipated help with this fundraising initiative.

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 21st May 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.

Citizenship Activities – Garden Group

I am in the group and on Tuesday we went outside the main building. We planted some bedding plants so the pot could look good. It was fun. Carmen

The Garden group were planting some flowers to make the flower beds pretty. There were twelve flowers to plant and we had to push it out of the polystyrene and dig a hole with our hands and put them in the soil.

Millie



We were planting flowers in the flower bed. It had to look pretty for the flower bed. Mr Morrison wants the flower bed to look good, and make it pretty in the school.

Kieran

We were planting plants to make the pots look good because it makes it look pretty. It was in the front of the main building.

Grace

Klondyke Gardens for Schools Vouchers

Beaulieu Primary School Garden Group is collecting the Klondyke Gardens for Schools Vouchers. Howdens Garden Centre issue one voucher for every £10 you spend in their garden centre. Once the school has collected 250 vouchers these can be exchanged for goods to the value of £100. This is an invaluable source of funding which will allow the Garden Group to purchase seeds, plug plants and all sorts of ancillary items or equipment. We would be very grateful if you could ask for these vouchers if you are making a purchase as Howdens. Staff often forget to ask if you are collecting these vouchers so you do need to ask for them. We currently have 197 vouchers so we would love to be able to reach the magic 250 for our £100. Please feel free to mention this wonderful scheme to all your friends and relatives.

Pupil Garden Group Plea

Dear Parents

We are the school Garden Group and we love to work and help in the garden. Unfortunately we desperately need adult garden volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please go to Mr Morrison in the school office. It is 2 hours a week on a Monday and Thursday during lunchtime. If you are not able to work for the full 2 hours you are welcome to do only one hour. We hope you volunteer to help in our school garden so we can make it even better.

Kern Robertson and Ella Keil
Garden Group



Safe Highlanders



The P7 pupils will be taking part in the Safe Highlanders Programme on Monday 13th May. This educational activity, held at Cameron Barracks, is based on a partnership approach, endeavoring to tackle challenging issues of community safety and crime prevention. Children following the event become more aware of personal safety, potentially avoid becoming victims of crime, understand how to react to emergency situations and their chances of becoming good citizens increases.

Safe Highlanders project is based on the principle of “learning by doing” where Primary 7 pupils will get their chance to experience a number of potentially hazardous situations and participate in a range of simulated practical exercises. Pupils will acquire life saving skills including first aid, fire and water safety, safety on roads and internet safety. Children will also be presented with the dangers of electricity, building sites and substance misuse.

P7 Transition Events

The P7 children will be attending a Health & Well-Being Day on Wednesday 19th June. They will meet with their peers from the Charleston cluster at this event which is being held at Bught Park. It will give the children an opportunity to mingle and have fun with other children who will be joining them in Charleston Academy in the new school session.

The P7 induction days will be held at Charleston Academy on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th June. In addition there will also be an information sessions for parents on the evening of Monday 17th June at Charleston Academy. Further details to follow.

Other Dates for your Diary

Event	Date
School Sports Day	Thursday 6 th June – 9.30am
Nursery Sports Day	Thursday 6 th June – pm (actual start time to be confirmed)
The whole school picnic (the canteen will provide a picnic lunch for those purchasing school dinners) will also take place on 6 th June and this will be followed by the Summer Fair . The Summer Fair fundraising event is currently being organised by the Parent Council and further details will follow shortly.	
Induction meeting for parents of children who will be starting nursery during the 2013/14 session – children are invited to attend	Friday 7 th June – 2.00pm
Induction meeting for parents of children who will be starting P1 in August 2013 (parents only to attend)	Tuesday 18 th June – 12.30pm
P7 Leavers Assembly at Phipps Hall (all parents and wider family members of pupils across the school welcome)	Thursday 27 th June – 1.30pm
Last Day of Term	School closes at 12.30pm on Friday 28 th June

Distribution of Newsletter

As you are aware the school website is now up and running and we make every effort to update this on a regular basis. Newsletters are also available in an electronic form on the website. We are currently reviewing the way in which we distribute our newsletter. In line with our ambitions to reduce our carbon footprint as part of the eco-schools programme, and as a green flag holder we wish to minimize our printing costs and paper consumption. The current cost of producing the printed version is in the region of £825 per year. We intend to distribute the newsletter by e-mail and would be grateful if you could provide the school with a current e-mail address. If you are unable to access the electronic version and require a paper copy please complete the return slip accordingly or contact the school.

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