



Newsletter November/ December 2014

Dear Parent / Carer,
Cup of Kindness



Congratulations to Jensen, our latest pupil to receive the Cup of Kindness award. Since starting in P7 staff have been aware of the particularly good example that he sets for others and the manner in which he has stepped up as a leader and positive role model for both his peers and the younger children. Whether Jensen is helping Mr. Morrison set up an Assembly, supporting the Pupil Support Assistants in the canteen and playground or demonstrating his consistent excellence in behaviour and good manners; Beauly Primary School is proud to know that we can rely on pupils like Jensen to show others the Beauly Primary way. Well done, Jensen, you should be proud of yourself!

Thank You

Thank you very much to Beauly Community Council for their generous donation which has enabled the school to purchase two Kin Balls. These are enormous lightweight balls that can be used to play the international sport of Omnikin, which originates in Canada. This is an excellent resource that will provide years of inclusive fun for all ages.



1. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Beauly Shinty Club for supporting the school with the ongoing use of their minibus, which has recently been re-newed. Without this valuable resource and in light of ever increasing transport costs, the school would not be able to offer the broad variety of experiences that we currently provide. Despite upgrading the club vehicle, this is still offered to the school for local use for FREE, with contributions being made to cover fuel costs.

Primary 4 would like to say thank you for the two hundred and fifty pound donation from the Garden Group and Parent Council. P4 have a big chart in their classroom that shows how much money they have raised so far. The children are using all the money to buy more outdoor 'Bear' bins for the school.

Ongoing Parking Concerns

For those that do not know me, my name is Police Constable Scott Maclean and I am a member of the Beauly beat Police team. I am also the liaison officer for Beauly Primary School. I am disappointed to say that I have received an anonymous complaint about the manner in which parents are parking at the school, dropping off their children and allowing them to cross the road unsupervised. It is reported that parents are parking directly opposite the entrance to the school which is causing an annoyance for the local residents in Croyard Road. They are also parking within the "yellow zig zag lines" which are there for a reason keeping the area around the school free from persons leaving their cars.

In relation to this matter it is a concern for the safety of the children and I wish that every effort is made to stop this. Please use the "Safer Routes to School" option from Braeview Car Park where there is ample space to park and a tarmac path leading to the school.

Name a Tanker Competition



Congratulations to Jessica in P4 who won a national competition to help Scottish Fuels name one of their tankers. All the children in Mrs. MacLennan's P4 class entered this competition and created individual designs in the hope that they might see their chosen name printed on a tanker for all to see. Not only did Jessica come up with the winning name, 'The Lion King', which is a play on the company logo but she has secured a £150 book token for Beauly Primary School too! Well done, Jessica!

Karate

Due to our Winter Fair the After School Karate Club will not take place on Thursday 4th December.

Highland Inter-School Basketball League

Once again Beauly are entering into the Highland Inter-School Basketball League at Millburn Academy. The Beauly Basketball Team will compete in several games over the next few months with the first game played on Monday 10th November. Congratulations to the U10 Beauly Bears, who made a storming start to the season, comfortably winning both of their games against Hilton B and Holm.

Nursery Share a Session

All parents/carers are invited to share a whole or part of a session with us. This will give you an insight to what happens throughout a nursery day. You can observe your child as they learn through play and speak to nursery staff about the progress he/she is making. If you would like to but cannot attend during the dates on the noticeboard, please speak to staff who will be happy to make alternative arrangements with you. Please remember, if you have any talents or would like to share your knowledge with the children, we would be delighted to hear from you and arrange a mutually convenient time.

Nursery Safe, Strong & Free

The N4 children are going to be participating in a course of 3 Safe, Strong & Free workshops beginning 7th November. These workshops will cover bullying, strangers and staying safe around adults you know. All workshops have been written and are delivered in a way that the N4 children can understand. We hope those parents who attended the Parents' meeting found it informative.

Double Nursery Session

The nursery will be making some crafts to sell at the annual Winter Fair on **Thursday 4th December**. The fair will begin at **1.30pm**. Both am and pm sessions will be in at the same time on this day. The session will run from **10.15am to 1.25pm**. We are going to take this opportunity to use the day as a transition day, where the N4s and the N3s can join together to have some pre-Christmas fun. When the children are collected from nursery, you will then be able to visit the Winter Fair.

Nursery Christmas Sing-along and Party

We would like to invite all children and parents/carers to our Christmas Sing-along on **Friday 19th December**. Both am and pm sessions will be in at the same time. The session will run from **10 am - 1.10 pm**.



The sing-along will begin as soon after 10am as possible. Once the children have been dropped off at nursery, we ask that parents congregated in the school gym hall ready to hear the songs the children have prepared.

The nursery party will then take place afterwards. As the school are having a Dress-up Day (smart clothes) instead of a Dress-down Day, we thought this would be an ideal day to have our party and join in with the rest of the school by dressing smartly for our party. We hope to have a 'special' visitor too!

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
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

Dates for your Diary (further info below)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
25/11/14	9.30am	Gym Hall	Tempest Photography P1 & P7 Class photo only
28/11/14			November Dress Down Day
02/12/14	4.00-5.00pm	Phipps Hall (Upstairs)	Lantern Making - Cost of £1
04/12/14	1.30 - 3.30pm	Gym Hall & Canteen	Winter Fair & Scholastic Book Fair
04/12/14	10.15 - 1.25pm	Nursery	Double Nursery Session for Winter Fair
04/12/14	6.20pm	Braeview to Beaully Square	Lantern Parade (Nursery - P7)
04/12/14	6.30pm	Beaully Square	Carol Singing P3-7
10/12/14	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Lifescan - Inverness	Carol Singing P3
11/12/14	10.00am	Church of Scotland	P1 & P2 Nativity Play "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel"
15/12/14	PM	Gym Hall	Winter Party P1 & P2
16/12/14	PM	Gym Hall	Winter Party P3 & P4
17/12/14	PM	Gym Hall	Winter Party P5/6
18/12/14	PM	Gym Hall	Winter Party P6/7
19/12/14	12 - 12.30pm	Canteen	Christmas Lunch DRESS UP FOR THE OCCASION
19/12/14	10.00am - 1.10pm	Nursery/Gym Hall	Double Nursery Session for Winter Party Nursery AM & PM
19/12/14	10.00am	Gym Hall	Nursery Sing-along AM & PM

25/11/14

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 25th November at 9.30 to take the P1 and P7 photos. **If you do not wish your child to have his/her photo taken with his/her class please notify the school office.**

28/11/14

Dress Down Day

Our next Dress Down Day will be on Friday 28th November.



02/12/14

Lantern Making

Beaulieu Primary is holding a Lantern-Making afternoon on Tuesday 2nd December in the Phipps Hall (Upstairs) from 4.00-5.00pm. Why not come and make your lantern and join in the Lantern Parade on Thursday 4th December. Donation of £1



04/12/14

Winter Fair

Christmas Decorations / Festive Gifts / Calendars / Home Baking / Tea & Coffee
Everyone is working hard and very much looking forward to our Winter Fair on Thursday 4th December. This will be held in our Gym Hall and Canteen between 1.30 & 3.30pm. Each group of children, from P1 to P7 will be timetabled to attend the Winter Fair with their class to purchase from the Fair. Parents/Carers, friends and neighbours are warmly encouraged to come along too and a sign-out facility will be available so children can enjoy the Winter Fair, together with family members.

The Parent Council will be holding a **Pupil Only** stall which will allow the children to purchase a gift for £1 and have it wrapped ready to give to a loved one.

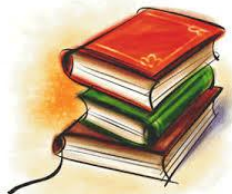
Donations for the Winter Fair

Any unwanted gifts are hugely appreciated and should be handed in to the school office by Monday 1st December. Baking for the baking stall should be handed in on the morning of Thursday 4th December to the school office.



Scholastic Book Fair

We will also have Scholastic Book Fair in school during our Winter Fair. Why not have a browse, maybe pick up some stocking fillers and last minute presents. Beaulieu Primary will receive 100% commission of all sales on the day to purchase books for the school library, directly through Scholastic books.



Lantern Parade

All pupils who wish to take part in the Lantern Parade should meet at Braeview Car Park at 6.20pm. The children will then walk to Beaulieu Square with the lanterns they have made at the Lantern Workshop. All children should be accompanied by a family member.

Carol Singing

On arrival in the Square all pupils from P3-7 will be taking part in the carol singing and should assemble at the stage. After the carol singing the children should be met by a family member to enjoy the rest of the festivities.



10/12/14

Lifescan Carol Singing

Lifescan have invited P 3 children to attend Carol Singing in Inverness on Wednesday 10th December from 12.00 - 2.00pm. The children will be given lunch at Lifescan and a generous donation to the School Fund has been offered as a thank you to the boys and girls for their participation.

Permission letters will be issued shortly

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P1-2 Nativity

The children from P1 and P2 are taking part in our nativity "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel". The main performance will take place on Thursday 11th December at 10am in the Church of Scotland. All parents, wider family and members of the community are welcome to attend. Children throughout Nursery - P7 will have the opportunity to attend the rehearsals in school time.



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Dress Up Day

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

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.

Pupil Collection

Parents/carers are asked to contact the school office if your child is going to be collected by a different adult. The school has a duty of care in managing this and the contact should always come from the parent/carer; not the person collecting the child.

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.