



Newsletter October 2013

Dear Parent / Carer,

Staff News

As you are aware Mrs Cullen has taken a sabbatical from her post. Mrs Cullen has been a valued and professional member of staff and will be hugely missed by pupils, parents and colleagues. We wish her well over the coming year and are already looking forward to welcoming her back in the not too distant future. We are delighted to announce that Miss Macleod will cover the P1/2 class over the coming year. Miss Macleod taught in the school last year and had a significant impact across the school with pupils from her class and also through extra-curricular activities across the school.

New ICT Suite

We are delighted to announce that the school library has been upgraded to include an Information and Communication Technology Suite (ICT). Twelve new laptops are in place and wirelessly networked to the new Aruba WiFi system; recently provided by Lydia Michael Trust. We have also added a projector and screen which will support teaching staff in delivering high quality lessons. Each primary class has at least two computers so it is possible to increase the number of devices within the ICT suite as required. The new facility allows children from Nursery to P7 to use one laptop between two for computer based learning opportunities. However, because the library is in the same room it is possible to complete library activities with half of the class while the other half access the computers. Each laptop is encrypted for security; as a result it is not possible for the any of the school computers to be used unless connected to the Highland Council network.



Cup of Kindness



Well done to Craig, our most recent winner of the Cup of Kindness. Craig received this award because of the exceptional levels of care and attention that he has given as a buddy to the new P1 children. Craig is patient, considerate and takes his role as a buddy very seriously. He was particularly good at helping the little boys and girls play together, often encouraging them to join in. Craig should be really proud of himself. Congratulations Craig!

P7 to Lagganlia

Primary 7 enjoyed an EPIC residential trip to Lagganlia Outdoor Activity Centre in Glen Feshie near Aviemore in September. All 13 pupils experienced a challenging three days of outward bound activities including gorge walking, mountain biking, kayaking on Loch Morlich, the Night Line and dry slope skiing.



The fun continued indoors too, with a Drummfun workshop, a talent show and a DVD. In addition to the obvious practical skills, they all learned about challenges, having a go out of your comfort zone, encouraging others and team work. We all came back exhausted but it was worth it!



"I liked gorge walking the best because it was fun climbing up all of the waterfalls and sliding down them into the water." **Kira**

"It was awesome when we got to slide down waterfalls and go underwater. It was a long walk to get there but it was worth it." **Lara**

"I really enjoyed kayaking but I also found it very challenging. Even though I kept on falling out, I managed it in the end." **Kern**

"I was amazed when I finally got back to the shore in my kayak instead of going in circles." **Niamh**

"The best thing about Lagganlia was the Nightline." **Liam**

"I learnt that you just have to trust everyone and GO FOR IT!" **Niamh**

"I learnt to try and help each other and persevere if you are struggling." **Charlotte S**

"My most challenging thing was skiing. It was exciting but I fell over about 50 times." **Jack**

"I had a brilliant time at Lagganlia." **Craig**



Parents' Evening

A reminder that Parent Evenings will take place on Wednesday 6th November from 3.30pm - 5.30pm (with crèche facility available) and Thursday 7th November from 5.00pm - 7.00pm. As most families will already be aware these take place in the school Gym Hall with a waiting area in the P3/4 cloakroom. As our Additional Support Needs Teacher, Mrs MacPhee does not work in Beaulieu on these dates please contact our School Office if you would like to arrange a meeting with her. Our Football and Karate Clubs will not be affected by this on the given dates.

Parents of children in Beaulieu Nursery will be given the opportunity to participate in 'Share a Session'. This will provide an opportunity to visit their child in the Nursery and discuss learning experiences on an individual basis. Visits can be scheduled in discussion with Beaulieu Nursery staff or via the timetable on the noticeboard.

Dance2it Class

As parents/carers we all want to support our children in staying healthy and active. It is important to discover and pursue new and exciting ways of doing so. An avenue by which you may be able to support us in achieving this is by offering time as a volunteer to run dance sessions to our P1-P3 children. As means of support we are able to offer fun and formative training to parents to ensure you are able to confidently deliver a basic dance/movement games session to a group of children. Dance is a great way to engage children in fitness. Benefits include improvement in balance, co-ordination, confidence, interaction, memory, rhythm and creativity. If you are interested, please contact the school office. An opportunity to be part of a Dance2it session will be provided on Friday 8th November for those interested. No previous experience is necessary!

Highland Hockey Club Shield

On Saturday 28th September two hockey teams competed for The Highland Hockey Club Shield. This year both our teams were asked to play in the elite division. Expectations were high following previous success; our teams finished ninth and second in the 2012 competition. There was an extra incentive this year with the reward that the top two teams would play in a North of Scotland Primary Hockey Champions Tournament against the top two Moray teams; Andersons Primary from Forres and St Sylvesters Primary from Elgin.



Both teams played with great skill and determination with numerous players grabbing goals for Beaully. Cameron managed to score four goals, with Calum, Adam, Craig and Alexander all on the score sheet! Glory was not just for the goalscorers as Jack and Charlotte S. performed magnificently as goalkeepers throughout the day and our defenders proved tough to get past for all the opposition. Calum and Craig both worked tirelessly within each team and really shone through for their fine sportsmanship and work ethic.



In the end it was an incredible outcome as Beaully A finished in ninth and Beaully B finished in second, EXACTLY the same as last year! Badenoch Tigers were the overall winners. Beaully B met the Badenoch Tigers twice in the competition and both games were a draw, showing just how closely matched the two teams were, so the runners-up medals were well deserved. All the children will continue to attend the after school hockey club, however in particular the children in Beaully B will have an added incentive to train hard as they will now have the opportunity to represent Highland in the new champions tournament. It goes without saying that they will work their socks off and do Beaully proud!



Cross Country Championship Bught Park

Congratulations to our runners for participating in the P6/7 Highland Cross Country event at Bught Park. This was a very cold event last year, however this year it was simply soggy! It rained for the entire time that the children were at the event, from the initial walk around the course, throughout the boys and girls running events and right through the presentations. With between 180 and 190 competitors competing in each race our runners did remarkably well in tricky conditions, well done everyone! Special congratulations to Craig, who finished in 39th in the boys race and Kira who managed 11th in the girls - astonishing efforts! Huge thanks must go to Mrs Nair and Mrs Mackenzie who run the Cross Country club week in, week out, whatever the weather.



Beaully Primary CC Championship

The school would like to say a special THANK YOU to our Parent Council for supporting the start of a new annual event at the school. Medals, cups and shields have been presented to the school, allowing a special new event to take place; hopefully for years to come. At 11.15am on Friday 8th November Beaully Primary hope to hold the first P4-7 Cross Country Championships. This will involve laps around Cnoc Na Rath ('The Croc') to find the best boy and girl cross country runner in each competing year group. Children from the rest of the school will cheer and support the runners around the course and parents/carers are welcome to come along too. Our pupils will now have the opportunity to compete in cross country at school level, in our associated schools group (Kirkhill Cross Country) and also in two Highland wide events. Huge thanks must also go again to Mrs Nair and Mrs Mackenzie for their continued support with the development of running and athletics in our school. The children will compete for house points that count towards the House Sports Cup (not the House League) and we will also have a boy and girl champion within each class in addition to an overall boy and girl school champion.

Bear Bins

A huge thank you to Alan Mackay (Alan Mackay Plumbing and Heating) for volunteering to secure our delightful Bear Bins around the school playground. We are sure you will all agree they are a very welcome and fun addition to our playground. These should hopefully encourage everyone to take better care of the school environment. Our Eco Citizenship Group did the fundraising for the bins and have also provided fifteen paper recycling bins for every room in the school and plastic and general waste bins for our canteen.



Kai Donates Book Takings to the School

We were delighted to send a cheque to the bank this week for our school funds from Kai in P5. Kai has featured on our Blog and Newsletters previously for some of the stories that he has published, which are very professional. Following his most recent publication, Kai decided to take to the streets of Beauly on a fundraising mission! Selling his latest book, "Guide to playing Hide and Seek" Kai managed to take donations of £50, which he was very proud to hand over to Mr Morrison on the first day of term. From everyone at the school, thank you Kai!



Netball After School Club

Beauly Primary School is delighted to announce that Jermaine McCracken will visit to coach Netball as an after school club. There will initially be two introductory sessions to determine the level of interest. The introductory sessions will take place on Tuesday 19th and 26th November from 3.15 - 4.30pm and is open to pupils from P5 to P7. If there is a high level of interest, the school will look to provide this opportunity over a lengthier period of time.

To support the development of Netball skills for the new Beauly Primary Netball Club pupils are encouraged to take part in the Inverness Primary Netball After-school Club on the following dates: Mondays 28th October, Monday 18th November, Monday 25th November from 4 pm - 5 pm, Millburn Academy with UKCC level 2 coach - Jermaine McCracken.



Our netball coach, Jermaine McCracken is keen to run an adult club, after the school club. If anybody in the school community is interested please notify the school office of your desire to play. Also, Jermaine would be delighted to have help running the children's club, please get in touch if you are able to support the school with this initiative.

Dress Down Day

The next Dress Down Day will take place on Friday 29th November. All money raised goes towards school trips, workshops, transport costs and other fun and engaging cross-curricular learning experiences for our pupils.

Rag Bag Collection - Tuesday 5th November

The school would like to invite everyone to send in used items of clothing for another 'Rag Bag' collection. We would like to thank Hazel Stewart, Parent Council Member, for making all the necessary arrangements for this to take place.

The school will receive 50 pence for every kilogram we recycle. The following items are all welcome:

- 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 now until Monday 4th November. We would like to thank you for your anticipated help with this fundraising initiative.

Menu Change

Thursday 31st October Vampire Bat Bites (Chicken Fillet Bites)
or Phantom Fingers (Fish Fingers)
with Chilling Chips

Cobweb Corn
Spooky Salad

Halloween Treat Cookie
& Monster's Milkshake

Friday 1st November Roast Beef & Roast Potatoes
or Homemade Soup & Sandwich (V)

Cook's Homebake & Milkshake

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 12th November in the school library. The Parent Council always welcomes new members and would be delighted if you could join them. As you are aware the Parent Council have worked really hard over the past few years, funding many projects which the children benefit from including the purchase of a new smart board, school tracksuits, goal post purchase and installation, maths resources, Eden Court trip, Cross Country trophies & medals. The list is endless and without their hard work and dedication a lot of this would not be possible. Our school supports 106 families of which only 8 were represented at the last meeting, this is a great opportunity for you to become involved and support the development of our school and community. As the Parent Council only meets once per term being a member is not an onerous task. Any input, great or small will have a huge impact on our ongoing fundraising and subsidising of special events; funding interesting learning experiences for children across Beaully Nursery and Beaully Primary.

School Club Activities

Club	Day	Time	Location	Cost	Age	Run By
Hockey	Mon	3.15pm to 4.30pm	Gym Hall School Field	FREE	P5-7	Jill Hardiment Miss S Cameron
Cross Country/ Athletics	Tues	12.15pm to 12.45pm	School Playing Fields	FREE	P4-7	Mrs P Mackenzie Mrs J Nair
Artlab	Tues	P2/3 - 2.45pm - 3.45pm P4/P5 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Music Room	FREE	P2-6	Cherry Ambrose Laura MacLennan
Football	Wed	3.30pm to 4.30pm	School	FREE	P5-7	Jamie MacLennan
Eco Club	Wed	12.3pm - 1.15pm	P7 Classroom	FREE	P3-7	Mrs Miller
Karate	Thurs	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Gym Hall	£4.00 p/week	P1-7	Dolina Ross 233083
Basketball	Fri	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Gym Hall	FREE	P5-7	Laura Mackenzie Adam Sutherland
Netball	Tues	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Gym Hall	FREE	P5-7	Jermaine McCracken
Science Club	Coming Soon!					

Should you require further information regarding our after school activities please contact the school office.

Distribution of Newsletter

This month we will be distributing newsletters via your child's school bag and if you have supplied an e-mail address it will also be sent via e-mail. If you have supplied an e-mail address but do not receive an electronic version please could you contact the school office, it may just be a small typo which is easily rectified. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for e-mail distribution, this will save hugely on our printing/paper costs and reduce our carbon footprint as part of the eco-schools program.

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

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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 beaully.primary@highland.gov.uk