



Beaulieu Primary School Newsletter – October /November 2012

Dear Parent / Carer

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that following both Local Authority, Professional Interview and subsequent Final Interview I have accepted the Head Teacher post at Beaulieu Primary School. I look forward to working closely with pupils, parents, staff and the wider community to continue the ongoing good work in the school and ensuring that excellent learning opportunities exist for everyone attending the school.

Kind Regards

Kenneth Morrison

Hockey

A number of our pupils took part in the InveRoss Hockey Shield on Saturday 29th September. The team demonstrated great sportsmanship and improved throughout each of their five games. Mrs Dobson, PE Specialist, reported that the team excelled at passing and played very exciting hockey. We are delighted to inform you that Ciara Latham received a medal for being one of the best defenders in the tournament, this was particularly noted for her sweeper role in the final two games of the competition.

We would like to congratulate all the team members who were:

- Daniel Bennett
- Aaron Forbes
- Cameron Grant
- Ciara Latham
- Ellie Ross
- Jade Wilson

Cross Country

The P6/7 children took part in a cross country competition at Bught Park on 4th October. We were delighted for the children to attend this event, especially so early on in the training season. A girls' team, comprising of Kira Buchan, Charlotte Stewart, Jade Wilson, Ellie Ross, Kern Robertson and Ciara Latham was entered. In addition we have one entry in the boys' team, which was Calum MacKinnon. In the region of 200 runners took part in each race, and one of our runners Jade Wilson achieved a fantastic 18th place. This event provided a great opportunity for pupils to experience the atmosphere of a large event, and meet their peers from other areas. All our runners were a credit to the school. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents who came along and supported the children.

Cycle Shelter

We are delighted to report that the cycle shelter has now been installed.

Glynis Forbes, Jane Mackintosh and Jin Renwick are currently delivering the BikeAbility programme to our P7 class to ensure that pupils have an understanding of safety when cycling on the road. It is anticipated that this programme will then rolled out to the P6 pupils. The cycling to school policy will also be reviewed in due course.



Nursery Snack

We would like to thank the parents of nursery children for their donations towards the provision of nursery snack – a total of £155 has been received so far this year. In addition we would also like to thank the Parent Council for their donation of £600 towards nursery snack. These contributions ensure that the nursery is able to provide a rich and varied daily snack which enhances the educational and social development of our pupils.

Thank you

We would like to thank **Aird Motors** for their assistance in the repair of one of our lunch trolleys. Their expert welding is much appreciated.

We would like to thank **Simpsons Garden Centres** who have very kindly agreed to pay for the flag pole for our 'Green Flag' award. The Highland Council will undertake the work to install this shortly.

Inverness Caledonian Thistle Football Club Visit



Representatives from Inverness Caledonian Thistle Football Club visited the school on Friday 26th October to deliver footwork sessions to music. The focus of the sessions was to promote commitment and teamwork in addition to health and wellbeing. The pupils very much enjoyed these sessions and a report from P3/4 can be found below:

Report from P3/4

- *On Football Training Day we were doing stretches. I couldn't believe that the Caley Thistle Football Team was actually coming. At the last stretch I was sweating. I had a lot of fun. I wish that they could come again.* By Carmen
- *I liked football training because the coaches were great and it was good fun. My favourite part was the ladders. They were very long.* By Ollie

Head Lice

Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb - ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, ask the local pharmacist, school nurse, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment.

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 6th November 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.

High Visibility Vests

High visibility vests are currently being issued to our nursery pupils. In addition high visibility vests will also be issued to P1/2 pupils by the JRSO's (Junior Road Safety Officers) as part of their safety awareness raising work. We would ask that children wear these to and from school over the darker winter months. These vests should be returned to school after Easter so that they can be used again next year. Any P2 children in the P2/3 class who would also like to be issued a high visibility vest should inform Glynis Forbes.



We would like to thank the Parent Council who has agreed to purchase a further thirty high visibility vests in order to supplement our remaining stock.

Payment of School Meals

In order for the canteen to manage their administration all children are asked to purchase their tickets for the week on a Monday morning. We appreciate that this is not always possible (eg pupil may be off sick) or that children may have forgotten their money. No child will ever be refused lunch should this happen, however we would ask that **all unpaid lunches are paid the following day and at latest by the end of the current week.**

Family Update Forms

We would like to thank all parents / carers who have returned the family updates forms. **Could parents who have still to do so please check and return their forms as soon as possible.** It is essential that the school holds up to date information particularly in respect of telephone numbers and emergency contacts. Children become very distressed if they are feeling unwell and we are unable to contact parents or other nominated contacts.

In addition we would also like to remind parents who have children with a medical condition requiring the possible administration of medicines to ensure that they have completed a medical form and supplied the school with the necessary medication. Parents must also ensure that any medication held by the school is within the 'use by' date and replaced if known to be expired.