



Newsletter November/ December 2013

Dear Parent / Carer,

Rag Bag Collection

Thank you very much to everyone who donated items for recycling through the Rag Bag Scheme. We would also like to thank Hazel Stewart and Sharon Brindle for helping to get everything ready for collection. We are delighted to let you know that **360kg** were recycled for which we received **£180** - **wow!** The money will help to subsidise the school trip to Eden Court, which is taking place this month.

Due to the massive response to the Rag Bag Scheme it has now been decided to sign up for the Outside Bank Scheme. This is now located in the school playground next to the refuse collection bins. Please note the same criteria applies to the items accepted by Rag Bag, all items should be wearable, dry and clean.



Easyfundraising

We would like to thank parents and wider family members who have registered with Easyfundraising. **We have now raised £148.95 from this initiative and we only have 20 members signed up - with your help we could raise a lot more.** If you would like to take part but haven't yet registered the process is very simple 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 - **Beauly 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 on the Easyfundraising website 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. When you are making a purchase anyway, why not raise a few extra pounds for your school at the same time!

Dress Down Day

Please remember that the December Dress Down Day has been cancelled. The next Dress Down Day will be on Friday 31st January 2014 and the last Friday of each month thereafter.



Children in Need - Spotty Uniform Day

The Beauly Primary School Children in Need fundraising total was **£615.35**, well done everyone and thank you for your generosity. Beauly has done itself proud through its charity work once again!

Well done to Millie, Eve and Sadie for their fundraising efforts. The girls raised a massive £40 by selling home baking on their street for our Children in Need Appeal.



Cup of Kindness

Congratulations to Sam, who was nominated for the Cup of Kindness award following reports from staff that he constantly looks out for the other children in his class. At the start of the school year, Sam was very welcoming and helpful towards his new classmates and

since then he has continued to be a reliable, trustworthy, kind and considerate towards others. Well done, Sam and keep up the good work!

Highland & Moray School Hockey Championship

Well done to the team that represented Beauly (and Highland) in a recent competition to identify the best primary hockey team in the North of Scotland. As always the Beauly players gave an excellent account of themselves, both on the pitch and in how they behaved on the sidelines. We played against the select team, Badenoch Tigers and two Moray teams, Anderson's and St Sylvesters. Our pupils competed at a high standard and as in the two previous hockey competitions Beauly entered their final game from a position where they could win the tournament. Following a win over Anderson's and a draw against eventual winners, Badenoch Tigers, Beauly pushed to score goals in the final game as they were behind on goal difference to the Badenoch side. As luck would have it The Tigers drew their game and as a result of their attacking formation Beauly lost against St Sylvester's. This is the second trophy the Tigers have lifted this year, while our team have secured three draws against their team and not lost. Well done to Rory, who picked up a Player of the Tournament award. Rory scored what can only be described as goal of the tournament; following a run the length of the pitch he scored a goal both from distance and at a tight angle. There is another Highland hockey competition to look forward to in June. Well done everyone!



Road Safety

Concerns are still being raised regarding parking over restricted road markings, parking close to designated crossing points and parking across resident's driveways. Please park safely and responsibly and carefully consider the potential outcomes for both residents and children. Please use Braeview Car Park, our designated 'Safer Route to School' whenever possible.

Beauly PS Cross Country Championship

It was with much excitement that our P1-P3 pupils ventured out into the school grounds to watch and cheer on the runners in our first ever P4-P7 Beauly Primary Cross Country Championships. This competition is the result of a generous donation from the Beauly Primary Parent Council and will allow the event to become part of the annual calendar of events in the school for years to come. It was well attended by parents and relatives and despite the heavy downpour spirits were not dampened! Well done to everyone that took part, hopefully this will be excellent preparation for the Kirkhill and Highland Cross Country events, which take place in 2014. Results were as follows:



P4	1 st Lucy 2 nd Eve 3 rd Daisy	1 st Michael 2 nd Lennox 3 rd Struan
P5	1 st Amber 2 nd Carmen 3 rd Eve	1 st Kai 2 nd Ollie 3 rd Joe
P6	1 st Ella 2 nd Kayleigh 3 rd Anna	1 st Rory 2 nd Derek 3 rd Alexander
P7	1 st Kira 2 nd Kern 3 rd Charlotte S.	1 st Craig 2 nd Calum 3 rd Jack
School Champion	Kira	Craig

Highland Inter-School Basketball League

Well done to the U12 Girls and U12 Boys Beauly Bears Basketball Teams who both won one game and lost one game in the league games on Monday 2nd December. The results and league positions of each team can be accessed through the Regional Development League (RDL) link on the right hand side of the school Blog. As things stand the girls are sitting in second place in the league and the boys' team is in fourth. There are a number of games still to come, however I am sure that everyone will agree that this is an excellent start for the Beauly teams, who are participating in the Highland Regional Development Leagues for the first time this year

Winter Fair

A huge THANK YOU to the boys, girls, parents, staff and volunteers (and Kern's aunt!) for yet another wonderful Winter Fair! It is simply incredible how the Beauly community pull together for special events! This fundraiser plays a huge part in subsidising off-site learning experiences for our learners and provides finance for 'extra' learning materials purchased by staff to support and contextualise learning. We are delighted to confirm the total raised on the day by the Parent Council and School was £1247. As the format was a little different this year, we welcome any feedback regarding your thoughts on this.

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 0870 054 6999, 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.

Dates for your Diary

We would like to apologise to parents for the late notice in communication of some dates recently and thank the families that provided feedback around this issue. Some factors were outwith our control, however we have now overcome a glitch that was blocking the website calendar and will update this for upcoming events. In addition we will also share important dates through the newsletter and letters home (as is appropriate) in the months ahead to further improve this communication.

Date	Time	Location	Information
10/12/13	2.00pm	Church of Scotland	Primary 1 & Primary 2 Nativity 'C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S. Spells Christmas' All Welcome
12/12/13	12.00 - 12.30pm	Canteen	Christmas Lunch
13/12/13	12.30 - 4.30pm	Eden Court	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Whole School (P1 - P7)
17/12/13	AM	Gym Hall	Nursery & Primary 1 Winter Party
17/12/13	PM	Gym Hall	Primary 2 & Primary 3 Winter Party
18/12/13	PM	Gym Hall	Primary 4, Primary 5 & Primary 6 Winter Party
19/12/13	PM	Gym Hall	P7 Children Winter Party

Thank You!

A huge THANK YOU to the Highland Bicycle Company who generously donated a Scoot balance bike for our Summer Fair. At that time there were not enough items for a proposed Silent Auction, so the bike sat proudly in a cupboard instead. At a recent Parent Council Meeting it was agreed to sell the bike through advertisement. The bike has just been collected by the new owner, who will gift this for Christmas and the Parent Council Fund has been bolstered by £70 as a result.



Beauly Singing Sensations



Thanks to the Parent Council and Beauly Community Council for involving the school in the lantern parade, which was a delight to see. Also, well done to all the boys and girls from P3-P7 that came along and sang beautifully in Beauly Village Square for the Christmas Light Switch On event. This was really well attended this year and our singers represented the school magnificently well.

Dance2it

The school is delighted to announce that Dance2it has now started as a new school club. We are very grateful to school teacher Miss Feeney (now delivering PE to some classes) who will support our children in staying healthy and active through this club. Due to the level of interest we have had to separate the children in P1-3 into groups for this. We look forward to hearing how the children enjoy this activity. Although it is great to have Miss Feeney doing this for us, if it is to continue in the longer term we really need a volunteer to help out. If you would consider becoming involved then please do not hesitate to get in touch. No previous experience is necessary!

Dormant Account

The school was fortunate to recently gain access to £1628.16, which has been placed in the School Fund. The money was linked to an old school account which had remained dormant for a lengthy period of time (almost twenty years!). The account was in the name of the school but had been managed by previous Head Teacher, Mr R. Mackinnon.

Netball

Well done to the children in P5, P6 and P7 who attended our new Netball Club this term. Sadly the numbers attending have not filled the session. However, rather than scrap the club, Jermaine McCracken (coach) is keen to respond to interest shown through other local schools for a similar club. An invitation to attend the Beauly Primary Netball Club will be extended to the same age group in neighboring schools from Tuesday 7th January onwards (3.15 - 4.30pm). If your child has not attended to date, then they will have another opportunity to come along and develop skills that are transferrable to any ball game, while teamwork and spatial awareness are also areas developed through the sport. Permission slips are available on request from the school office for any new club members.

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 21st January in the school Music Room (flat roof building). The Parent Council always welcomes new members and would be delighted if you could join them.

Winter Holiday

Just to remind you that the school closes at the normal time on Friday 20th December and re-opens on Monday 6th January. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy festive season.



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, through our website or alternatively please e-mail beauly.primary@highland.gov.uk