



# Newsletter

## February 2014

Dear Parent / Carer,

### Cup of Kindness

Well done to the latest winner of the Cup of Kindness, Cerys in P1. Cerys was given the Cup of Kindness because of the excellent example that she sets for others, both as a considerate, helpful classmate and as a pupil that always tries to help other boys and girls with their learning. Some staff even suggested that she is a teacher in the making! We would all like to send our congratulations for this achievement. Keep up this wonderful example, Cerys! Do you think she will be back as a teacher in about 15 years?



### Highland Inter-School Basketball League

Our U12 Boys and Girls Teams played again on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Millburn Academy in the Highland Basketball Regional Development Leagues. The girls won against Drakies and lost against Dornoch. The boys lost two very tight games against Balloch and Drakies. Well done to everyone that played, you are all doing Beauly proud!

There was extra pressure on the children as there were scouts attending to make selections for the North of Scotland Basketball Teams. We are delighted to announce that Kira has been selected for the girls U12 squad after playing to a consistently high standard in her games in the league.

When asked how she felt about this, Kira said:

"I am excited and amazed and was not expecting this. All the people that got picked are REALLY good. I can't wait to get together with the other players. We'll meet at Millburn Academy with our coach, John Kerray".



The next game in the league will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 4-6pm at Millburn Academy. All spectators welcome.

### Dress Down Day & Sport Relief

The next Dress Down Day will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. The March Dress Down Day has been moved to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March because of Sport Relief - our Dress Sparty Day! The Dress Down Day contribution/donation will go towards the Comic Relief fundraiser on this date and for every donation children will be awarded with a special Sport Relief wristband. Classes will also enjoy special sporty activities on this day.

### Charleston Inter Primary Cross Country Festival

Fantastic results from our teams who took part in the Kirkhill Cross Country festival on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Three of our teams were placed in the top three, with our fourth team only missing out due to the fact there were only 2 boys in the P6/7 team and you need a minimum of 3 to qualify. A very big WELL DONE though to our P6/7 boys Derek and Calum, who both ran exceptionally well and finished 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.



P4/5 girls team did exceptionally well, with Aine taking first place in 6mins 40 seconds, followed very closely by Lucy in 6mins 42 seconds. Both girls received medals for their efforts. All the P4/5 girls ran really well and took home the first place trophy. P4/5 boys also had a great run which resulted in them finishing in second place overall. In the P6/7 girls race we had another medal winner with Kira taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 6mins 4 seconds. The rest of the girls followed on closely behind her to finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.



Once again we can only congratulate the boys and girls for their hard work and effort they have put in over the past months at training and on the day. Thank you also to the many supporters who turned up to cheer on our runners. Extra special thanks also to Mrs Nair and Mrs P. Mackenzie for running our Cross Country/Athletics Club.

### Co-Op Opening Ceremony



The official opening ceremony for the Co-Op on Station Road took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Each class found a different way of selecting a representative from their class. We are delighted to say Emily, Anna, Sam, Alexander, Jamie and JJ were all chosen to participate and represent the school in the opening ceremony. As a thank you for supporting this event, Beauly Primary School will receive a £200 donation for school funds.

### Cycle Scotland

Following a recent visit by Fiona Breckenridge, Development Officer from Cycle Scotland, we are delighted to announce that Beauly Primary has been awarded its "Cycle Friendly School Award". This award has been given in recognition of the commitment by the school in supporting our school community to cycle and scoot. This has been achieved for various reasons, including: our Bikeability training programme, our new cycle policy, our new cycle shelter, our provision of high-viz vests to all pupils, the re-surfacing of the Braeview Path and ongoing road safety initiatives. Well done everyone!



### P 1 Health Reviews

Mary Finlay, School Nurse, will be in school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February to undertake health checks for children in P1.

### Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April in the school Music Room (flat roof building). The Parent Council always welcomes new members and would be delighted if you could join them.

### Reminder to All Parents/Carers

#### Pupil Absences

Please contact the school office before 9.30am if your child will not be attending school for any reason, unless prior contact has been made.

#### Parent Contact Details

Please keep us updated with any changes of address, telephone numbers (home and work), mobile numbers and emergency contact details.

#### Pupil Medicines

Please ensure that you inform us of any medication your child is taking or any conditions affecting your child's wellbeing, providing medication where applicable. Please help us to be prepared for any eventuality; all information will be treated confidentially.

### Distribution of Newsletter

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 prefer not to receive the electronic version and require a paper copy please complete the return slip accordingly or contact the school office.

Name of Child..... Class .....

Email address .....

Second email address (if required) .....

Name of Parent .....

I/we prefer not to receive the electronic version and require a paper copy

Email addresses will not be shared with any third parties, including other parents.

### SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISING

#### Rag Bag

Our rag bag collection bin is now located in the school playground, beside the blue recycle bin. All the following items are accepted;

All mens, ladies and childrens clothing

Paired shoes (tied together)

Handbags, ties and belts

Soft toys

Blankets

Underwear to include socks, tights, pants and bras etc

Household textiles, towels, bed linen, curtains etc

All items should be wearable, dry and clean. **To date this has raised £314.30**

#### Easyfundraising

As the title suggests it is easy to sign up and raise money for Beauly Primary School. Simply log on to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) select support a good cause, search BPS, select and support us now, follow the online instructions and happy shopping. There is also a link to this on the school website. **To date this has raised £313.68**

#### Scholastic Book Club

We are now registered with Scholastic Book Club:

[www.clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/beauly-primary](http://www.clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/beauly-primary)

This allows parents to place an order and pay online but have the books delivered FREE to the school. There is no obligation to order, however for any orders received through the link the school will receive 20% back in Scholastic Rewards. Again there is a direct link through the school website. **To date this has raised £23.00 in rewards for the school. Please note there is still time to have your order delivered FREE to the school, order deadline is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.**

Your valued and continued support with all our fundraising initiatives really does make a difference to every child in the school. Thank you!

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](mailto:beauly.primary@highland.gov.uk)