



Newsletter March 2014

Dear Parent / Carer,

Cup of Kindness

Well done to the latest cup of kindness winner, Andrew from P2/3. Andrew was delighted, if a little shocked when asked to come and collect the award in our assembly. This followed his most recent PE session where he was working hard in gymnastics - showing off his excellent balances. All of a sudden Andrew spotted that somebody in his group was a little upset because they didn't share his confidence. Andrew decided to approach his classmate on his own, supporting them, encouraging them and helping them to complete the task. With his help, Andrew's team-mate managed to complete their task with a smile on their face. Well done, Andrew! We are all proud of this special thing that you have done and hope that others learn from the great example that you have set.



World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

On World Book Day, as a result of a very generous donation from Jill Kent, the Library Citizenship Group launched their 'Be helpful at Home' initiative. **To take part each pupil should carry out two good deeds at home. Please help and encourage your child to complete their good deeds at home and return the details to their class teacher.**

Janet Macinnes Storyteller & Poet

Professional storyteller, Janet Macinnes has been working with many of our pupils over the last two weeks, supporting most of P2-P7 in creating their own poems. This has only been possible because of the generosity of the Lydia Michael Trust, who covered the cost of seventeen separate poetry and storytelling workshops. The pupils have written fabulous poems and it is hoped that in the coming months these will be published in a special book to celebrate their work. Massive thanks to Lydia Michael Trust for funding this exciting project.



Fairtrade Café 4-7th March

Primary 6/7 recently held a Fairtrade Café for all the other classes in the school, including the Nursery. We worked in groups and ran it as a mini enterprise. We were learning about budgets and managing money as well as promoting Fair trade products. The events were very popular and we organised quizzes, word searches and film clips to entertain our customers. Everyone seemed to have a good time. We made £40 profit and we are going to send the money to 'Oxfam Unwrapped' so that they can send some poor person a goat or 4 chickens. **Thank you very much to Scotmid for supporting the school and supplying us with bananas and hot chocolate for every pupil.** by P6/7 Enterprise



McRobert Cup Cross Country - Friday 14th March

Well done to all the Beauly runners that took part in the McRobert Cup Cross Country at Bught park. An extra special mention to the P4/5 Girls, who returned to school with the trophy - outright winners in their section! Wow! We are VERY proud! Thank you to everyone who once again braved the elements to encourage all our runners to compete in the largest cross country event in the Highlands. A big thank you to Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Nair for their time and dedication with weekly training.



Highland Inter-School Basketball League - Monday 17th March

Well done Beauly Bears Basketball Teams, for a magnificent first season in the Highland Regional Development League. U12 Boys and U12 Girls teams competed magnificently and we are sure parents will join the school, both in congratulating the teams and thanking coaches, Adam and Laura. The improvement in skill level this year has been significant, while the spirit, determination and teamwork have also taken the teams far. We are proud to let everyone know that the girls finished third in the league and the boys finished fourth. Given the level of experience in other teams, this is quite staggering. Well done, Beauly Bears!



Beauly Tree Planting

Well done to Garden Group pupils from across the school for their latest project to make the school more beautiful. This group is one of our School Citizenship Groups and worked throughout the day last week to plant close to one hundred bushes and shrubs in the school grounds. With the help of some of our adult Garden Volunteers, janitor Mr Edwards and member of staff, Miss MacDonald the children worked hard to prepare the ground, place the young plants (whips) in the ground and then added canes and protective sleeves. Hopefully these plants will be treated with care by everyone in the local community and will thrive for future school pupils to enjoy playing around.



Dress Down Day - Friday 21st March

The March Dress Down Day has been moved to Friday 21st March because of Sport Relief - our Dress Sporty Day! All Dress Down Day contributions/donations will go towards the Comic Relief fundraiser on this date and for every donation made in the primary school, children will receive a special Sport Relief wristband. Classes will also enjoy special sporty activities on this special day, when the entire United Kingdom unite behind this special cause. Rumours are in fact true; there are no rules against sports clothing of any description on this day and team strips of any kind can be worn to school for this special day. We believe that it is important that pupils (and staff!) learn to be responsible in all walks of life, irrespective of what t-shirt they are wearing.



Thanks to Breedon Aggregates

A big THANK YOU to the Breedon Aggregates yard at Beauly Quarry for a generous donation of five tonnes of gravel. This has been used to create a more attractive and safer surface, restoring an uneven area on the school grounds to how it once was. This follows two major ground works projects in a twelve month period after the installation of the biomass boiler and a new underground network cable for our ICT suite and classrooms in the Flat Roof Building.

The Legend of the Firebird

In term 4 pupils in P3 - P7 hope to deliver a stage performance of:



The Legend of the Firebird.

The Firebird is a charming Russian fairy tale about the adventures of young prince, Ivan and his search for the most beautiful bird in the world. This story was most famously performed by composer, Igor Stravinsky. In the story, Ivan pursues the brilliant Firebird through faraway lands. The magical

Firebird presents herself on an apple tree to Ivan. He seizes her tail, but is unable to catch her. In the struggle, Ivan keeps a single feather. This project will provide a wonderful opportunity for children to take to the stage through song, dance, drama and instrumental performance. This performance has been made possible, thanks to generous support (again!) from Lydia Michael Trust, to whom the school would like to express its gratitude. More information regarding the production will follow in the coming months.

Firebird Help Required

As we start to plan some of the props for our Firebird production, we would be delighted with donations of empty cereal boxes, cardboard tubes (ideally from tin foil or cling film rolls) and newspapers. These materials will be used to create masks for our performers. Any of the above contributions can be taken into school by your child or dropped off at the school office. In term four we will run a special ArtLab Firebird Club to design and make backdrops and props, adult volunteers would be warmly welcomed to support this project.

Nursery Enrolment

Nursery enrolment will take place during the week commencing 24th March, with an increase to 600 hours provision (previously 475) from August. To accommodate this change Beauly has been awarded funding for a re-furnished nursery and it is hoped that the present P3/4 classroom (Gym Building) will be upgraded in time for the new term in August. This includes additional security provisions and an area for outdoor play.

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 29th 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.

Community Fundraising continues for Trim-Track

The fundraising drive for Trim-Track equipment requested by Beauly Primary Pupils continues to take strides forward, once again due to the generosity of the Beauly Community. Donations have been steadily flowing into the school, with more good news today. So far £170 has been provided by Alistair and Diane Ritchie, following their marriage, £500 from the Royal Bank of Scotland, £500 gifted by the Beauly Gala Committee, £500 from the volunteers that run the New Year's Day Family Ceilidh, £400 from the village Co-op, £1000 from Lifescan and the Committee of the Beauly Business Group have now increased their initial offer of £1180, to £3000 through their Goodwill Fund.

Collectively this brings the total raised so far to £6070. We expect the total cost of installation to be between approximately £10,000 and £11,000, so we are now beyond the halfway point.

THANK YOU to everyone that has supported this initiative so far. The Parent Council is working closely with school staff on a final fundraising drive and talks have taken place regarding a sponsored event, 'The Beauly Bog Slog'. This would take place in the warmer weather, involving a whole school walk in the local area; more information will follow in due course.

Note from Beauly & Ord Junior Shinty Club



As a club, Beauly and Ord Junior Shinty Club offer sports coaching on a weekly basis. Our Outdoor Season starts at 7pm on Wednesday 23rd April 2014 at Braeview Park, Beauly. Each session is a mix of fitness, skills and game play. All equipment can be provided with the exception of shin guards which must be worn. If football boots are worn, no metal studs, please.

Fees are currently £16 which includes £10 for insurance, paid to Camanachd and a £6 Membership Fee. An additional fee of £10 is payable at the beginning of the Indoor Season to cover hall fees at Phipps Hall, Beauly. Registration Forms are required to be completed and submitted (the club will submit) to the Camanachd Association before children are permitted to participate.

Anyone interested in joining Beauly and Ord Junior Shinty Club can obtain the relevant form via Club Contacts:- Colleen MacIntosh or Muriel Eaton (Beauly) and Karen MacPherson (Tarradale). Or check out our website:

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/beaulyjuniorshintyclub/>

We look forward to seeing you all.

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.

School Meals Price Increase from Tuesday 22nd April

School Lunch	£1.95
Piece of Toast & Spread	£0.15
Small Piece of Fruit	£0.15
Scone/Pancake/Homebaking	£0.20
Glass of Milk (150mls)	£0.15
Glass of Milk Shake (150mls)	£0.20
Glass of Pure Fruit Juice (150mls)	£0.15
Cuplets of Fresh Fruit Juice	£0.25
Milk Cartons	£0.30
Flavoured Milk Cartons	£0.35
Bottled Water (330mls)	£0.30
Aquajuce (200mls)	£0.25
Aquajuce (85ml)	£0.15

Spring/Summer menus for Beauly Primary will be distributed to you prior to the Easter break