

## A QUICK UPDATE:

Our school dinner **picnic** is being held on the 10th June.

This is when we



have chosen to celebrate the Queen's Birthday, so please come to school in your 'Sunday' best. Our picnic will be held in the canteen, which we will decorate for the day. Parent helpers are welcome to join us.

**A note to all parents**—If we have an event on in school, please remember that you are very welcome to join us. We have an open door policy and an extra pair of hands is always welcome, so come in an help.

School is not open to pupils on the 6th June. Teachers will be training that day.

# Ben Wyvis Primary Newsletter

MAY 2016

Well done to all the children who performed in the Wizard of Oz or helped behind the scenes. We would also like to thank Mrs Ghee, Miss Dougan and Miss Foster for organising the Drama Club and the many hours they spent helping the children. Thank you also to the parents and staff who were behind the



scenes. This week there is a double page spread in the North Star. The performance was outstanding.

**Football Club**—Rory Cross, our Active Sports Co-ordinator and Ian Macrae, a Senior Student from the Academy have been running a football club on the MUGA weekly. Lots of different children have had the opportunity to participate. Next week it is the turn of any child in P4. This week a mini-tournament was held.

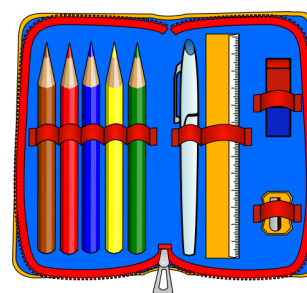


**Snack time**—Children have been eating their snack inside on the tuck bell and most children are finishing their food in the social area before they go out. This has meant that there is less litter in the playground and the seagulls have been less of a bother too. We are working towards our next green flag, so the less litter the better!



**An ask for August**—As you will be aware budgets are very tight in the Highland Council and this is having a real effect on our own school budget.

We don't have as much money to buy basic classroom



equipment and have to prioritise spending. So we are asking all children to bring a **named pencil case** to school please with writing pencils, rubber, ruler, coloured pens and sharpener.

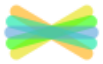
**Bikeability**—Thank you to all the parent volunteers, however due to the summer term whizzing by, we have moved training to September. We are hoping you will still sign up to help Primary 7.



There will hopefully be a training session for parent volunteers in the new term too.

A note about bikes too. It would be useful to have a bike-lock on bikes if you bring them to school. Some have been left after school and been 'borrowed'. School is not responsible for the bikes, but we want to try and help you keep them safe.

Dear Parents



Ben Wyvis has started trialling the use of Seesaw. Seesaw gives your child creative tools to capture and reflect on their learning - in real time. Pupils are using our new i-pads in class to do this and then this work will be shared with you.

Seesaw will give you a window into each of our classrooms and into your child's learning. We will use Seesaw for our learning targets too, so you will see 3 folders: attainment, learning targets and learning, life and skills (LLS). Next session we are working towards continuous reporting in line with Highland Council profiling policy. This will mean that you will have more awareness about your child's learning throughout the year and the end of year report will be shorter.

Children at Ben Wyvis are excited to use this new tool in partnership with the great things our teachers do in their classrooms.

We will need your help with Seesaw to ensure success at Ben Wyvis. You will be able to download Seesaw's Parent App for iOS, Android, or use the web to view your child's portfolio of work. When your child adds new work, you will receive a notification to see, hear and respond to your child's learning item.

*You only have access to your own child's work and all of the content is stored securely.*

**During June you will receive an invite with directions to download and sign up for your child's Seesaw journal.**

Parents do not need to pay in order to use Seesaw. Parents get free access to the last 12 months of content stored in Seesaw and notifications about all new work. Parents can also save anything out of Seesaw to their computer or device at any time, but we would ask that the images are not uploaded to facebook or social media, but kept for private use.



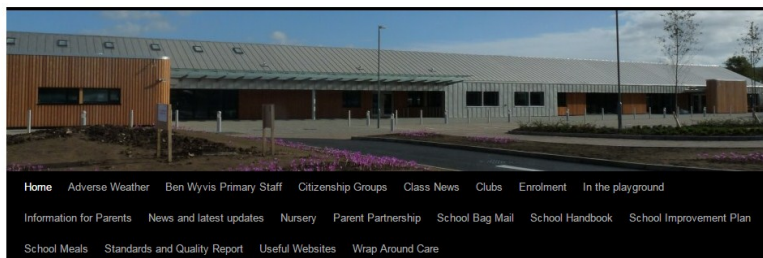
A sample view of a class page in Seesaw.

The school blog. Updates and school news are posted on the blog. As a parent you can follow this blog by adding your email address to the follow box. You will then receive updates automatically.

[www.benwyvisprimaryblog.wordpress.com](http://www.benwyvisprimaryblog.wordpress.com)

### Ben Wyvis Primary

Welcome to our new school blog!



#### Wizard of Oz

Posted on 20/05/2016 by benwyvisblog

Our fabulous performers are also starring in the North Star this week. Please do pick up a copy. Many thanks to staff, parents and pupils for putting on an outstanding show this year. Mrs Ghee, Miss Dougan and Miss Foster put in many hours supporting the drama club. Well done to all!



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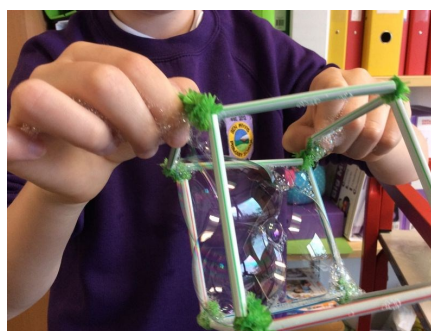
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### Science Week at Ben Wyvis

Thank you so much to the Parent Partnership who funded our visitors, Generation Science. The children held an assembly for parents and we had a fascinating week of experiments and fun learning.



Generation Science demonstrating how day and night works.

Our school newsletter is sent out via email (if you have requested this), so please do check your emails if you think you are missing out on the newsletter. We normally post an announcement on the school blog when we send out the newsletter. Even more reason to click on the 'follow' box. Our newsletter always has dates for your diary with advance notice.

Ben Wyvis Stationery Shop. Next term we are hoping to run a wee shop where children can purchase pencils, rulers etc and discounted prices. If you would like to spare a few hours to do this, the please contact the school.



**Skills Friday**—Next session we are changing the format slightly of skills Friday. A drama / expressive arts club will still run for children from P4—7. We will also be providing four different skills based groups each term for infants and upper, however children will join these groups in rotation. So each child (if they are not in drama club) will work towards an eco award, a sports leader award and then take part in two other skills groups.



# **Ben Wyvis Primary School**

## **Summer Fayre** **Saturday 28th May** **From 10am**

**Bottle Stall**  
**Minion Bouncy Castle**  
**Wandering Clown**  
**Amazing Raffle**  
**Chocolate Tombola**  
**Bungee Run**

**Disco Dome**  
**Bouncy Slide**  
**Jungle Gym**  
**Water & Wine**  
**Guess the Malt**  
**Balloon Stall**

**Hockey Match 10:00**

**Highland Dancing display 11:30**

<b>Teas &amp; Coffees</b>	<b>Hot Dogs</b>	<b>Class Enterprise stalls</b>
<b>Home Baking</b>	<b>External Stalls</b>	<b>And Much Much More</b>