

Our vision

At Ben Wyvis Primary School, we are committed to delivering an ethos of respect for all in our school community.

We aim to provide a happy, positive environment where everyone is listened to, supported, valued and nurtured through fun learning experiences.

Be the best you can be.

Ben Wyvis Primary Newsletter. January 2018

Welcome to the new term and Happy New Year! We have a few dates to add to your diary, so please make sure you keep a copy of the newsletter to hand. Back copies can be found on the school blog <https://benwyvisprimaryblog.wordpress.com> and links are always added to our school Facebook page.

Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers.

On 22nd February, 12.30 in the Rainbow Room the NSPCC will be holding an information session. This is open to all parents.

John from the NSPCC will be providing information on a variety of internet safety issues and is also available to answer questions.

Children will be participating in various workshops throughout the day.

Raffle Prizes: If you have any unwanted gifts, we would very much appreciate them for Bingo Prizes.

If you work for or run a local business, we may also be writing to you for donations of prizes. We are grateful for all donations however big or small.

BINGO NIGHT: Tuesday 6th February 6.00—8.30pm

ENROLMENT:

Full guidance and information will be sent out to schools soon, and adverts will be placed in the press in early January to encourage people (who can) to use the online process.

P1 enrolment week will be Monday 29th January to Friday 2nd February 2018

For Early Learning and Childcare places it will be Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2018.

Forms will be available on the Highland Council website.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 24th January	Parent Council Meeting. 6pm. All parents and carers are welcome
Monday 29th January	Progression Week for all children
	P1 Enrolment Week for August 2018 starts. (Further information will be sent by Highland Council nearer the time).
Tuesday 6th February	SAVE THE DATE—School Bingo Night. 6—8.30pm. All parents and carers welcome.
Monday 12th February	Nursery Enrolment—all week
Thursday 1st February—CHANGE OF DATE	5.30pm Altnacriche Talk for Parents—P7
Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th February	HOLIDAY
Wednesday 21st February	School closed to all pupils. STAFF TRAINING DAY
Thursday 22nd February	NSPCC Workshop for parents at 12.30 in the Rainbow Room. More information to follow. This will be for all parents, not just nursery
Wednesday 7th March	Parent Contact Evenings
Thursday 8th March	
Wednesday 28th March	JRock Performance—Eden Court and END OF TERM
	We will notify parents when tickets are available and they must be purchased through Eden Court this year.
Term begins	Monday 16th April 2018

Fyrish Gymnastics Club

We are delighted that Melissa from Fyrish Gym Club is able to work with children from P1—P7 on a Monday and Thursday this term. The extra gym lessons were a real success yesterday with pupils.





Children in P6 and 7 can be unaccompanied. All other children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be available in school and numbers are limited. Monies will be collected through a donation on the door on the evening.

Movie Night

Despicable Me 3

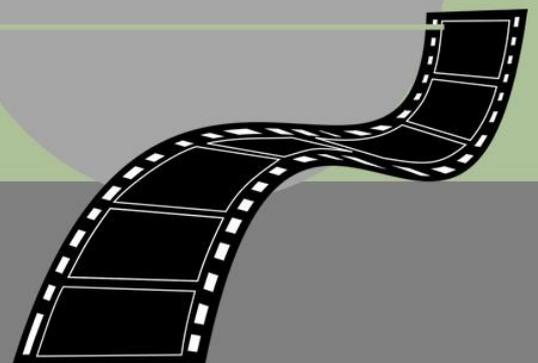
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Gym Hall. Showing starts at 3.45pm

Come and join us to raise money for Highland Hospice and School.

Hot dogs, juice and pop corn available to buy during the interval.

**Monday
29th January**



Safe and Responsible Use of Digital Technology – Further Info

The Highland Council ensures pupils are provided with information regarding the kinds of behaviour that is expected of them when using digital technology in schools.

The expectations have also been designed to promote safe habits and behaviour that help pupils to use digital technology safely and responsibly both in and out of school. Using technology for learning and learning about technology is a vital part of education. This is particularly important as young people grow up in an increasingly digital world. The points below provide a starting point for schools to build on their programmes for Internet safety and responsible use and are also a useful tool for discussion at home.

Be Secure

The Highland Council provides every pupil with their own username and password to log on to the system. Each pupil has their own settings and filters on Internet access so they only access information suited to their age group. Pupils can also access their work from any device in the school. Sharing usernames and passwords to enable another person to log on is unsafe and is not permitted.

‘Treat your passwords like your toothbrush’ – as in never share and change them often! This is a fun way to get children and young people to think about their passwords. Sometimes people use the same password or phrase for all their accounts such as, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. If this password is shared it allows someone to get access to many different sites and access your personal information on multiple platforms.

Sometimes children and young people like to show they trust their friends by letting them know their password. Try to ensure that pupils understand that they are protecting their friends by not giving them their passwords. It is advisable to have complex passwords or phrases which can prevent people guessing them or prevent specifically designed computer programs hacking accounts to gain access. Encourage pupil passwords to include a capital letter and a number where possible.

When finished using any device it’s important to ‘lock it’ or ‘log off’. Quite often pupils (and adults) multi-task and will walk away from the screen momentarily. Being mindful of logging off or locking the screen helps to protect ourselves and the equipment. If the device or machine is left open and the pupil is logged on, it may be possible for another user to access their files, pretend to be them and potentially cause mischief.

Be Respectful

The Highland Council promotes positive behaviour in school and the same behaviour is expected online. This point helps pupils to understand that that communication online is the same as in the offline world both in and out of school.

Bullying using electronic means has been referred to as ‘Cyberbullying’. Any form of abuse or bullying behaviour in school is not tolerated and will be dealt with as per the school’s anti-bullying approach.