

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. February 2018

Badminton. Well done to all those involved in the recent tournaments. Congratulations to Evan Beaton and Kieran Munro who are finalists and will represent the school at the Scottish Championships. A huge thank you to all the parents who support and coach.

Shinty. Again, a fantastic effort! Report from Mrs Pennington Smith: We entered two teams in the Tournaments, a P6/7 team and a P3 and under team.

Stuart Lennox, Evan Beaton and Lily Bremner in the first tournament played with Fergus Ross, Kyle Buchanan, Leo Smith and David Innes. We had to withdraw from the second tournament because we didn't have enough players, but we played in the last tournament with our three players joined by Fergus and Kyle again and our last player was from Dingwall. The team played better with each successive match, even though they had not played together all season.

Over the three tournaments, the P.3 and under team was made up from Aaron Condon, Connor Stuart, Finlay Whitehead, Ethan Kettlewell, Aidan MacLean, Callum Niven, Fraser Hume, Paul Anderson and Emily Lennox.

In the first tournament the players slowly got used to playing with each other and in the second and third tournaments they played very well, winning every game. **As a result Ben Wyvis won the P.3 and under competition.**

Congratulations!

Well done to Finlay Edwards, Ruby Jezewski and Luna Bannerman, who performed in the Inverness Music Festival.

News from the Parent Council:

Hello all Parents and Carers,

It will soon be the time again for the **Ben Wyvis School Summer Fete** and we want to make this as successful as the previous years for the school, and also the local villages. Please put the date in your diaries for



Saturday 26th May, 10am to 1pm.

Please come and join us on the day and if you can, donate bottles of wine, beer, mixers etc. at the school office, local shops, or to our door-to-door collectors. Any teddies and soft toys needing new homes, please donate these at the school office.

If you can help with any of the following, please let us know at benwyvispp@gmail.com as soon as possible...

Can you offer some baking for the teas and coffee stall?

Have you any prizes OR services and/or skills you could offer for the raffle prizes e.g. massage, fitness coaching, gardening?

Can you spare some time to volunteer on a stall for part of the fete e.g. 1-hour slot?

Would you like to pitch your own stall (e.g. crafts) at the fete for a £15 fee?

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Dates for your diary

05 March, 12 March, 19 March	Gaelic lessons for P5, P6, P6/7 and P7. 45 minutes from Fèisgoil
12th March, 19th March, 26th March	P6 and P7 Cycling Proficiency—all children have been notified by letter
Wednesday 21st March	Parent Council Meeting 6pm. All welcome
Friday 23rd March	Re-scheduled date for Cross Country
Wednesday 28th March	Term ends JRock Pupils competing at Eden Court
Monday 16th April	Term begins
18th—20th April	Bush Craft Experience Days at school with Highlife Highland Outdoors. P1—P7.
Wednesday 2nd May	JRock Performance at school—details to follow
Friday 4th May	Open Afternoon in school from 1.30—2.30
Monday 7th May	Bank Holiday. School closed to all pupils and staff
14th May	Progression Week for children in P1—P7
Friday 18th May	Kate Forbes, MSP— visiting the school
Saturday 26th May	School Summer Fayre
Monday 28th May—Friday 1st June	P7 Residential Trip to Altnacriche
Monday 4th June	INSET Day. School closed to all pupils
Friday 8th June	Reports home.
Wednesday 13th June	Sports Day. 9.30—11.30am Please also make sure your child has house colours for sports day. T-shirt or top.
Thursday 14th June	County Sports
Tuesday 19th June	Summer Picnic. All children should dress up for a Hawaiian Theme Day.
20th, 21st and 22nd June	P7 to Dingwall Academy

More success at Ben Wyvis!

Well done to the Rotary Quiz Team in P7 who won the first round of the heats and are through to the final. Good luck to Jaimee MacLennan, Anja MacLennan, Adam McLean and Megan Robertson and Stuart Lennox.

Inverness Botanic Gardens
Lios Luibheach Inbhir Nis



Inverness Botanic Gardens Junior Botany Club Launch

Aged between 8-12?

Keen to learn more about plants and growing?

Discover what happens behind the scenes at
Scotland's most northerly Botanic Garden

The first meeting of the Junior Botany Club:

Saturday 17th March 2018

10.30am to 12.30pm

£5 per child per session/£20 for 6 sessions

£8 for 2 children in same family per session/£40 for 6 sessions

Places are limited

Please book in advance to avoid disappointment

Contact IBG on 01463 713553

inverness.botanics@highlifehighland.com for more info and to book

www.highlifehighland.com



JRock Performance.

As most will be aware now there has been a huge issue for schools across Highland with regard to ticket purchases to watch JRock and Rock Challenge (Academy version). Due to the larger number of schools that Rock Challenge have scheduled for the Wednesday, there is a lack of space for parents, carers and staff in the audience. The pressures on ticket sales were then further compounded by bulk buying. This problem was not foreseen by any staff member supporting JRock and all genuinely believed there would be plenty of spare tickets, as there were last year. We are all extremely disappointed that we won't have as many supporters this year.

Please be aware that Eden Court are only facilitating the event and are not responsible for the rules and regulations Rock Challenge apply to the show.

Due to the number of parents required to pick up at the end of the night and the amount of schools entering, we have also booked a coach, which will return to the school at the end of the evening. We have had confirmation that 9 schools are entering the competition this year, which also accounts for the pressure on tickets.

Please bear with us. Staff, children and parents are working very hard to support JRock and we want to ensure that this is a positive experience for our children.

SAVE THE DATE: We will be performing the show on Wednesday May 2nd. There will be more than 1 performance to accommodate all parents and carers in the hall.

Details regarding the evening at Eden Court and the School Show will follow soon.

Transition from P7 to S1.

Dingwall Academy are offering as the enhanced transition this year, 'Transition Drop In' slots for P7 pupils, parents/carers and any interested relatives. Mrs Kerr the Depute Head for Support will be available at the Academy on the following dates to answer any questions and she will also be able to show main areas of the school:

Monday 26th March 15:55 – 16:30

Tuesday 8th May 15:55 – 16:30

If you have any questions or worries, please do attend.

Dingwall Academy are also putting together a transition timeline so that parents/carers can see what goes on behind the scenes between the schools and what transition activities are available for pupils. The three transition days for P7's attending the Academy will be 20th, 21st and 22nd June 2018.