

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 2019

Congratulations to Eleanor Kennedy in P1/2. When Quorn UK visited the school to demonstrate how to cook with quorn, the children entered a 'design a superheroes' competition.

Eleanor won the competition and also won £500 for the school for sports equipment.

Nursery and Primary 1 Enrolment.

Dates are as follows for enrolment and the Highland Council is encouraging all parents and carers to complete the enrolment process on-line: www.highland.gov.uk/enrol

Primary 1: 28.01.19 - 01.02.19 For children age 5 before 29.02.20

Nursery: 25.02.19 - 01.03.19 For children born between 01.03.15 and 28.02.17 (N4's do not need to re-register if they are staying with us.)



Disco

The school disco will now be held on Friday 15th February. The date in April that was given in the last newsletter has been brought forward. Times and costs will be sent out soon. Thank you to parents for organising.

Board Games

The Hub Nurture Base at school is looking for some board-games. If you have any hiding in the cupboard, please do pop them to the school office.

Dinner Money. Please can children's names & class be written clearly on dinner envelopes. We have had a couple given to the kitchens without any name and cash inside the envelope.

Date for your diary.



Saturday 25th May 2019.

Ben Wyvis Primary Summer Fayre.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact the Ben Wyvis Parent Council. Helpers on the day are also needed please, even if you can only give an hour.

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The next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday 30th January. 6 pm onwards. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Dates for your diary. 2019

Tuesday 22nd Jan	Running Event—Invergordon. Children involved have been contacted
Wednesday 23rd Jan	JRock rehearsal
Monday 28th January	P1 enrolment week / Progression week in classes
Wednesday 30th Jan	Parent Council Meeting. 6pm. All parents and carers welcome
Wednesday 30th Jan	JRock rehearsal
Wednesday 30th Jan	Mrs Barnett's last day
Friday 1st February	Early lunch / JRock Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 5th Feb	Safer Internet Day. Activities in classes
Wednesday 6th Feb	JRock rehearsal
Tuesday 12th Feb	Running Event—Inver Beach. Children involved have been contacted
Wednesday 13th Feb	JRock rehearsal
Friday 15th Feb	School disco—evening. Times will be sent out with ticket prices
Monday 18th Feb	JRock Performance at Eden Court
Monday 18th and 19th Feb	School is closed to pupils and staff
Wednesday 20th Feb	INSET day. School is closed to all pupils
Monday 25th Feb	Nursery Enrolment week
Thursday 28th Feb	Ski Day for children who have booked with Highlife Highland
Monday 4th March	Childsmile visiting classes to talk about healthy eating and looking after our teeth
Wednesday 6th March	Parent Contact 3—6pm
Thursday 7th March	Parent Contact 4—7pm
Thursday 7th / 14th March	Ski Day—2 / Ski Day 3
Tuesday 19th March	P7 Residential Talk. Altnacriche. 5pm
Thursday 21st March	Ski Day—4.
Friday 5th April	Term Ends. Tuesday 23rd April—Term begins.
Tuesday 30th, 1st and 2nd May	Highlife Highland Outdoors - Orienteering activities for all children
Friday 10th May	1.30—2.30 Open Afternoon in classes
Friday 17th May	Dress down day—bring a piece of chocolate in for the school fayre stall.
Monday 20th May	Progression Week
Monday 20th May	Altnacriche Residential for P7
Saturday 25th May	School Fayre. 10am—1pm
Monday 3rd June	INSET day. School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 12th June	9.30—11.30 Sports Day. All children try to wear house colours
Tuesday 18th June	Summer Picnic. Theme to be confirmed.
Wednesday 19th June— Transition tour 1.30—2.30.	A drop in for parents and carers with children who have identified additional support needs.
Dates to be confirmed	P7 Transition Days at Dingwall Academy
Thursday 27th June— tbc	Moving up day. 11am—12.00. N4—P6
Tuesday 2nd July	P7 Leaver's Assembly. 9.30am
Wednesday 3rd July	Awards Assembly. 9.30am
Thursday 4th July.	School finishes for all pupils at 12.00

A goodbye... This term we are saying farewell to Mrs Barnett one of our school clericals. Mrs Barnett has



worked for 25 years for the Highland Council and we will be very sad to see her leave

us. If you would like to wish Mrs Barnett well, her last day will be Wednesday 30th January.

Mrs Harington our P7 Class Teacher is now on maternity leave and we are pleased to welcome Mrs Hadley to our P7H class.

Internet Safety

On the 5th February classes will be engaging in activities that support internet safety. If you would like any advice regarding internet safety, the following websites are recommended:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/archive>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.childnet.com/resources>

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/resources/>

<https://twitter.com/FamilyGamerTV>

<https://twitter.com/GeekDadGamer>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Parent Helpers Request for Badminton: If any parent is available to help with the badminton coaching, then please pop into the school office. Currently, we are unable to run the lunchtime club on a Monday, as we need another helper.

Parking: Please can we remind parents that cars should not be parked on the bends in the car park and that the drop off zone or spaces should be used. We also had reports of a car parking by the crossing where the cabin is. This should not happen for any reason and any illegal parking will

be reported. The Parent Council are working with the Highland Council to improve the safety aspect of this and other routes to school.

Mobile phones and school events. As some may be aware we had interference with the sound system at the Nativity. It has been suggested that this could be due to the number of mobile phones in the hall. We would ask if you are visiting assembly or a school event, that mobile phones are switched to air plane mode. We have also invested in a new microphone for school use and will continue to monitor the situation.

Staffing. The Highland Council, in order to improve the budget situation has taken a number of measures across Highland Schools. This includes essential spend only and also the withdrawal of any vacancies. As a consequence, Highland Council will not be recruiting for the vacant Pupil Support Assistant Hours or the Clerical Hours. Mrs Semple and Mrs Stark will continue to work their normal hours in the office, but as they are both part-time our office will not always be manned. Please bear with us if you unable to get through and leave a message. Once someone is back in the office, they will return your call. This will mainly affect lunchtimes throughout the week.

SCHOOL OF THE WEEK—MFR

Thank you so much to everyone who nominated us 'School of the Week' for MFR. Apparently, we have received the highest number of nominations that they have seen in a while! We are delighted and Dan and Grace are coming in to record some of the Ben Wyvis Primary children. We will post on the blog and the facebook page when we know the week we will be on radio.

