

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 and ELC Newsletter December 2021

We would like to thank friends and families of Ben Wyvis Primary for all their support this year, particularly with helping to keep our school community safe during the Covid Pandemic. We hope that you all have a safe and restful holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 6th January 2022.

Merry Christmas from all at Ben Wyvis Primary.

Many thanks,

C McDowall, Acting Head Teacher



Christmas Cards and Gifts

We are having to be extra careful with Covid rules and regulations and unfortunately we are unable to allow children to hand out cards/ gifts to pupils in school. This is due to the requirements for quarantining items that come into school. Please remember that pupils can create a Christmas wish poster which teachers will display in the windows around the school.

Staffing Update

We would like to welcome Miss J. MacLennan who will be joining the teaching staff. She will teach P6 on a Wednesday, P5 on a Friday and class contact reduction time on Thursdays for P6, P6/7, P4 and P3/4.

We are pleased to announce that Ms Semple and Mrs Fraser have been appointed to cover the advertised extra clerical hours.

Thank you to Mrs K. Ross who has been working as canteen supervisor. We will be welcoming back Mrs Skidmore in January.

JRSO update

This term, the Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) started working with Miss McDermid to help promote road safety across our school community. They have worked hard to promote our Walk to School Initiative, carrying out traffic surveys of our school car park and encouraging others to walk to school. They are looking forward to supporting others in the school about how to keep themselves safe when they are out and about in the school community.

Children In Need

Thank you for supporting the Children in Need appeal. This year we raised £269.14 .



Christmas Celebrations

On Wednesday 15th December classes enjoyed Christmas lunch whilst singing along to Christmas music. Thank you to the canteen staff for providing a lovely Christmas lunch.

This week Nursery and P1 will have the opportunity to see a virtual performance from Funbox, and P2-7 will enjoy "A Festive Letter" a performance provided by Eden Court.

Classes have been working hard to learn Christmas Carols and songs to share together in the courtyard. Classes will come together, socially distanced and enjoy singing along to Christmas songs and Carols, for example, Here Comes Santa Claus, Walking in a Winter Wonderland.

Christmas parties also take place this week. Thank you to the parent council for providing juice and crisps for the children to enjoy.

Early Learning and Childcare

Congratulations to Mrs Hegarty who had a gorgeous baby girl called Zara Hegarty. As Mrs Hegarty is now on maternity leave, we are delighted to welcome Ailsa Thomson as Support Worker in the Rainbow Room.

The children have been enjoying rolling snack. They have responded well to posting their names and joining in at a time that they wish to have snack.

Abbie from the Rainbow Room said, "The grownups sit with us at the table" and Jessica said, "We have snack with our friends."

Joy from the Sunshine Room said, "I go for snack with my friends." Archie S said, "I got to post my name in the box" and Harley Grace said, "The teachers sit with us."

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope that everyone has a lovely holiday.

School Extension

We have seen a significant amount of work taking place in the school playground as Morrisons have been laying new pipe work to provide heating to the extension. Thank you for all your patience with the temporary arrangements with heras fencing.

We are hopeful that the extension will be completed in the middle of January and the Nursery will move in on 1st February.

We are very excited to have this new facility which will support Early Learning and Childcare and our Out of School Care provision. We will also have two spare classrooms in the extension.

The staff are looking forward to having a staffroom again, temporarily relocating to the old nursery.

Dates for the Diary

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| Thursday 16th December | (pm) Christmas Parties in classrooms |
| Friday 17th December | Nursery Parties 9.30-11.30 |
| Monday 20th- 22nd December | Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers |
| Wednesday 22nd December | School Closes (usual times) Holidays |
| Thursday 6th January | School and Nursery Opens |
| Monday 31st January | Nursery closed to pupils. Date to be confirmed. |
| Tuesday 1st February | The new nursery opens to pupils. Date to be confirmed. |

