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End of Term 1

Welcome to our October newsletter. We have had a very successful first term back to Balbardie Primary School. Thank you to all families who have been able to attend our recent parents' consultations. We enjoyed sharing details of your children's progress and appreciated your time in completing feedback questionnaires. We look forward to sharing this with you soon. Listed below are a few key updates for the term ahead.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended or donated to our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning event. We had an incredible attendance rate from families across our school community. Our P7 pupils were commended for how well they welcomed families into our school and supported the flow of events. We managed to raise a fantastic £894 for the Macmillan Cancer Charity. Well done everyone!

Hallowe'en/Guy Fawkes Disco Event

The Parent Council Team are organising an upcoming Hallowe'en/Guy Fawkes themed Disco event for our pupils to attend. This event will take place on **Thursday 6th November**. Primary 1-4 pupils will be invited to attend the disco from **4.00-5.30pm** and Primary 5-7 pupils invited from **6.00-7.30pm**. Tickets will cost £2.50 and for this price our pupils will be provided with a juice and snack. Tickets will be ready for purchase from Tuesday 28th October. Pupils are invited to dress up in Hallowe'en themed costumes for the event.

Hallowe'en Celebrations in School

On **Friday 31st October**, Balbardie Primary are inviting pupils to dress up for Hallowe'en. This is optional and if pupils prefer to dress in casual/non costume themed clothing they can also do so. We kindly remind all parents to ensure that children do not wear horror themed face masks or scary props that could potentially cause upset to other pupils.



After School Club Opportunities

We have a range of exciting after school club opportunities that are starting after the October holidays. We have an upcoming Multi-Sports Club for pupils in P1-3 starting on Monday 3.11.25 as well as this we have a Gymnastics Club for pupils in P4-7 starting Tuesday 4.11.25 and a Taekwondo Club (P5-7) Wednesday 28.10.25. Alan Maybury from Football DNA Academy has offered a free taster session for pupils in P6 and P7 during the school day. This taster session will provide a short snapshot of footballing skills. If there is a high level of pupil interest, Alan and his team can offer an after school slot. In the coming weeks there will also be a Table Top Role Play Club (P5-7) and our School Choir (P4-7). During lunchtimes pupils have requested the initiation of chess, cheerleading and art clubs. Some of the clubs/initiatives noted have already been communicated to pupils. For any new club on offer, children will be provided with consent forms after the October holiday period. I would like to thank all adults—school staff and parents-involved in running these initiatives. It is greatly appreciated amongst our pupils.

Balbardie Primary School Float

Our pupils have been invited to share ideas/suggestions for the upcoming 2026 Balbardie Primary School Float. Senior pupils have collected recommendations from all classes across the school. These have been shared with the Float Committee. Next term pupils will be presented with three of the key themes to choose from. We will share an update regarding this after the vote has taken place.

School Environment Update

During our initial “Meet the Staff” event, many families requested that we enhance the appearance of our corridor areas, particularly within the lower/ground floor. I am pleased to share that in recent weeks key areas of our school have benefitted from a painting refurbishment. The ground floor area spanning from the Primary 4 classrooms along to the infant area have been painted. During the October holidays our Enhanced Learning Resource Base will also receive a painting refresh as well as new flooring. As the school year progresses we will continue to update you on any improvement works undertaken.

Road Safety

Concerns regarding pedestrian safety in and around the front entranceway to the school are continuing to be communicated on a regular basis. Families are rightfully expressing concerns relating to speeding levels at drop off/pick up times as well as unsafe forms of parking, that may restrict visibility across busy roads and streets. In the weeks ahead our pupils will be leading an initiative to help promote road safety within our local area. We would appreciate your continued consideration and support of this.



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Proposal to Review Admission Catchment Arrangements at Balbardie Primary School

Families received recent communication detailing a proposal to review admission catchment arrangements at Balbardie Primary School. As part of this process representatives from Education Scotland are scheduled to visit the school on **Wednesday 29th October**. During this visit, the representatives will meet with pupil/staff/parent focus groups to discuss the proposal and gather views on this proposed change. If you would like to be part of the parent focus group, please call or email the school office and we can confirm timings for you to meet with the team.

Thank you

After the October holiday, we will re-issue the Parents' Calendar with reminders of the key festive dates ahead. On behalf of all staff at Balbardie Primary School, thank you for your support during term 1, we hope you have an enjoyable October holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 28th October**.

Kind Regards

Mr McCabe

Acting Head Teacher at Balbardie Primary School

