

# Baltasound Junior High School

## Newsletter - September 2020

A *Peerie School Big Dreams* Newsletter for EVERYONE!

Compiled and put together by the S1 class and BJHS staff.



### SCHOOL UPDATE

We have now been in school for half of this 9 week term and everyone is incredibly excited to be back. This is our opportunity to reconnect with each other and reconnect with learning - building relationships and supporting each other through this uncertain time.

As we head into the season of colds and bugs, it is important for us to know the symptoms of COVID-19 so we know when we should stay home and be tested. If your child has:

- **A new persistent cough** or
- **A high temperature** or
- **A change/loss in taste/smell**

then they should stay home and book a test (through the NHS Inform website). If you are unsure about the type of cough or what constitutes a temperature, consult the NHS website or dial 111. If your child has none of these symptoms but still a heavy cold, they should stay clear of school until well enough to return.

If anyone demonstrates any of these 3 symptoms in school, they will be seated in a designated area and parents will be asked to collect them as soon as possible. A test should be arranged and the whole household would have to self-isolate until the results came back. If negative, your child can return once they feel able. If positive the child will have to self-isolate for 10 days and the household will have to self-isolate for 14 days.

I appreciate this is less than ideal and many will have colds and bugs where also a cough or temperature are present. Unfortunately, the school has no way of telling the difference between a COVID-19 cough and other types and we would ask you to consult the NHS for advice.

This will lead to inconvenience for pupils, parents and staff members as they self-isolate awaiting results although there is little we are able to do about this. Students who are self-isolating should continue to look on Microsoft Teams (in Glow) to catch up on any work their teachers may have uploaded.

Combining this guidance for self-isolation and testing with our procedures on face coverings and regular hand washing/sanitising, we can do our best to keep ourselves as safe as possible.

If anyone has any questions about our return, COVID-19 symptoms or procedures in school, then please get in touch.

**Remember  
FACTS  
for a safer  
Scotland**

Mr P. Thomson (Head Teacher)



## EARLY YEARS

Our Early Years department have been busier than ever as this year we are at our capacity. Great news for all of us and incredibly exciting to see them make progress through our school. The Early Years team have even sent out their own newsletter as there's too much for this one!



## LOWER PRIMARY- NEWS SOURCED BY ERIN

We have been very busy in Lower Primary as Primary One begins to settle in. They are learning their letter sounds. We love forming our letters in shaving foam and they all love writing in our precious moon dust!



We have been learning about our feelings through the Colour Monster and have created our own story maps to help us retell the story. We helped the Colour Monster to sort out all of his feelings. We have also been thinking about what makes a special friend and we are creating our own recipe for friendship.



## UPPER PRIMARY

Primary 7 pupils have been taking part in the Bikeability training sessions to help them gain some practical experience in cycling on the roads. They have been developing their confidence in cycling on the road, managing junctions and encountering traffic. Thanks to Linda from Active Schools for delivering the course. Well done P7!



We have also been learning about biomes, life cycles and food chains. In numeracy we are learning about place value, squared/cubed numbers and algebra. We are learning about poetry in Literacy.



## SECONDARY

In Secondary, we now have 3 new members of staff. Ms Kiraly in H.E., Ms Pass in Art and Ms Nicholson in Social Studies.

The S1 class have breezed into Secondary and have been busy making metal name plates, learning about hygiene and germs, processing photographs in a dark room and getting our skills using Teams, Glow and Office 365 up to speed.

It is important for all our Upper Primary and Secondary pupils to check into Glow often and look here for any work, if they are at home due to absence or self-isolation.



## JOSEPH'S JOKES

This newsletter's jokes are brought to you by Joseph!

WHAT IS FASTER, HOT OR COLD?  
ITS HOT, YOU CAN CATCH THE COLD!

WHERE DOES A PIG FLY?  
AT THE AIRPORK!

DR DR. I THINK I'M GOING BLIND.  
WELL YOU MUST BE - THIS IS A FISH AND CHIP SHOP!

WHAT DID THE BANANA SAY TO THE DOCTOR?  
I'M NOT PEELING WELL!

WHY CANT YOU PLAY FOOTBALL IN THE JUNGLE?  
BECAUSE OF ALL THE CHEETAHS.

## JAMIE'S WORD SEARCH

Jamie has created his school related word search. Can you find all the words? Can you spot our new school values - **SAFE, READY, RESPECTFUL**?

### The School Word Search

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C	N	P	T	P	A	N	M	S	A	E	R	E	E
E	I	H	E	O	O	E	A	I	S	K	S	F	C
P	A	O	G	N	C	R	T	S	N	G	F	P	O
S	R	M	N	S	H	F	H	S	G	O	C	F	I
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R.E  
ART  
ENGLISH  
SCIENCE  
READY  
FRENCH  
RESPONSIBLE  
MUSIC  
SAFE  
HOMEWORK  
MATHS  
HEALTH  
RESPECT  
P.S.E  
TRAINING  
COMPUTING  
P.E  
H.E  
SCHOOL  
UNST

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1444490/>

## LIZZY'S COMPETITION

This is your chance to win one of the school water bottles - with Lizzy's design on the front! We would like you to draw a picture of what **safe** means to you. It could be anything at all, as long as it links with our school value of **Safe**. Hand it to your teacher once complete.

Our new  
school values



**SAFE \* READY \* RESPECTFUL**

## BRYANIE'S COLOURING IN PAGE

To help you de-stress and unwind, Bryanie has sourced a colouring page for you try, We have been learning about copyright and this image is copyright free (as long as we show where it came from).



Sourced from [www.vecteezy.com](http://www.vecteezy.com)

If you have the time to sit, relax and colour this picture in; then please take a photo of it and send it to the school email address [baltasound@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:baltasound@shetland.gov.uk) or post it to our school Facebook page.

## TERM DATES AND OTHER INFO

A reminder to show when the October and Christmas holidays begin.

**OCTOBER HOLIDAYS:** Mon 12th Oct - Tue 27th Oct (return on Wed 28th Oct)

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:** Wed 23rd Dec - Wed 6th Jan (return on Thu 7th Jan)

We would normally put out a calendar of events for the year although we are still unsure when in the school year we would be able to put on parents evenings, shopping nights and fundraisers. We have also emailed about ways in which the school can engage with parents - if you have the time, please reply to this email. We plan to update you on upcoming events through emails and these newsletters. If there is anything you would like to discuss, do not hesitate to contact the school.