

Baltasound Junior High School Newsletter - November 2020



A *Peerie School Big Dreams* Newsletter for EVERYONE!

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

SCHOOL UPDATE

As we get to the half way point in the term, it is a good opportunity to catch up with parents, carers and the wider community. Although this year is very different to previous years, we are determined to keep the magic of Term 2 alive, with engaging activities and as much excitement as possible throughout the school; whilst also keeping everyone COVID safe.



Halloween - Lower Primary



Children In Need - Upper Primary

Even though it is only November, we have been incredibly busy. We had Primary Halloween parties where students could dress up and we were impressed by a wide selection of ghouls, aliens, skeletons and various movie characters.

We also raised money for BBC Children In Need, with the Pupil Council organising a Wear Your Pyjamas To School Day, running a Duck Race sweepstake and having a staff raffle. These activities helped us to raise a fantastic **£452** which is far more than we would normally raise. A huge thanks to our extremely generous pupils, parents and staff.

We have also completed our Primary and Secondary SHANARRI audits. This is where our students think about their own health and wellbeing using the headings, **Safe, Healthy, Active, Nurtured, Achieving, Respected, Responsible and Included**. These are the National Wellbeing Indicators and help the school understand what the school and/or community could do to improve our wellbeing. We have also completed a Staff Wellbeing Survey this term.

This has led to some changes in school and opportunities for some of our older students to check-in with a dedicated member of staff. Wellbeing for pupils and staff is really important - if we are healthy and happy then we are in the best position to learn and to help others learn. And in these uncertain times, we all need to support the wellbeing of each other.



Duck Race Sweepstake Winner - Joseph

Mr P. Thomson (Head Teacher)

EARLY YEARS

We have been outside a lot so far this term - even in the wild weather. We have built snowmen, snowwomen and snow monsters! We have also had a Bookbug visit - Karen our school librarian popping in to see us! Check out our Early Years newsletter for even more fun and games from our active youngsters!



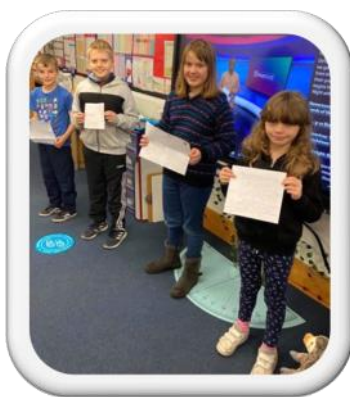
LOWER PRIMARY



Lower Primary have been learning about Safety (as Safe is one of our school values). This included learning about firework safety in the lead up to Bonfire Night. We have also been improving our Phonics skills and learning about Remembrance Day.

We have also been learning through play, with our water play system. We have been explorers rescuing sea creatures whilst navigating iceberg laden waters!

UPPER PRIMARY



Upper Primary have been learning about Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by others in the past, for us today.

They have also been writing letters to members of the Unst community who receive shopping deliveries from Skibhoul Stores. And we have been incredibly lucky to receive some replies. It was fascinating to read about the lives of others in our community.

Our Tuck Shop is also back - at the request of our Pupil Council who had asked if we can try to run it and keep it COVID safe (with gloves and face coverings). It was great to see students taking on the running of Tuck Shop and providing our students with healthy snacks at break times. Remember, our apples, bananas and peerie oranges are only 20p!

SECONDARY

All our subject teachers have been busy working through the courses for S1 to S4. There will be no exams for our S4 National 5 (N5) students this coming year, as the Scottish Government has removed them due to COVID-19 related practicalities.

We are lucky to be in Level 1 for restrictions although other parts of Scotland are in Level 3 or 4 and many students and staff have been unable to attend school - so the decision to remove the N5 exam diet is not unexpected.

JAMIE'S BRAIN GYM

Jamie has been busy creating these brain workouts for you to try. Can you work them out? And how fast can you do it? Answers on the last page.

EASY AS PRE!	→	Number of Jamies in BJHS	X	6	+	16	=	<input type="text"/>
MEDIUM TO WELL DONE!	→	Days in a week	X	Planets in our solar system	+	18	=	<input type="text"/>
HARD AS NAILS!	→	Days in a non-leap year	+	Seconds in an hour	+	61	=	<input type="text"/>

BRYANIE'S RECIPE

Bryanie has been asking local culinary experts for recipes in the lead up to Christmas. Below you will see a top secret recipe for **Bannocks** (don't tell anyone else!). Can you make it at home? Send any pictures to the school office email or our Facebook page.

Steps

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 8 or 210°
2. Put all dry ingredients in mixing bowl
3. Rub in margarine
4. Add enough milk to make firm the dough [Don't stir too long]
5. Roll out till about ½ inch thick
6. Cut up and put in the preheated oven for about 8-10 minutes.

Ingredients

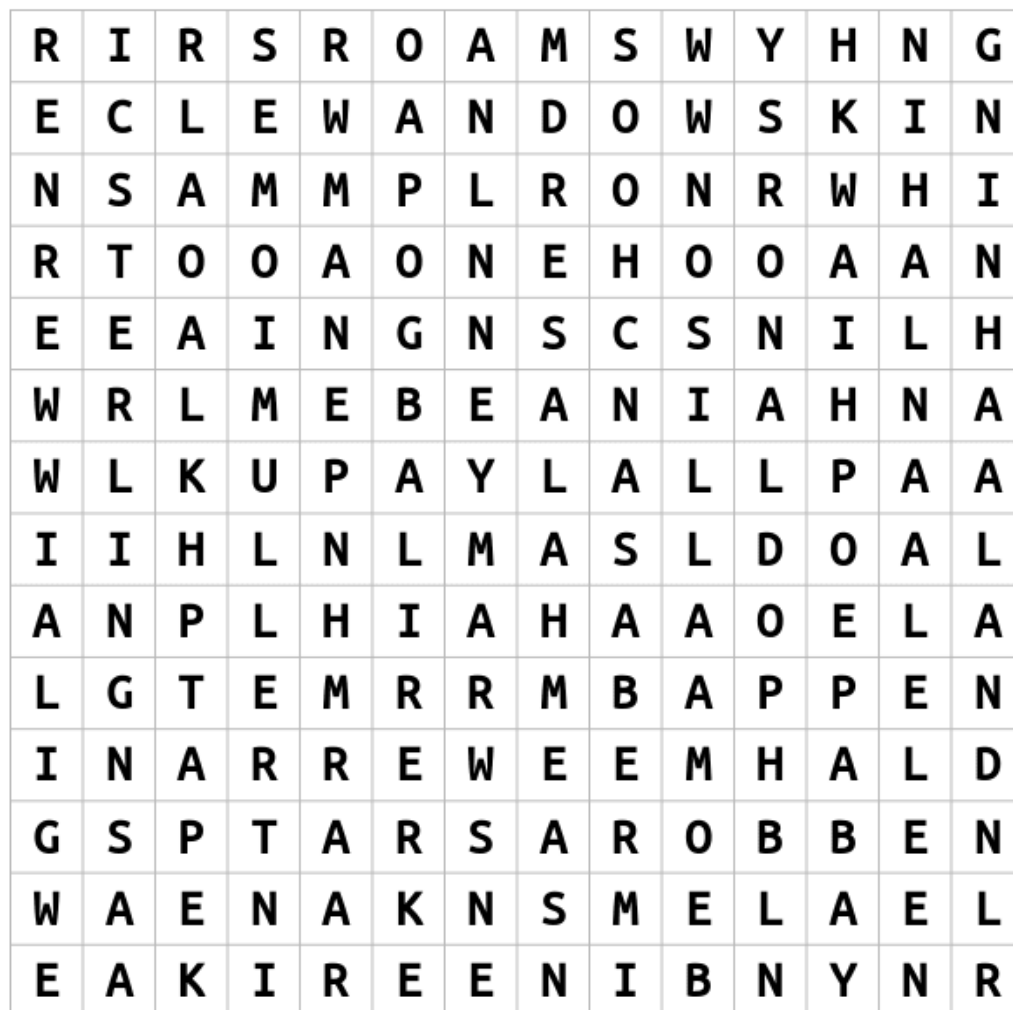
8oz self-raising flour,
2oz margarine,
½ tsp bicarbonate soda,
1 tsp cream tartare,
Pinch of salt,
Enough milk to stir



LEIGHTON'S WORD SEARCH

Leighton has created this word search about football. Can you find them all?

football word search



MBAPPE
LEWANDOWSKI
POGBA
ROBBEN
SALAH
RONALDO
MULLER
MESSI
NEYMAR
WERNER
STERLING
HAALAND
MANE
SANCHO
ALLISON
KANE

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1677751/>

GET TO KNOW THE STAFF

Our S1 class have been busy finding about our staff members - where they come from, what they teach and any other interesting information. Below, Harry tells us what he has found out about **Ms Pass**, our new **Art Teacher**.

Where did you grow up? I am from Pietermaritzburg, Kwa-Zulu Natal in South Africa.

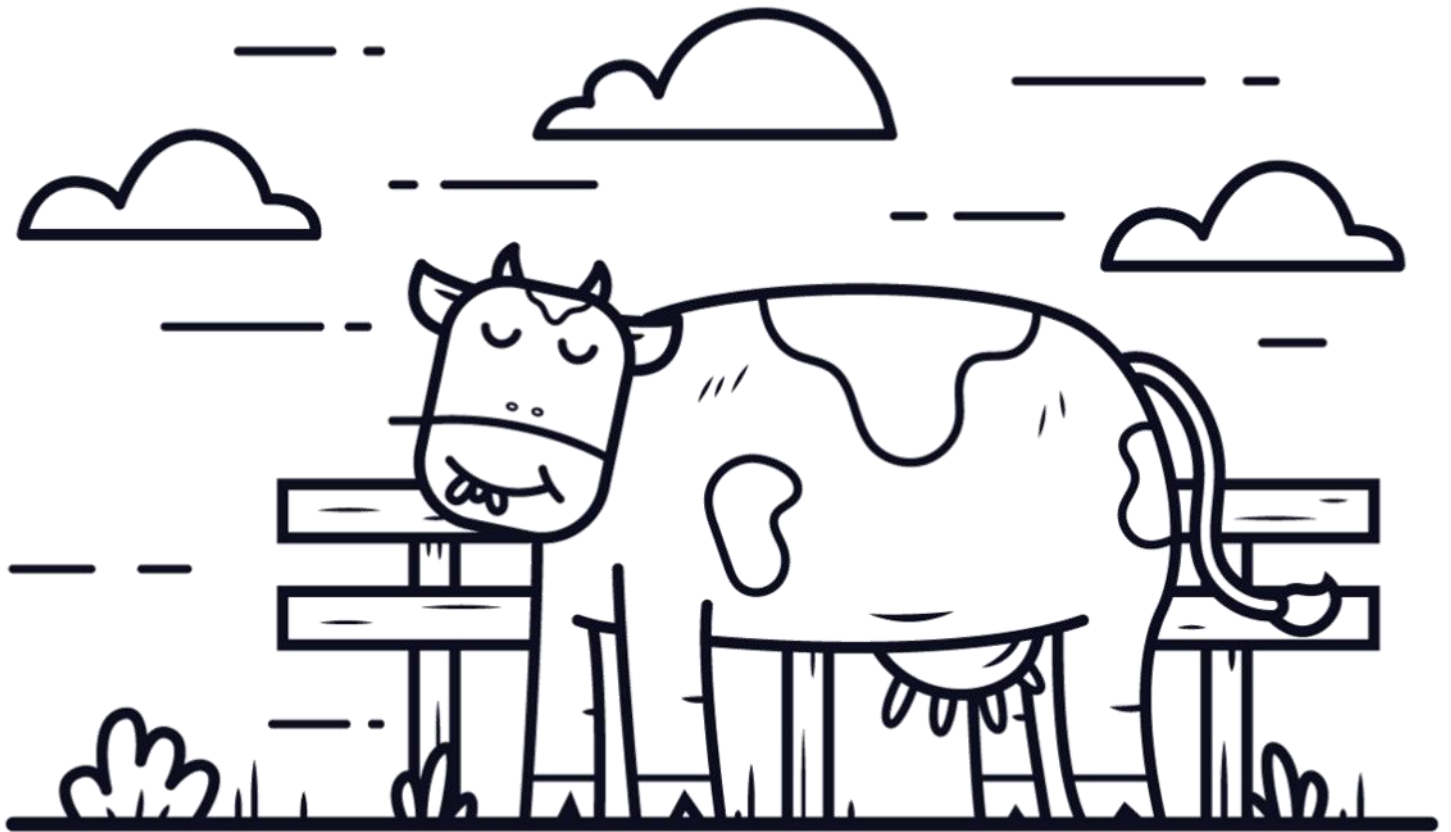
What was it like growing up there? Growing up in South Africa was fantastic. After school, most days, my best friend and I would jump into her swimming pool still wearing our uniform. It was the best way to cool down after a long day. Then we'd pick lychees from the neighbour's tree and eat them while completing homework in the garden. Our uniform would be dry by the time we were finished.

What do you enjoy doing? My hobbies are sketching, reading and exploring new places.



COLOURING IN PAGE

To help you de-stress and unwind we have sourced a colouring page for you try.



Sourced from www.vecteezy.com

Share any completed colouring in on our Facebook page.

PUPIL COUNCIL UPDATE

We have elected our new pupil council. We have 7 members in total - 4 from primary and 3 from secondary. We discussed how to improve our school by making sure everyone feels safe during this time. We also spoke about our school values - **safe, ready & respectful** - and how we can make sure everyone is aware of them.

Natalie Jamieson (Chair)

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

The parent council have held a couple of online meetings over the past few months, mainly discussing how the PC can assist the school during these difficult days times and how to continue with improving parental involvement at the school. We helped with the idea of pupils writing letters to some of the more isolated members of our community which were then distributed by Skibhoul Stores with people's shopping.

We are also currently organising a Christmas Raffle to raise funds for the school. If anyone would like to donate to this it would be much appreciated. We are hoping to create a couple of Christmas Hampers as star prizes. The draw is due to take place on 19th December.

If you have any questions or comments you would like to make to the Parent Council, please get in touch with myself or any PC member.

Vaila Thomason (Chair)

LATEST PHOTOS



The Duck Race!



Meet our new snow pupil!



Our new Pupil Council



Artists at work!

TERM DATES AND OTHER INFO

A reminder to let you know when the Christmas holidays begin and our famous Christmas Jumper/School Dinner Day.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER/DINNER DAY: Thu 17th Dec

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

We will also put out Secondary reports later this term - look out for them in school bags and please return the parental feedback section at the back.

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.

EASY - 28 , MEDIUM - 74 , HARD - 4026

BRAIN GYM ANSWERS

Best wishes from S1 and all at BJHS.