

Bower Primary



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Max from Pets as Therapy with his owner Sarah Rogers. Painting paw prints on our stars for the backdrop in the play!

DATES IN THE DIARY for January

Monday January 8th 2024:

Return to school

Wednesday 10th January

Befrienders Party LAC

Thursday January 18th:

Library Van

Parent Forum at 6.30pm

Lunch Clubs commence:

24th, 31st January

7th and 14th February

22nd December 2023

Dear Parents,

Yet another term has ended at Bower Primary School. Christmas has been marked with an exciting and impressive production. I hope you all enjoyed our show on Thursday night. The children performed so well; they all showed their innate talents to the excitement of the parents. Staff were all so proud and impressed with everyone of our young performers, they showed a true sense of community with their play that they re-wrote in their own words. It was a fantastic show! It was lovely to see so many parents, family members attending this event and I would like to thank you all so much for your support.

It has been a busy term for all of us, extremely positive and productive.

Parents Evening:

Thanks to all the parents who came to see the teachers to discuss their child/ children's progress on Thursday 7th December. We had our usual questions on the board in the hall and I would like to thank all the parents who contributed by writing a comment.

Please see the comments below:

What are the strengths of Bower Primary School?

- It's a nice school, with a personal feel that enables the children of all ages to mix and play.
- Connections and relationships between everyone are incredibly open and caring with the family feel every wee school should have.
- Nice small school with time for students and a polycrubb.
- Staff! Caring, friendly, professional, hardworking, nurturing. Clearly a very close team that works very well together to the benefit of the pupils.
- Loads of support for the children.
- Personalised learning.
- Good small school, really good standards.
- Bower school has a great family feel and has really good standards.
- Really good Seesaw app to see how the children are doing.
- Family feel, class seesaw, great to see what is happening.

What could Bower Primary School improve on?

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Our Accelerated Readers 'spending' their points.

DATES IN THE DIARY for February 📅

School Closed to Staff and Pupils
Holiday

Monday 19th February
Tuesday 20th February

Inservice day
School closed to pupils only
Wednesday 21st February

All pupils and staff in from
Thursday 22nd February for the
second part of Term 1.

DATES IN THE DIARY for March 📅

Last day before Easter Holidays:
Thursday 28th March.

More community links, using the ground, etc.? clubs? A good and safe surface for sports in all weathers.

We also asked children's opinions about the school:

What are the strengths of Bower Primary School?

- Bower Primary School is full of people and a lot of people are nice.
- The children are nice and the staff is really nice.
- The people and teachers
- The kids are kind. We do fun activities
- Bower Primary School is very fun. There are lots of kind children
- I like reading at Bower Primary School
- I think it's a very good school because of the helpful teachers.
- Bower Primary School is fun because there are lots of toys
- Golden time and maths
- Small nice school . a lot of nice people
- I like that the people are kind and the teachers make fun activities.
- I like how big the playground is and the teachers are really nice.
- People
- The scenery in/outside is very appealing. Everyone is really kind
- The little number makes it not crowded. Good ways to teach.

What could Bower Primary School improve on?

- More outside learning
- More outside equipment on the tarmac
- No shouting/ football nets/ better people
- Less objects on the board so there is more room instead of using two boards.
- Could you fix the gazebo?
- To get better whiteboard pens
- Fix equipment/ treat everyone fairly
- Teach us different things. We could have a little park in our playground with a slide and a swing.
- Less things in the classroom because there is not enough space
- Treating the boys as fair as the girls
- I would like a pet in the classroom
- A tree house
- Football nets, bit more indoor toys
- We need to improve on our lunches

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Crackers being shared



Jokes being told

Assessments:

This term, we also did our Scottish National Standardised Assessment (SNSA) for P4 and 7 and Scottish Online Formative Assessment(SOFA)for P2, P3, P5 and P6 -P1 will do their SNSA in term 3 or 4.

Results are very healthy. Most children are working above or at their level. I would like to thank the children for their diligence and hard work and the staff for their dedication and to provide fantastic learning experiences to the children.

Accelerated Reader:

On Tuesday 19th December, children were able to buy items from our AR shop with the points they got from reading their books and quizzing. We noticed that most children did not manage to get many points this term and we asked the children what we could do to encourage them to read more. A lot of great suggestions were given.

Therefore, we have decided that next term, primary 4-7 will only be doing Accelerated Reader in class and their homework will consist of only reading their book. We will do this up until the long weekend (February 16th) and assess the progress then.

Christmas Lunch:

What a lovely treat we all had on Tuesday 19th December. Many thanks to Rosie, for serving us this lovely lunch and to the staff for helping with this.

Photos:

Orders of School photos went home on Wednesday. We were really impressed with Rona the Photographer, she was so good with the children and we will definitely book her again for next year. She was extremely impressed with the manners and behaviour of all our pupils!

Senior Citizens Lunch:

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Our speakers and singers at the Senior Citizens Lunch



The very talented (and brave!) Lacey who performed 2 solo dances.

This is always a popular event within the community, and it was a privilege to perform for them. The pupils did an amazing job, staff were super impressed with their clear and confident speaking out to their audience and singing of songs. We were very proud of Lacey, P2 for doing 2 solo performances and smiling the whole way through! Thank you to all the parents who came along to offer support. We appreciate it is a busy time of year. Thank you to the staff for helping with this and the donations of puddings.

Cinema:

On Friday 15th December, the whole school went to the Cinema. The younger children went to see Elemental and the older pupils went to see Wonka. There, they were treated to juice and popcorn, courtesy of our wonderful parent council.

Befrienders New Year Party at Lyth Art Centre:

This was previously postponed due to road conditions, but we're delighted to say that it is back in the Diary (weather depending.) Staff and pupils will be collected by bus to Lyth Art Centre on Wednesday 10th January to visit the Befrienders group for a New Year's party. Ady Harper will be playing ceilidh music.

I would like to end by wishing all students, parents and families a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday the 8th of January.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs S. Sinclair (Acting Head Teacher)



