



# BALGREEN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

**June 2022**

Welcome to the final newsletter of this session.

## Primary 1 Transition

We were delighted to welcome in the parents and carers of new Primary 1 pupils to our information evening and to our Teddy Bear picnic last week. It was the first time we have been allowed parents and carers into school in recent years so there was a lot of excitement in the air.

We are welcoming in 48 Primary 1 pupils into two classes. We have seen a lot of movement as the Primary 1 appeals have seen pupils join our role, while others have moved to other schools. We hope we have the classes finalised now. [Heading Here](#)

## Meet the teacher

Pupils in classes got to meet their new teacher on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> while also visiting their new classrooms. Staff and pupils were both very excited to physically meet prior to the new term started.

## Primary 7 Transition

Pupils in Primary 7 were eventually allowed to go and visit their respective secondary schools last week for the first face-to-face three day visit in three years. They followed their new timetables, met the teachers who will be teaching them after the holidays and managed to find their way around their new schools. Primary 7 also visited Tynecastle High School on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> to see a fantastic performance of 'Little Shop of Horrors' which was enjoyed by all. It is always exciting seeing ex-Balgreen pupils perform brilliantly.

## Primary 7 School Camp

We are booked to return to Lagganlia for a residential camp for Primary 7 pupils in January 2023. Having had an incredible camp this year we will look to take as many pupils as possible back to the Cairngorms for some fun in the snow. There is an information evening on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June in the school hall at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing as many of the Primary 6 parents and carers there as possible.

## School Photographer

We were finally allowed to have a photographer in school now that COVID guidance allowed us to do so. Having switched providers as a school we were happy with the photos at our end and have received feedback from the parents and carers at the recent Parent Council meeting that took place face-to-face this month. If you have any individual feedback to share please contact the school office.

We intend to use the same photographer for class photos in September where all classes will have their pictures taken, while he will return to take individual/sibling photographs in November.



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## Staffing

We are saying farewell and thank you to several members of staff. Mrs Main in Primary 3a is retiring and we wish her a long and happy retirement. Mrs Main has worked with several classes during her time here at Balgreen and she is very much looking forward to the arrival of a grandchild in the near future.

We are saying cheerio to two of our pupil support assistants. Mrs Crosbie is leaving Balgreen as PSA in Primary 1a and we are incredibly grateful for all she has done for us. She will continue to work in our playground at lunchtime.

We are also saying farewell to Miss Jardine in Primary 1b. She has been a star during her time with us and is returning to the student way of life and off to continue her studies of music. We wish her all the best in the future.

## Primary 7 Assembly

Primary 7 pupils have been rehearsing furiously to share their reflections of their time here at Balgreen as our time draws to a close. They are performing to pupils this Wednesday and for parents and carers on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 2pm. We hope to see as many of the Primary 7 parents and carers as we can. We are also recording the performance and will post this on our YouTube channel for those unable to make the performance.

## Rose Day

We are having an outdoor event to say thank you and good luck to Primary 7 pupils at the band stand in Saughton Park on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm. We warmly welcome all the Primary 7 parents and carers to attend. Thank you to those of you who have offered to help give out teas and coffees in the hall afterwards.

## Primary 7 Transition

Milk orders for next session need to be placed and paid for by midnight tonight. Please check your ParentPay if you wish your child to have milk upon our return in August.

## Key Dates for this fortnight

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30pm School Camp meeting for current P6 parents/carers
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Rose Day for Primary 7 parents/carers
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term- ends at <b>12 noon</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	All pupils resume

This year has seen continued challenges for us all. COVID has continued to dominate the year as we worked hard to stay open, deal with high numbers of COVID cases amongst pupils and staff alike and endeavour to provide as normal a service as we can. We have managed to get through this but have only done so with the continued support from you all. Your patience and understanding have ensured we work together for the best outcomes for your children and we look forward to building on this in August.



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We hope you can take the holidays to rest, relax and recharge and we look forward to seeing you on the 17<sup>th</sup> August.

Richard Napier

