



BALGREEN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

April 2021

Welcome to our new look newsletter.

International Space Station event

Lockdown #2 saw pupils from across P2, P3, P5 and P6 submitting recorded questions for astronauts currently on board the International Space Station. Entries were submitted from schools all across Scotland, as well as from other countries across the world. The event will be live on a webchat on Thursday 8th April at 2pm and you can sign up to watch it via the link below. If you are lucky, you might spot a Balgreen pupil or two!

<https://event.webinarjam.com/register/70/5o8nkanx>

Families Connect

We are planning to run another cycle of our parenting programme Families Connect in the summer term beginning Thursday 29th April. Due to Covid19 restrictions, the six sessions will be held on Teams and will run on Thursday afternoons from 1.15 to 2.15pm.

Families Connect is a programme that helps parents and carers to support their children's learning at home. Sessions will focus on play, literacy, numeracy as well as understanding feelings, praise and listening. Parents and carers attend the sessions and then carry out the tasks with their children at a time that suits the family.

I have attached a leaflet containing more information but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

If you are interested in a place on this course, please let Mrs Edgar know by emailing admin@balgreen.edin.sch.uk by 20th April.

P1-3 Easter Egg competition

Thanks to all the children who entered our annual Easter Egg competition. As usual the standard was very high, and it was **eggstremely(!)** difficult to choose a winner from each class. The winners were:



P1a Amy



P1b Calley



P2a Dexter



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P2b Ellie-Leigh



P3a Zara



P3b Pradyot



P3b Amber

New Website

Please go and visit our new school website that went live on Monday. Many thanks to Mhairi Bell for her support, guidance and time in creating it. If you have yet to visit it, please go to: <https://balgreen.edin.sch.uk/>

We are thrilled with the result. We hope you enjoy familiarising yourselves with the site and its contents.

Parent Council Return to School

Many thanks to our Parent Council who bought sweets for every child at school that were handed out at the end of last week. We started back in August with a fantastic visit from an ice-cream van and pupils were welcomed back with a sweet for everyone. Everyone was so excited when we were handing them out.

Continued COVID awareness

Please can we continue to remind you not to send your child to school if they have a new cough, a temperature or a loss of sense of taste/smell. We have had to send children home recently who had a temperature or coughs as we have to continue to be cautious. There are schools across the city who continue to send home whole classes when positive cases are confirmed. When picking up your child please make sure you are wearing your face mask and adhere to the 2 metre social distancing rule.

Cereal bars/cereal

Many thanks to those of you who contributed to our request for cereal bars and cereal to give breakfast or a snack to those who do not bring one in. For many children it is a long time between breakfast and lunchtime so a snack that can be eaten at break time gives children more energy, helps them concentrate and allows them to be more successful in their learning throughout the morning.

Donations can continue to be dropped off at the school.



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School lunches

The numbers of the lunches are down the first week we are back after the Easter Holidays (Tuesday 20th April). If you have not booked a lunch you will now need to provide a packed lunch for your child that week.

Parent Consultations

It was lovely talking to you at the Parent Consultations this week and sharing with you how your child has been since their return to school, how they have engaged with learning and what we are hoping to achieve in the coming months. There will be a final consultation with teaching staff in May which will have more of a focus on pupil learning.

We had some lovely feedback from you recognising the efforts of staff in supporting pupil learning throughout lockdown and the delivery of remote learning. Thank you for your comments- it meant a lot to us.

Outdoor PE

In line with national guidance PE continues to be outdoors and will remain so until further notice. Mr Murray has just completed Bikeability with Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils where they are taught how to develop their skills when riding a bike. Hopefully pupils can continue to cycle to school as the fairer weather arrives next term.

April Fools Day

We have had a day of jokes today as part of April Fools Day involving spiders, snakes and spelling tests with completely made up words (poor Primary 6b). Can I assure you when we told the pupils today over the intercom system that the Easter Holidays were cancelled due to days lost as part of lockdown, that this is entirely untrue. The holidays are definitely happening!

Have an amazing break and take care.

Key Dates for this term

Thursday 1 st April	School ends usual time
Thursday 8 th April	International Space Station interview
Tuesday 20 th April	All return to school
Monday 3 rd May	Public Holiday
Tuesday 4 th May	In-service day- pupils not in school
Wednesday 5 th May	All resume

