



BALGREEN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

November 2025

Welcome to the November version of our newsletter. Preparations are underway for the Primary 3 Nativity and for the Christmas events we have planned for the next three weeks.

Book Bug event

Many thanks to those of you who joined us in school for the P1-3 Book Bug event. It was really well attended and it was lovely seeing so many of you turn up to be part of the event and hear input from our principal teacher, Jemma Jeffrey. Thanks for taking the time to look at the Book Fair when you were in too- we have lots of orders for books which ultimately will result in books for classes as part of the commission.

Big Read

Well done to everyone for their hard work as part of our Big Read project. We have reviewed the sponsorship forms and the children below having been given their book vouchers due to their incredible efforts with their fundraising.

P1- Lucia

P2- Hollie

P3- Brayden

P4 – Lachlan

P5- Alfie

P6- Billie

P7 – Quinn

Contact details

Can we ask that if you have a new mobile number or email address that you let the school know so we can contact you in the event of an emergency. Please let the office know of any changes.

End of school arrangements

We are currently experiencing a high volume of calls from parents and carers asking us to pass on messages to children about where to go at the end of school. Please help the workload of the office team by making these arrangements prior to your child coming to school as they are asked to pause their jobs to then pass on these messages. Thanks for your support with this.

Cycling and scooting in the playground/school

We continue to have issues with P1 and P2 pupils using scooters and bikes in the playground while classes are in the playground undertaking PE or outdoor activities. Children should not use their scooters or bikes in the playground 2.40-3.15pm. We will come and challenge those who are doing this and you may be asked to leave the playground.



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School photographs

The date for ordering the individual/family portraits and getting free delivery has been extended to Friday 28th November. If you have not seen the proofs yet, please check your child's school bag. Proofs for the Primary 1 and Primary 7 class photos are expected imminently.

Water bottles

Can we ask you to make sure your child brings in a water bottle to school each day. We encourage pupils to drink water throughout the day and with our heating on all day the rooms can be warm. We are seeing multiple children request cartons of water each day which could be avoided if they brought in a water bottle. We have a selection of lost water bottles on the lost property table round the corner from the office.

Primary 7 Basketball



Well done to our Primary 7 pupils for giving their all at Tynecastle High School last week in the first West of Edinburgh Basketball league meet.

This was their first run out with the current team members.

Their first game saw us lose 18- 32 to Bonaly but win 32 -10 against Cramond. We wish them well in their game this Friday.

Sickness and diarrhoea

Now we are in the middle of cold and dark November and with the drop in temperature we are seeing an increase in coughs, colds and other bugs. Can we remind you that if your child has any incidents of sickness or diarrhoea we ask that they remain off school for 48 hours from the final incident of their illness eg. if they are sick at 2pm on Sunday they are not able to return to school on the following Monday or Tuesday. This is to prevent the spread of any bugs throughout the school. We are having to send children home who have been sent into school having been unwell in the previous 48 hours.

Wider achievements

We love sharing the photos you send us of achievements your child/children have been part of outside of school. We have shared photos of dancers, gymnasts and those attending cricket galas and would like to ask you to send in any photos of your child taking part in/achieving success in out of school activities so we can share these at assembly. Earned a new belt in Judo? Got some new badges in Guides? Please send in any photos to admin@balgreen.edin.sch.uk



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Digital contract

We sent home a copy of the contract that the city of Edinburgh has asked us to send to everyone following on from feedback from yourselves around the content of the contract and the expectations we have asked for advice from senior managers. We will keep you updated around our next steps.

Key Dates

Monday 1 st December	Christmas Post begins in school
Thursday 4 th December	Last day to hand in Readathon Sponsor money 6.30-8pm Jingo Bingo event in school
Thursday 11 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day
Thurs 11 th / Fri 12 th December	Primary 3 Nativity. Thursday afternoon and Friday morning performances.
Mon 15 th / Tues 16 th	Primary 1-7 Christmas Concerts 1.30pm on Monday then 9.15am/ 1.30pm on Tuesday
Wednesday 17 th December	Primary 2 Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th December	Primary 1 Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper's may be worn Last day of term- normal finishing times 12.15pm P1 and P2 12.25pm P3-P7
Monday 5 th January	INSET day- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	All resume

