

Balfron High School News

NO 25

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 8th MARCH, 2010.

FORM TEACHERS : PLEASE READ ALL ITEMS MARKED WITH A BULLET TO PUPILS AT REGISTRATION

CALENDAR

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 1.00 Staff Football ❖ 1.00 Chemistry Club – Room C14 ❖ 1.00 Dance Club – Gym - S1 – S3 only ❖ 1.10 A7 Senior Choir ❖ 3.30 Senior Rugby ❖ 3.30 Fitness - S5/6 ❖ 3.30 Girls Football ❖ 3.30 Basketball ❖ 3.30 Gymnastics
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 1.00 S5/6 Fitness Club - S4/5/6 ❖ 1.10 Junior Drama Club ❖ P5 – S3 Assembly on Work Experience ❖ 3.30 U13 Football ❖ 3.30 U15 Football ❖ 3.30 Rugby - S1/2 ❖ 3.30 Free Swim ❖ 3.30 Badminton Club - S1 – S3 ❖ 3.30 Fitness - S5/6
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Careers Adviser in school all day. 1.20-1.40 Drop-in-Clinic. ❖ 1.00 Eco-Schools - Room B23 ❖ 1.00 Fitness Club - S4/5/6 - Girls only ❖ 1.00 Fitness for Sport ❖ P5 – S4 & S5 - Assembly on Course Choice ❖ 3.30 Free Swim - Girls only ❖ 3.30 Girls Rugby ❖ 3.30 Cheerleading ❖ 3.30 Netball ❖ 3.30 Fitness Club - Girls only
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Careers Adviser in school all day. 1.20-1.40 Drop-in-Clinic. ❖ P1 – S2 Assembly on Course Choice ❖ Fitness Club - S4/5/6 ❖ 1.00 Swimming Club - Mrs. Buchanan ❖ 3.30 Badminton Club - S4-S6 ❖ 3.30 Rugby - S3/4 ❖ 3.30 Free Swim ❖ 3.30 Fitness Club - S5/S6 only ❖ 3.45 Creative Writing Group-Library ❖ 3.30 Running Club ❖ 5.00 – 5.30 S4/5 Parents Evening with SMT ❖ 5.30 – 6.30 S4/5 Parents Open Evening ❖ 6.00 – 6.30 S2 Parents Evening with SMT ❖ 6.30 – 8.00 S2 Parents Open Evening
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 1.00 Staff football ❖ 1.00 Dance Club – Gym - S4 – S6 only ❖ 1.10 A7 Senior Choir ❖ 3.30 Fitness Club

WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

DISPLAYING THIS BULLETIN

Could all Form class Leaders pin this bulletin up in a prominent place so that any one can look at it during the week

❖ S2 PARENTS EVENING - ADVANCED NOTICE

S2 Parents Evening – **Monday 15th March, 2010**

❖ IMPROVED TELEPHONE SYSTEM

In response to parental feedback that the school's answering message was overly long, resulting in delays and long call times, we have implemented some improvements.

The greeting you will now hear if you contact the school's main telephone number 01360 440469, is as follows:

“Welcome to Balforn High School. If you wish to report an absence, for Campsie House press 1, for Endrick press 2 or for Lomond press 3, for Reception press 4, for Jarvis press 5 and for Leisure please call 440940. Thank you.”

If you know which number you need, you don't have to listen to the whole message. You can press the relevant number immediately and be transferred to the relevant extension. We hope that this will reduce your waiting time considerably.

Additionally, we have kept the direct dial numbers previously advertised. If you are in the habit of using these numbers, please continue to do so. These are as follows:

For reporting absences of Campsie House, 01360 441611

For reporting absences of Endrick House, 01360 441639

For reporting absences of Lomond House, 01360 441632

We welcome your feedback and comments.

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❖ PUPIL COUNCIL - MINUTES

Minutes of Pupil Council meetings can be found on the School Website under School News.

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❖ MOBILE PHONES /I-PODS IN SCHOOL - REMINDER

Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones to school for all the reasons stated in the mobile phone policy **BUT** they must be switched off and out of sight from the beginning to the end of the school day. The same rule applies to the use of i-pods, these must be switched off and out of sight. This also includes interval and lunchtime when a pupil is in the school. If anyone is seen with a mobile phone or i-pod it will be confiscated for return at the end of the school day. (The policy is on the website under School News and policies). This has been introduced because of pupils filming others during class time, without permission

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❖ INTER HOUSE

This week's inter house events are S3 Badminton. Games will be played as follows:-

<u>Badminton S2</u> -	Tuesday -	9/3/10	Campsie v Endrick
	Wednesday -	10/3/10	Campsie v Lomond
	Thursday -	11/3/10	Endrick v Lomond
Dodgeball – S4 -	Tuesday -	9/3/10	Campsie v Endrick
	Wednesday -	10/3/10	Campsie v Lomond
	Thursday -	11/3/10	Endrick v Lomond

THURSDAY 12/3/10 - GYMNASTICS COMPETION - LUNCHTIME

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Balftron High School

4K FUN RUN & 10K

Sunday 25th April

10am start



- The Balftron High School 4K Fun Run takes place prior to the Balftron 10K.
- Pupils taking part in the 4K Fun Run **must** give their name to a member of the PE Dept and collect a Sponsorship Form.
- Pupils over 15 taking part in the **10K** please see a member of the PE Dept for **FREE** Entry.
- Any parent willing to help with marshal duties on the day please contact the school.

❖ **UNIFORM GROUP**

There will be a meeting, for all those pupils who were approached re forming a Uniform Group, in the Upper Conference Room on **Thursday 11th March period 5 - (1.40 pm)** TM

❖ **SPRING BREAK - REVISION COURSES**

Glasgow Metropolitan College are offering revision courses during the spring break. Revision will run from Tuesday 6th April to Thursday 15th April with subjects including English, maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Modern Studies at both Standard Grade and Higher Level. Courses are offered at £40.00 per subject, payable on allocation of a place. Bookings can be made by phoning the College on 0141 566 6216 / 6224 with a deadline of Friday 19th March. Please see poster in Careers Room for further details. AC

❖ **NOMINATING FOR A DIANA AWARD**

For young people this award is truly life-changing as they don't seek reward for the work they do and for many it may be the only recognition they receive.

1. The Diana Award, for individuals aged 12-18 who make a sustained, selfless contribution to their community, and who demonstrate exceptional personal qualities.
2. The Diana Certificate for Excellence for groups of young people aged 12-18 who have worked together to make their communities a better place.
3. The Diana Anti-Bullying Awards for individuals and groups of young people aged 5-18 who have tackled bullying in their communities and schools.

Anyone interested in nominating please contact Mrs Morrison for further information.

The closing date for nominations is **21st May 2010** however, if you nominate by the 31st March there is the possibility of being included in the forthcoming award ceremonies. TM

❖ **GLASGOW METROPOLITAN COLLEGE - OPEN DAY - S4-S6 PUPILS**

There is an Open Day at Glasgow Metropolitan College on Thursday 11th March. There are three time slots: 10am-12, 1pm-4pm and 5pm-7pm. Please see Mrs Buchanan if you require further information or a prospectus. NB

DANCE OPPORTUNITY - Macrobert Theatre, Stirling.

Macrobert is recruiting 15-17 years old for a unique opportunity to perform alongside Physical Theatre Co. La Fura dels Baus (www.lafura.com<<http://www.lafura.com/>>)

For further details, please contact :-

Yolanda Aguilar

Macrobert Dance Development Artist

yolanda.aguilar@macrobert.org<<mailto:yolanda.aguilar@macrobert.org>>

Telephone: 01786 467 154

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❖ **TESCO FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS**

We are once again collecting these vouchers from 1st March to 9th May. Any vouchers collected can be left at the Reception Desk. DB

❖ **STRATHENDRICK SINGERS**

Strathendrick Singers are a local choir based in Killearn that draws members from the surrounding villages. The choir are now recruiting new members and any senior pupils who are interested in joining should collect a letter from School Reception. VC

❖ **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

National Photography Competition open to schools and anyone over the age of 13

Unstaged is a free photographic event which exposes the extraordinary aspects of everyday life. It's free to enter and anyone thirteen or over can take part.

Three individual competitions invite you to take five inspiring photographs and stories from the world around you, that together say something bold, fresh and different.

It is supported by Scottish Screen, Channel 4, the National Theatre of Scotland, and BAFTA-winning blipfoto and runs from November, 2009 to September, 2010.

Please see <http://www.blipfoto.com/unstaged> for further information. VC

❖ **LUNCHTIME IN THE VILLAGE OF BALFRON - IMPORTANT**

Once again there have been concerns raised by members of the village community about behaviour of some pupils at lunch-time. Lunch-time should be an enjoyable part of the day, but we all have a responsibility to behave in a respectful way towards our community and our environment. Be polite and respectful to people in the community and keep the environment litter free. VC

❖ **SCHOOL LUNCHESES - Council Representatives**

Could Pupil Council representatives take responsibility for reading the menu out to the class on a daily basis:-

Lunch Menu Week Beginning 8/3/10 - Week 4

Monday

Lentil Soup
Tomato Soup
Macaroni Cheese Peas Potato Wedges
Fish With Wedges Peas

Tuesday

Leek & potato soup
Lentil Soup
Chicken Fried Rice
With Curry Sauce & Naan
Cheese & tomato Pizza
Crusty Bread & Salad

Wednesday

Lentil Soup
Scotch Broth
Shepherds Pie
Pasta & Tomato Sauce with Salad and Crusty Bread

Thursday

Chicken & Rice Soup
Lentil Soup
Sausage Rolls Chips Beans
Cheesy Oat burgers Chips And Beans

Friday

Minestrone Soup
Lentil Soup
Pasta Bolognaise
With Garlic Bread
Ratatouille
Rice and salad

❖ **WALLACEA PROJECT**

Collection of unwanted Mobile Phones for the above Project. We would be grateful for all donations, which should be handed into Mr. P. Rodger in Room C8. PR

❖ **BAGS - Health & Safety**

Bags are becoming a safety hazard in the Tech / Home Economics corridor during interval and lunchtime. No bags should be left where others could trip over them or block exits. VC

❖ **PUBLICITY - Outstanding Achievements**

Any pupil who has recently had an outstanding achievement, be it in sport, music or raising money for charity, please contact Megan Ripley in Mrs. Wood's classroom (Modern Languages Dept.) during registration, in order that your achievement may be passed to the local press. RW

❖ **LITTER - IMPORTANT**

We are an Eco school and in order to justify our Green Flags we must keep litter to a minimum. Once again the amount of litter being dropped is increasing. **Please use the bins provided and clear away all litter, food etc., at interval and lunch-times.** If you have any ideas on how we can keep the school tidy, please contact Mr. Rodger. VC

ASSEMBLIES

- ❖ There will be an Assembly on the topic of Work Experience for all **S3** pupils on **Tuesday 9th March - Period 5.**
- ❖ There will be an Assembly on the topic of Course choice for all **S4** and **S5** pupils on **Wednesday 10th March - Period 5.**
- ❖ There will be an Assembly on the topic of Course choice for all **S2** pupils on **Thursday 11th March - Period 1.** JE

NOTICES FOR S5 / S6

❖ **PREFECTS ON DUTY**

6E2 Prefects are "on duty" this week.

They should be visible in the atrium at break and lunchtime. Any queries - please see Mrs. Short.

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❖ **"SO YOU THINK YOU WANT TO BE A DOCTOR"**

We have received notification that there will be a symposium entitled "So you think you want to be a doctor?", which will take place in Glasgow on Monday 7th June. The purpose of this is to give young people who are considering a career in medicine the opportunity to find out whether this is likely to be suitable for them. There is a limited number of places available and priority will be given to **those who have not yet applied to medical school** and who are in S4, S5 or S6. If you are interested please report your interest to Mrs Ebsworth before the end of the week. JE
