



# Dalbeattie Primary School

## May Times



Dear Parents and Carers,

Time is passing incredibly quickly and another term has begun, we are looking forward to Sports' day, Parents' night, M&M production of the Hunchback of Notre Dame, lots of trips and events ahead.

We would like to thank everyone for their help and support during the difficult time last term, we really appreciated being able to attend Mrs Jamieson's funeral as a staff.

Thank you, Mrs Howie and Mrs Irving.

### Dates for your diaries

- May 5th-May Day holiday
- May 8th-P7s start P.A.R.T.Y.
- May 12th & 19th P6 Science at DHS pm.
- May 14th Regional Golf Tournament
- May 15th P1M trip to Mersehead
- May 19th School Photographs for P1, P4 & P7.
- May 22nd P1L trip to Mersehead.
- May 26th Blue Folders with children's work go home.
- May 28th Rugby for P7s
- May 28th P3/4 trip to Mabie Farm Park
- May 29th **Parents' open afternoon** to look at work from 2:00-3:00pm.
- May 30th Blue folders come back.
- **June 12th Parents' afternoon** 3:30-5:30 or 6:30-8:00pm
- June 13th Infant Sports' Day.
- June 16th P5 Watersports
- June 17th Upper School Sports' Day
- June 23rd Information evening for P7s at DHS.
- June 24th, 25th and 26th P7 Induction Days

Mrs Howie and Mrs Irving are very grateful that so many of our children have voiced interest in raising some money for a fitting tribute to the memory of Mrs Jamieson. We will be in touch with you in the near future with details of what we hope to do after we have consulted with Mrs Jamieson's family. Thank you.

### Message from Mrs Duncan the new Temporary Head Teacher who will come to Dalbeattie Primary in the new session in August.

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for the warm welcome I have received since beginning my transition to Dalbeattie Primary School. I was in school on several occasions towards the end of last term, meeting staff and becoming familiar with the school. I aim to be in school on a weekly basis this term to liaise with Mrs Irving and Mrs Howie on school developments, also, to plan the next steps for the way forward for Dalbeattie Primary School. It is a very exciting time for Dalbeattie with the development of the new learning campus. I am looking forward to my new role, meeting and working with everyone to make learning for the pupils at Dalbeattie Primary School an enjoyable, valuable and memorable experience, one that will support them in reaching their full potential.

**Mrs Duncan**



### Salmon In The Classroom

Our Eco group recently took part in a trip to release the salmon alevins in the River Dee. The children had been closely monitoring salmon eggs in a cooler provided by Galloway Fisheries. The eggs finally hatched, after several weeks in late March. One of our photographs shows the

salmon being released in a burn which flows into the Dee while a second shows the children being given a tour of a trout farm at Wigtown (thank you Mark). A big thank you to Rowan from Galloway Fisheries for involving the school in this project for a third year. **Mrs Howie**





### War Memorial Research Group

Sadly we were not shortlisted for the prize of a visit to London following our recent work with an after school club of 7 primary 6 and 7 pupils. However, the hard work of the teachers, children and parents was appreciated great during a visit to school by Sir Malcolm and Lady Ross. Following on from this, each class has also planted poppy seeds in the hope that we can use the blooms in some way, once dried and pressed, to add to wooden crosses for a ceremony later in the year to mark the outbreak of the first World War. Mrs Irving and Mrs Howie.

### Fourth Green Flag

The School is thrilled to have been awarded its fourth green flag just before the holidays. This has been made possible by lots of excellent ongoing activities linked to food and sustainability. In particular, we are very grateful to the effort made by Primary 5 on Fairtrade Fortnight and to the input from Sustainability Officer Karen Coulthard from new school design team 'Graham' who has worked closely with the Eco Group to investigate sustainability issues for the new school.



### Haute Couture comes to Dalbeattie Primary!

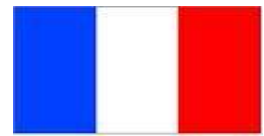
Pupils, staff and parents were treated to a morning of high fashion when the P7s put on their 'Bin Bag' fashion show. The designs were fabulous and highly original which was reflected in the cost!! There were Ninjas, Superheroes, Mexicans and even Minnie and Mickey Mouse made an appearance! All the pupils made a huge effort and thoroughly enjoyed making their outfits, we definitely have budding fashion designers in our midst! The whole enjoyed watching the superb fashion show, it was fabulous!! Thank you Mrs Burn, Miss Clendinning and P7s.

# ◆ Bin Bag' fashion show!





# Fête Française!



The Primary 7s were invited to a very enjoyable 'French Day' hosted by Dalbeattie High School. There were a variety of activities organised for them, each one encouraging the children to use their knowledge of French vocabulary and learn some new words. Songs were sung, puppets were made and imaginary animals created! Luckily there was also time to sample some delicious croissants and baguettes! Yum!



P7s



P7s

## The Roman Play by P3



P3 Roman Play

Ancient Rome came to life at Dalbeattie Primary when the P3s performed their super play, all about life in the Roman Occupation.

The costumes were brilliant, especially the soldiers who looked very impressive.

The P3s shared their learning with us in an engaging and informative way. They explained how Romans dressed, ate and spent their leisure time-there was even a gladiator fight and a chariot race!

Throughout the entertainment there was a catchy song which led to some impromptu audience participation. Well done Mrs Anderson and P3.



Hail Caesar!



Wee reminder!

Lately there has been quite a number of children who are not in school uniform, being part of a team is a very important aspect of school. I would ask that children wear their uniform and save their best for out of school activities.

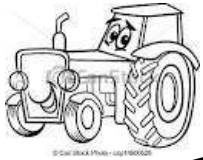
Also, football tops are not allowed except the school team strip.

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# Farm to Fork!

The children had a tour of Tesco to investigate some things about each department. They took part in a fruit and vegetable rainbow colour challenge where they had to find fruit and vegetables for each colour of the rainbow. They learned about different cheeses and fish and got to taste some as well! They got to explore the freezer department which was freezing and had a tour of the cooler where they keep all the fresh products. They visited the bakery and got to see pancakes being made and then they got to eat them! The best part of the trip was tasting all the different foods!  
Primary 3/4 with Miss Kirkpatrick



# New Build News!



Plans for a new learning campus were open to view to pupils, staff, parents and the local community on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. This followed ongoing work with the design team with staff and pupils, parents and the local community.

In recent months, there has been a key event in Dalbeattie Town Hall with Professor Stephen Heppell, in addition to design team workshops with staff and pupils. Mrs Howie and Mr Henry have been involved closely with 'Graham,' the design team and have been given the opportunity to visit a range of other schools including campuses in the Manchester and Liverpool areas; this has greatly informed the vision for a future learning campus in Dalbeattie, which will provide facilities effective for delivering exciting and innovative ways to deliver collaborative and cross curricular learning.

Over 700 people looked at the new school plans, which were on display at both the Primary and Secondary School on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. While there is still some work to be done on finalising the detail of the internal layout of accommodation, there was generally great excitement at the visuals on display. We look forward to watching the next few weeks to see how the plans develop further and how plans for a vibrant outdoor area take shape. Mrs Howie is invited by the design team to take part in a trip organised by 'Grounds For Learning' to visit other inspirational outdoor areas at other schools.