



Dalbeattie Primary School



December

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to this busy but happy month when the children are all excited about their shows and parties and the big day itself but also remembering others less fortunate than ourselves.

There are a lot of mini sales going on: P5Ws bake sale on Thursday 5th December, P6F are selling tickets for knitted toys [a cow, donkey [he's my favourite sh!!], a pig and a teddy] for a £1 a strip, P3A are selling fridge magnets next week and P2s are selling ginger biscuits yum! Look out for the note in their diary!

We really enjoyed parents' night it was great to see so many of you and to hear such good feedback.

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Irving and Mrs Howie

Dates for your diaries

- December 10th-M & M productions £2 donation please for 'Dick Whittington.'
- December 11th & 12 Christmas Show for P4 -P7. Evening performance begins at 6:30, children to arrive at 6:15 please. Afternoon performance begins at 1:45, audience to arrive no earlier than 1:15 as the dining hall floor will need time to dry thoroughly, thank you.
- December 13th-P5 party
- December 16th-P4 party
- December 17th P3 party
- December 18th P6 party
- December 19th P1 & P2 with P7 in the evening from 7:00pm till 9:00pm
- December 20th Christmas Service.
- December 18th Save the children Christmas jumper day.



Save the Children

The staff are dressing up in Christmas jumpers in aid of Save the Children fund on Wednesday 18th December, the children are welcome to join in but we are not asking for any money as we have already done Children in Need and had M& M productions.



Children in Need

Dalbeattie Primary and Nursery raised £380 for Children in Need by holding a pyjama party and having a 'Guess Pudsey's bedtime' competition. His bedtime was late!!!



Our winners



Mrs Howie and the School councillors took our time capsule to be buried on the site of the Primary Care Centre for Dalbeattie Clinic, it was a very proud moment, notice we are all wearing our safety

Winter Weather Plans

As the weather is getting colder and there is a threat of snow we have added a letter about cold weather arrangements.

We would ask that you check your contacts are up to date otherwise we will not be able to get in touch.

Maybe you've changed your mobile recently for a better deal and the number's changed-can you check, please?

Then give us a call so we can alter the details on our system.

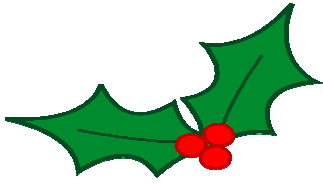
Thank you.



helmets. Some of the things we put in were photos of up to date ICT equipment, class in a box, camera and photos of ourselves.

It was Tom and Ben who had the honour of burying it.

I wonder who will find it and when?



Classes out and about enjoying their learning!



P5 Chocolate makers

Both Primary 5 classes recently enjoyed an outing to the Cocoa Bean Chocolate Factory as part of their work based on the novel 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. Melted chocolate was everywhere as pupils licked away chocolate moustaches during their chocolate making workshop. Pupils were excited to make their own decorated chocolate shapes to take home. They gained a wealth of knowledge from the presentation on how chocolate is made. Pupils will be adding to this knowledge in class when preparing their own presentations on 'The Journey of Chocolate.'

Pupils in Primary 3 - 5 attended a special presentation from Power Wise (SP Energy Networks) all about 'Being Safe with Electricity'. Our visitor provided a huge amount of interesting information in a very entertaining manner. He reinforced important safety information when using electricity at home, in school and in the wider community. He was most impressed with the knowledge shown by our Primary 5 pupils who have recently completed work on electrical circuits and electrical safety.



Gymnastics after school club

I wonder who is upside down? Miss Niven and Mrs Gray are running a gymnastics club after school on Wednesdays, it looks a lot of fun. Look out for the new clubs after Christmas.

New Build update

We welcomed Graham construction to the school and the children made their presentation confidently; this showed the Tier 1 contractors how we would like our new school to look and what we would like to have in it. Well done, councillors.

Facebook / Twitter

I would like to refer everyone to the guidelines that we as teachers follow when we use social media sites and suggest they are useful for enabling the school community to use the sites in an acceptable manner. Please view on Dumgal.gov.uk/social-media



It was a moving occasion when we laid a wreath in the park on Remembrance Sunday.

Planting Birch trees



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Members of the Eco council had a wonderful time finding out about managing and protecting our local woodland habitat. Robin Fuller showed them how to protect trees with guards.

We hope the birch tree is successful in being picked as the national tree for Scotland.