



Dalbeattie Primary School

January Joy!



Dear Parents and Carers,

This can be a time of year when we feel the anticlimax of Christmas however at Dalbeattie Primary we have lots of exciting activities, events and school clubs to keep our spirits up!

The post of Temporary Head Teacher for 23 months is being advertised at present.

We look forward to hearing all the Scots' poems and taking the History after school club.

Mrs Irving and Mrs Howie

Dates for your diaries

- Thursday 16th January-Childline Assembly.
- Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th-Primary 1 Enrolments.
- Friday 24th January-Tartan Day / Scots' poetry judging. [apart from P7]
- Tuesday 28th History Day-Dressing up!
- Thursday 30th-Stephen Heppell event in the Town Hall.
- Friday 31st January-P6s trip to the Science Museum.
- Friday 7th February-Burns' competition judging.
- Routes of Empathy is continuing in P3A.



Raising cash!

The classes have been very busy raising money for their trips or the bus for their trip and these are the results-in no particular order as they say!!

P6F soft toys made £190 and I got a cat in the end :)

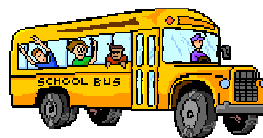
P3A made £10 with their fridge magnets.

P5s Carol singing down the street made £41.54.

The Rag Bag contributions made a total of £163.00.

We would like to thank you all for your efforts and contributions; you have been very generous indeed and we really appreciate it! Thank you.

Mr Fitzsimmons has generously donated £100 towards the cost of the bus for the P6 trip to the Science Museum, Thank you, Mr Fitzsimmons!!!



Remember Tartan day on the 24th January-do you have a ribbon? Waistcoat? Kilt? Scarf? Then wear it on the 24th to celebrate our Scots' poetry recitation and some Scots' singing including 'Auld Lang Syne.'

M&M Productions

Did Dalbeattie enjoy the production of 'Dick Whittington?'

'Oh yes we did!'

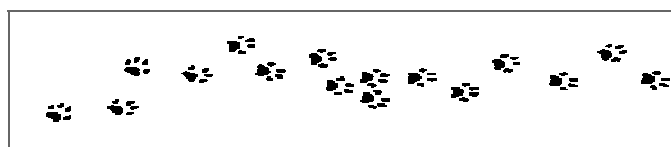
As usual we were amazed by the enthusiasm of this brilliant theatre group and marvelled at how only four people



can play so many parts!

We booed evil Captain Hawkeye, we laughed at his sidekick Spew, we sighed at the romance between Dick and Alice aw!

But most of all we adored Tommy the cat [especially Mrs Irving!] and when he climbed up the wall bars, it was soooooo funny!



School Clubs this term!

- Monday-Mini kickers, age 3-4 years from 3:30-4:15 in the school hall.
- Tuesday-Football for P5s with Mr Mein [parent] who has very generously offered to help/ Country dancing with Mrs Fortnum.
- Wednesday-History Club with Mrs Howie and Mrs Irving / Gymnastics with Amy Niven and Mrs Gray.
- Thursday-Netball will begin after the Mid term break in February.
- Miss Wylie is setting up a lunchtime drama club for P2s soon.
- Mr Keeley has kindly offered to come on a Wednesday at lunchtime to coach football.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert was a huge success raising a total of £1204.10 which is terrific and again it is due to the generosity of our parents and relations, THANK YOU!

It was a wonderful opportunity for the Upper School pupils to show off their skills and talents; we are all very proud of them!

The Primary 7s entertained us with a very good play about the hardships that Santa and his elves experienced during World War 2.

History Day

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This event will be held on the 28th of January, this will involve viewing a Powerpoint presentation of the History of the School which is very interesting, created by Mrs Howie; I could not stop watching once I sneaked a peek!

Also, the children will be participating in a History Detectives Treasure Hunt around the school grounds, will they find the answers?

Mrs Howie has prepared a sheet with some helpful suggestions for the type of outfit, I haven't sorted mine yet but I will! Outfit suggestion sheets are available from the office. We are very grateful to **Dumfries Museum** for lending us a selection of old fashioned clothes for the children to look at and try on!

All these activities mark the launch of our History of the School book project which will be written and illustrated by the time we move to our new school. The **Dalbeattie Museum** is playing a vital part in this project and we appreciate their close involvement.

So, pupils have your smiles ready for your photo as the press will be here including Dumfries and Galloway Life!



P4M Titanic Open afternoon

Stephen Heppell event

On the 30th January there will be an event in the Town Hall from 10:00am– 12:30 for the Design Team to engage with Stephen Heppell regarding the concepts for our New School Build.

Professor Stephen Heppell is a world renowned expert in Education and Technology design and he will challenge the team on ways to enhance our pupils learning.

Members of the Parent Council will be representing us. However, if any other parents are interested in attending please let us know.

Thank you

Mrs Irving Mrs Howie.



Logan's diary entry was about a boy called Oliver who he met on the Titanic; they became friends, went swimming and played at hide and go seek .

New cooking equipment

Our new equipment has been purchased using Morrisons vouchers and includes a bowl, mixer, blender, spoons, scales and other useful tools. We look forward to using it as part of our Eco schools programme and of course tasting it!