



# Dalbeattie Primary School

## Spring Times



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always an exciting, busy time at Dalbeattie Primary School with lots of after school clubs, trips and activities. We look forward to the future as our new Temporary Head for 23 months has been appointed, Mrs Elizabeth Duncan will join the management team soon. Also, we welcome Mr Ross Mc Dougall as our new Support for learning assistant.

Thank you, Mrs Howie and Mrs Irving.

### Dates for your diaries

- March 6th-World Book day
- March 6th-Rotary quiz P7s
- March 10th and 24th P6s Science at DHS.
- March 20th Rag Bag Day.
- March 28th Cream O Galloway Orienteering with Mrs Gray P5-7.
- April 1st-P6s Open afternoon Science Fair for parents.
- April 3rd French day at DHS for P7s, come to the Primary first as usual.

Just to give you the heads up on dates for Parents' night.

29th May Parents afternoon to **look at work only** from 2-3pm with another opportunity from 5-6pm.

June 12th **Parents' Night** from 3:30-5:30 or 6:30-8:30 by appointment.

### Parents

It was very nice to hear some compliments about our children's manners from visitors to the school and I was thrilled that they took the time to tell us how helpful and mannerly the children are.



Tropical fruit tasting, it all looks yummy! **P5D**



Mrs Nelson a dietician from Dumfries Infirmary, recently visited Primary 5 to provide information on a balanced diet. We used the Eat Well Plate to discuss our dietary needs and had lots of fun sorting food and drinks into the different food groups.



### Salmon in the classroom

The Eco councillors examine the salmon eggs, are they at the correct temperature? What will happen next? The salmon eggs arrived in February and when they are hatched,

they will be released into the River Dee. We are grateful to Galloway Fisheries for making this project available to us.

### Primary 5D Djembe Drumming Workshop

We recently enjoyed participating in a drumming workshop with Dougie Hudson. He showed us how to play the different sounds on the djembe drums. We played rhythmic parts and added chants and movements. Everyone joined in enthusiastically. We then created a performance piece using



all the skills that we had been taught. It sounded amazing!

### Childline Assembly for P6 and 7 pupils.

Tony from Childline came to talk to us about how to recognise abuse, the different forms of it and most importantly how to get help.

In the workshops we looked at real life scenarios then we had to sort them into categories of good, bad or ok.

We watched a film about how Childline can help us and the number to call.

Tony gave us a Buddy Pack. He also said how mannerly and mature the children were during discussions and in school. Well done!

[www.childline.com](http://www.childline.com)

# History Day



Fiona Wilson helps with the dressing up in old fashioned clothes.



I remember playing hopscotch do you?



Our visitors Tommy Henderson, Norman Kennedy, Donald Henderson and Fiona Wilson with some lovely girls!

## History Day

Took place on 28th January when pupils and staff dressed up in old fashioned clothes for a themed day with a focus on the school's history.

The children also took part in: A 'history detectives' trail, enjoyed the Victorian clothes and toys handling workshops with costumes kindly loaned by Dumfries museum, played old fashioned games lent by Catstrand in New Galloway and welcomed Tommy and Donald Henderson from Dalbeattie Museum who were dressed in clothes of the time.

A thank you also goes to Fiona Wilson of Dumfries museum who helped out with the outfits. DHS lent us some clothes for dressing up too. Mr Kennedy a former head teacher is coming to school to give talks to classes about the bygone days! It was great fun!!!!



Mrs Murray hard at work in costume!



Please visit the school blog for more photos.



Aw aren't they lovely?







# FOOTBALL SUCCESS!!!



Thank you Mr Mein!!

### Football Report by Mr Simon Mein

The primary 5 footballers, coached by Mr Mein and two high School pupils, have been playing their first matches!

Dalbeattie Primary School P5 Football team played its first competitive match recently, recording a 6-3 home win against Castle Douglas. It was watched by a good turn out of spectators, and despite the driving rain and hailstones, the players performed admirably and were a credit to the school. Special mention should go to hat-trick hero Kieran and also to Adam, Greg and Owen who were rock-like in defence throughout. Charlie and Paige were playing in their first competitive matches and both had highly creditable debuts, putting in some fine tackles.

The next fixture took place as an away match at Castle Douglas on March 4<sup>th</sup>, again in with some hail and good parental support! This was another win for our team, they won 2-1. The team was also delighted to be wearing a brand new set of football strips supplied by Ashliegh Construction, the company who is currently building the new Dalbeattie Clinic. Thank you to project manager David Roan for this super set of strips for our school.

The team has been training for several weeks under the watchful eyes of High School student coaches Duncan Scott and Frazer McClelland. Currently 15 students take part in training although there is always space for more. The large squad means there is a lot of rotating of players during the matches but the students cope with the changes well and adapt well to new positions. Hopefully more matches can be arranged soon!



New Build

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The School Parliament has been busy with the plans for our new school. On 30th January, many of our pupils attended a public event in Dalbeattie Town Hall with the Design team (Graham Construction) and Professor Stephen Heppell (world renowned expert on educational design and technology). The pupils got fully involved by helping to piece together an interactive map of the town and the features of the new learning campus. As part of this work the eco group has also been busy visiting another primary School to gain ideas on how to develop a playground using natural materials for explorative play. The eco group has also taken part in a workshop with Graham's Sustainability Officer, Karen Coulthard to consider issues about global footprint for our new school.

By Mrs Howie





## Rotary Quiz winners!

Another win for Dalbeattie! Once again our P7 team, Sam, Hamish, Beth and Lachlan went up against teams from Colvend, Palnackie and Kirkgunzeon in the first round of the annual Rotary Quiz.

Some of the questions needed lots of thought and there were some tense moments but Dalbeattie held onto their lead and came away victorious! The next round takes place in Dumfries so..... watch this space!

Thank you to the teachers Mrs Burn and Miss Clendinning and the members of the Rotary club for their help.



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## World Book Day!



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### World Book Day 6th March

On Thursday 6th March our school was transformed into a magical world of literary characters: dragons, princesses and Vikings rubbed shoulders with Horrid Henry, jungle animals and even Tweedledum and Tweedledee!

The staff joined in as well and classes were taught by

Pippi Longstocking and Fantastic Mr Fox, even a midwife!

World Book Day is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of how exciting a book can be!

Many thanks to everyone for taking the time to sort out the brilliant outfits, thank you!

### Fairtrade Assembly by Primary 5s

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, Primary 5 have been learning about the issue of Fairtrade. We were visited by Mrs Van Zwanenberg [A Traidcraft representative] who made us aware of how Fairtrade products help-



### Fairtrade

#### by Alice Maxwell

Primary 5 realised from their survey that the school didn't know much about Fairtrade or the Rainforest Alliance. Our assembly was a big hit and we will carry out another survey to see if we have made a difference.

Have a look at our notice board to learn more.

Thank you.

communities. We received great feedback from many staff and pupils. This Fairtrade Fortnight, please help ensure farmers get a fair price for the bananas they grow by choosing Fairtrade.

