



Dalbeattie Primary School

Summer Sun



Dear Parents / Carers

It has been my great pleasure over many years to work with all the staff, parents and pupils at Dalbeattie Primary School but now it is time for me to retire, spend time with my family, friends and rediscover my hobbies, maybe even cook!!

I wish Mrs Howie, Mrs Duncan and the team including staff, children and parents all the best for Dalbeattie Primary School for the future. Thank you, Mrs Irving

Dates for your Diary

June 9th Cricket begins for P4+5

June 12th Mascot day and Games Day

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

June 13th Infant Sports' Day 1:15pm

June 16th Water Sports for P5D

June 16th P2 trip to the Camera Obscura / Dock park

June 17th Upper School Sports' day 1:15pm

June 19th P1s trip to Rockcliffe

June 23rd Information evening for P7s at Dalbeattie High School.

June 24th, 25th and 26th Induction Days at Dalbeattie High School.

June 25th Water Sports P5W

June 26th Parents' meeting for P1s.

June 27th Disco for Infants for 6:00-7:15pm and P4 upwards from 7:30-8:45pm.

June 30th / July 1st Potted Sports pm only.

Look out for P1 plant sale coming soon!!!!!!



Junior Librarian

We have recently purchased an online system for cataloguing books. This will allow us to improve the monitoring of our use of reading materials as a whole and the individual books our children are reading. This will enable us to set individual targets for reading for the children. However, it will be a major task to upload our material onto the system.

Three member of staff have been trained in using this system but we would much appreciate some parent volunteers to assist with this mega task!!

We are going to have a training session on Tuesday 17th June between 9:30am and 11:00 am.

If you think you might be able to spare some time for sessions to help with this cataloguing between the 17th June and the end of term, please contact the office. Thank you. Please, please come and help! Mrs Howie



P5W Forest Schools



P5W have been taking part in a three day Forest Schools programme with lead forest ranger Elizabeth Tindal. Pupils have been learning how to build and cook on a campfire safely then prepared and cooked marshmallows, vegetable kebabs and some bread. Pupils have also been learning how to use ropes and tarpaulins to build shelters to shield them from the rain and midges!!! :)

P5W have had a fantastic two days and are looking forward to re-enacting battle scenes from the Scottish Wars of Independence next week!!!

Choices for Life shout out for P7s!



P7s Choices for Life!

On Wednesday 28th May P7s joined 62 other schools to watch and take part in the Choices for Life Live Online event.

They learned about the dangers of alcohol and drugs, then had an opportunity to interact online with other schools as well as the Choices for Life presenters.

The children were extremely 'chuffed' to get a shout out from the presenters at the start of the show!

Well done P7s, Miss Clendinning and Mrs Burn!

Mrs Irving's maths group Enterprise

It was amazing that in one week we went from completing a worksheet full of ideas to setting up our Enterprise, selling ice creams and ice lollies to a hall full of parents, children and staff!

In one hour we were sold out of our ice-cream with sumptuous toppings, blackcurrant, Sprite and orange lollies. Well done the team!

We were complimented on our work ethic, manners, organisation and professionalism– no standing around chatting for this team!

In the end we made £150 and after deductions a profit of £121 which the team have decided to spend providing a party for all the P7s during a school afternoon as their trip was at the start of the year.

Hurrah for the maths' group!!!!



Bikeability

Very soon the P7s will be practising for their cycling so.....time to get the bikes checked and look out for the information which will follow in a separate note.

Thank you.



Wow!



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Star Players!



Mrs Howie recently took a group of five golfers from P6 and P7 to Castle Douglas Golf Club for the Regional Schools Competition. All five conducted themselves well, in accordance with golf etiquette and rules, Mrs Howie was very proud of their efforts and behaviour, well done team!

Fair-aware school!



Mrs Dyson applied to the Fairtrade Foundation for Fairtrade status involving a lot of paperwork and application form filling and.....

It is thanks to the hard work and effort of our Primary 5s, Mrs Dyson and Miss Wylie that we have been awarded this honour, well done team!

Planters arrive!

Dalbeattie Primary School is delighted to have been presented with two new planters by BSW Sawmill. The representatives along with our Eco group appear in the photo! Well done the Eco group and Mrs Howie!



Garden Club 2014

Well done to the gardening club! They have planted lots of vegetables which we look forward to harvesting in the autumn term! We make soup for everyone with the vegetables, a healthy lunch for all with all our own home grown produce!

Goodbye!

The school got together to say a sad goodbye to Miss Kirkpatrick and Mrs Stalker! Miss Kirkpatrick our 'yummy mummy' is leaving to have her baby, we wish her well! But.... she will be back Mrs Stalker is going to another area and we wish her all the best for the future!



Parent Council
There will be a disco on the 27th June times details on the front page. Also, the Parent Council is currently looking into sweat-shirt suppliers and news will follow soon.

P5 visit from an author!

Primary 4-7 pupils enjoyed an entertaining afternoon, thanks to visiting author William Sutcliffe who was organised to come to Dalbeattie Primary through the Scottish Book Trust. William Sutcliffe is the author of 'Circus of Thieves and the Raffle of Doom'. Mrs Dyson's Primary 5 class were so eager to promote this hilarious book to others, that they created their own book trailer (available to watch on our school blog) to be shown at the start of the event. There was a lot of laughter when William Sutcliffe read extracts from his book and selected volunteers to dramatically act them out. The afternoon proved a rewarding experience for all; finding out more about the world of writing and receiving top tips. Pupils were delighted when he took time to sign copies of his book. This was an exciting event for our pupils and William Sutcliffe commented on the wonderful enthusiasm shown.

Meet the Author - William Sutcliffe



Impressive!



P5D visit the museum in Dalbeattie!



P3



P1

Both Primary 1 and Primary 3 went to Mersehead for their trip where Nancy found a newt and Luke-the 'bug hunter' caught a big frog!!