



Dalbeattie Primary School

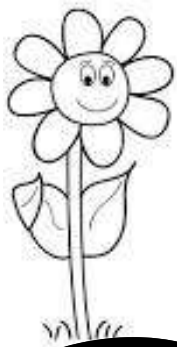
Sunset



Dear Parent / carers,
Just as you thought I'd put away my keyboard and edited my last newsletter..... There is more!
We have had so much going on we needed to give you additional information.
Have a great summer.
Mrs Irving / Mrs Howie

Next session's classes are as follows:

- P1-Miss Little
- P1/2-Mrs Mackenzie
- P2-Mrs Mc Lean
- P3-Mrs Dunlop
- P3-Mrs Dawes
- P4-Miss Thomson
- P5-Mrs Dyson
- P6-Mrs Graham
- P6-Mrs Fitzsimmons
- P7-Mrs Burn
- P7-Miss Clendinning



**P1 Plant sale on
Monday 30th June
and Tuesday 1st
July at 3:00pm**

Our sporting heroes!

- 300m boys-winner Sam Mc Conaghie / runner up-Cameron Dingwall
- 300m girls-winner Abigail Simpson / runner up-Emily Wilson
- Girls' Champion-Abigail Simpson / runner up-Caitlin Brown
- Boys' Champion-Sam Mc Conaghie /runner up Cameron Dingwall
- Winning House-Dalmun
- Captains Hamish Anderson & Kaia Guiliani

The children asked lots of interesting questions and P3/4 had made headdresses and were able to answer questions on the Queen's Baton Relay. The visitors told us that they had to run 200 metres in Castle Douglas.



Mr Webster, Dr Pflanz & Mrs Murray

Routes of Empathy



Dalbeattie Primary is delighted to have taken part in a Roots of Empathy programme. This is an evidence-based classroom program that has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among schoolchildren by raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. At the heart of the program are a neighbourhood infant and parent who visit the classroom every three weeks over the school year. A trained Roots of Empathy Instructor coaches students to observe the baby's development and to label the baby's feelings. In this experiential learning, the baby is the "Teacher" and a lever, which the instructor uses to help children identify and reflect on their own feelings and the feelings of others.

On Friday 20th June, primary 3 together with their class teacher Mrs Anderson welcomed Mum Laura and baby Kai to an end of year celebration where Mum, Baby and children were presented with gifts and certificates. The event was attended by parents of children in primary 3, our minister Mark Smith and Councillor Tom McAughtrie. There was even a Roots of Empathy cake. Sandy Brown, from Community Learning Development, who introduced and developed the project in school with Mrs Anderson's assistance, gave an overview of the aims of the project.

It was agreed by all that the Roots Of Empathy has been a huge success and this is at the heart of our ethos in Health and Wellbeing which underpins our whole curriculum. We hope to continue with the project in two classes in session 2014/15. We shall be on the look out for new parents and babies in August/September time!

Charity Shop

The charity shop has been booked from the 1st of September by the Parent Council so..... If you are having a clear out in the summer holidays Remember this please!



Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) aims to make a lasting difference for heritage, people and communities across the UK and help build a resilient heritage economy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported almost 35,000 projects with more than £5.3bn across the UK.

Further to our 'History of School Day' back in January, we are delighted to announce we have now been awarded funding of £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a project to research the history of our current school site. The project group is comprised of many local community members including volunteers from the Museum. More information will follow when the project starts in September about how to get involved and about an after school club for children to assist with the research.

Deputy Head Teacher Alex Howie said 'this is a wonderful opportunity to capture many aspects of the school's history which can be used as a learning resource for future generations to appreciate the town's heritage.'

**Paul Jones
footballers**



Fun Run for Mrs Jamieson!



Disco reminder
There is a disco run by the Parent Council this Friday 27th for:
P1-3 at 6:00pm till 7:15pm
P4-7 at 7:30pm till 8:45pm
Please come!!



Fun Run

The fun run in memory of Mrs Jamieson took place on Sunday 22nd of June, there was a great turnout!

Over 70 runners from the Primary took part with Mrs Dyson, Mrs Howie and Mrs Blackwood from the staff with Mrs Murray helping! Mr Mein was organising it. Over £400 has been collected already and the money is still coming in.

Any further donations or sponsorship money can be handed in at the office by the 2nd July.

Thank you!



P5D Watersports



Primary 5D had a splashing time at Carlingwark during our water sports activity day. We worked in teams when canoeing and got soaked by the water fountain. We learned how to sail and developed lots of new skills. We would recommend that you definitely try water sports for yourself!



Primary 1s explore the rock pools at Rockcliffe!!

Primary 1s had a great learning experience at Rockcliffe finding out about sea creatures and how they depend on each other. They explored a variety of shells and went on a scavenger hunt!



Farm to Fork



P4 went on a very enjoyable Farm to Fork trip at Castle Douglas Tesco. Liz Hunter was the person in charge of our trail. She made it fun! We were able to find the origin of different fruits and vegetables from around the world and also got to sample some cheese, sausages and even some fish bites. As Liam said, 'The fish was delish!' We were given little bags as a memento and were able to visit the canteen at the end for some added treats. To finish the day, we were able to have our lunch at the bottom park (Carlingwark) in Castle Douglas and have a play. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day! Thanks go to Mrs Robison and Ruth Carson for their help. Miss Thomson and Miss Bennett.