

Dear Parents / Carers

13th March 2025

Brownrock Gymnasts Rock!

On Sunday, 9th March, Brownhall and Caerlaverock Primaries entered 2 teams in the D&G Regional Schools event. Mrs Scriven and Miss Hudson (LA and Head Coach) were both very proud of all the participants as they represented themselves and our schools very well. Congratulations goes to Evelyn (below) who achieved an individual medal for her scores in the Pre-Level section – Brownrock Bear is very proud of you!



P1-3 Gymnasts



P5/6 Gymnasts

The children had great fun at **Dumfries Ice Bowl** trying out ice skating. Some pupils used the penguins to support them and some went straight onto ice skates but as you can see below there were definitely signs of some potential ice skaters in the making.



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Happy Birthday to **D & G Canine Rescue Centre**. Caerlaverock Primary are always proud to support our local Canine Rescue Centre! The children came to school dressed in whatever style of clothing they wanted to wear for the day for a small donation to the charity. Little Rommie the Dachshund came along to thank the children for their donation of £43.



Devil's Porridge Museum

P4/7 had a fantastic visit to the Devil's Porridge Museum where they stepped back in time to learn about the remarkable history of our area and its role in wartime effort. The Devil's Porridge Museum tells the story of HM Factory Gretna, a munitions factory in World War One, where the devil's porridge (or cordite, an explosive) was mixed. There were 30,000 workers and 12,000 of them were women. Their contribution to the war effort helped women to achieve the vote.

Dumfries and Galloway Attendance message from Education Department:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's regular attendance at school is extremely important. Our agreed target of attendance here in Caerlaverock Primary is 90%.

The illustration below indicates the expected levels of attendance at school and the correlation between the number of days missed and attendance percentages for each child. Arriving late to school consistently also has an impact on your child's education.



Attendance data is analysed every month by school staff and we will be in touch to discuss any concerns as they arise. We understand that personal circumstances can result in poor attendance or regular late coming for your child and are sympathetic to this. If this is the case, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will work together with you in the best interest of your child.

Dumfries and Galloway Council have developed a dedicated [resource hub](#) for parents and carers, where you will find some support and guidance in relation to supporting your child's regular attendance at school.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/schoolattendance/>

We understand that consistent attendance is key to your child's attainment and wellbeing, and we're here to work with you on this journey. Whether you are seeking tips, advice or simply need to understand the importance of school attendance, this site offers practical tools and resources designed to help your child thrive.

Consistent attendance is essential for children and young people to keep up with their studies, engage in class activities and develop effective learning habits. Every school day offers new learning opportunities and frequent absences can lead to gaps in understanding that may be difficult to catch up on. Research shows that regular attendance is closely linked

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to academic success, social development, and overall wellbeing.

We encourage parents and carers to promote good health practices at home, such as maintaining a balanced diet, proper hand hygiene, and getting enough rest. If your child or young person is feeling unwell, please follow the recommended guidelines and notify the school as soon as possible. However, if a child or young person is well enough to attend, we ask for your support in ensuring that they are present at school. The NHS Health Protection Team have created an education newsletter (attached) for your information. Further information from NHS can be found online at their webpage 'Is my child too ill for school' (<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>).

If your child has been absent and requires assistance to catch up on missed work, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly. Dumfries and Galloway remain committed to ensuring the best possible future for all our children and young people.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Together, we can help ensure that your child has a successful and fulfilling school year.

Brownhall Primary Inspection

The HMIE Team will be in Brownhall week beginning 24th March. I am preparing all paperwork to be submitted tomorrow. This has meant that my working pattern has mostly been in Brownhall. In the event that I am not at today's Wider Achievement Assembly nor 'Caerlaverock Chatter', please accept my apologies.

In the meantime, we managed to do a Wider Achievement event as Brownrock Staff. Pictured - Mrs McCubbin, Mrs Thomson, myself and Mr Gray receiving our certificates from Pickleball Scotland!



Important Message from Catering – as from the start of term 4, Monday 14th April, the price of a school lunch is increasing to £2.10 per day.

*Kind regards,
Mrs Scriven and Caerlaverock Staff*