

Dunscore Primary Newsletter

23 April 2025

Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th May** in the school. We sent a Questionnaire out on 15th April. Once these are collated on Monday 28th April, we will let you know the results and the time of the proposed meeting. Children are welcome to facilitate attendance, and a link can be sent out to those who wish to attend online. Any agenda items welcome.

Afterschool Football Club

The After School Football will continue in Term 4. This will once again be run by Mr Martin and started on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025** from **3.15pm – 4.15pm**. It will also run on the following dates during Term 4 leading up to the Summer Holidays:-

Wednesday 30th April

Tuesday 6th May

Wednesday 14th May

Tuesday 20th May

Wednesday 28th May

Tuesday 3rd June

Wednesday 11th June

Tuesday 17th June

Wednesday 25th June

Tuesday 1st July

Guid Nychburris Football Tournament

This year's Guid Nychburris Football Tournament will be held on **Thursday 12th June**. Further details will be sent out in due course to those participating from the Football.

P5-7 Golfing Sessions

The pupils from the P5-7 class will be undertaking 3 weeks of golfing tuition with Gladys McClymont on behalf of Active Schools. This will commence during school from **Monday 12th May** weekly until **Monday 26th May** between 9.00 – 10.00am. Thereafter, on the morning of **16th June** the pupils have been invited to participate in a Golf Tournament at Thornhill Golf Course. Further details on this will follow.

P4-7 - Electric Explorers

On the morning of **Tuesday 13th May**, our P4-7 pupils will participate in an Electric Explorers interactive workshop that explores electricity; what it is and how it is produced. The class will go on a journey as Electric Scientists to discover how we can produce electricity from the movement of our bodies. Pupils will explore the principles of electricity using circuits, flowing electrons, magnets and capacitors. As a final challenge, the children will work in small groups to assemble their own generator and produce electricity from their own movement.

P1-3 - Our Changing Climate

On the afternoon of **Tuesday 13th May**, our P1-3 pupils will participate in 'Our Changing Climate' which is an interactive show exploring our planet's climates and how they're changing. The characters Sunbeam and Raindrop lead pupils on an interactive journey to discover what climates are, what causes changes in global temperature and what we can do to help our planet. Using interactive experiments, games, demonstrations and storytelling, 'Our Changing Climate' takes a gentle approach to a big subject and helps start classroom conversations around the environment and how everyone can help.

Diary

April

24th Dougie's Day

May

5th May Day Holiday

7th Parent Council Meeting – time to be advised

12th P1-7 Active Start Breakfast Club
P5-7 Golfing Tuition

14th Sprint Relay at David Keswick Centre

15th P3/4 Q of S Community Cup

19th P1-7 Active Start Breakfast Club
P5-7 Golfing Tuition

22nd Reports sent home

26th P1-7 Active Start Breakfast Club
P5-7 Golfing Tuition

28th Learning Conversations

29th P7 Transition Day at WHA

June

5th P5-7 Fishing at Drumlanrig

6th School Sports Day

12th Guid Nychburris Football

16th P5-7 Golf Festival at Thornhill

25th - 27th P7 Induction Days at WHA

July

1st P5-7 Play and Leavers Event commencing at 6.30pm – Further info to follow

3rd Last day of term – School finishes at 3.05pm

August

19th–20th Staff Training Days

21st School resumes at 8.55am

Active Start Club

Gladys McClymont from Active Schools has very kindly offered to run a free to attend Active Start Breakfast Club which will be open to all pupils from P1-7 between 8.15 – 8.55am on the dates listed below. There will be 25 places available on a first come first served basis unless there is an over subscription on one day in which case a ballot will decide which children will be given a place. A letter with further information has been sent out on Tuesday 22nd April.

Monday 12th May

Monday 19th May

Monday 26th May

Sharing our Learning

There will be a P5-7 Class Assembly held on **Tuesday 20th May** between 2.00- 3.00pm. The pupils are excited to share with you what they have been learning in Class.

Learning Conversations

The Learning Conversations will now take place on **Wednesday 28th May** from **3.15 – 6.00pm**. Letters to invite parents to participate will be sent out after the May Day holiday.

Sports Day

Our Annual Sports Day will take place on **Friday 6th June**. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

P7 Induction Days

Our P7 Induction days will take place from **Wednesday 25th** through to **Friday 27th June**. During this time our P7 pupils will be at Wallace Hall Academy. The P1 to P6 pupils will move up to their new stages on **Thursday 26th June** from 10.00 – 12.30pm.

School Blog

Please keep a regular eye on our School Blog as news and photos and will be added throughout the term by our Technicians pupil group.

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

Polite Reminder - Beginning and End of School Day

Could you please ensure your children do not arrive at school before 8.35am as there is no playground supervision before this time. School commences at 8.55am and finishes at 3.05pm.

Water Bottles and Sun Screen

Now that the warmer weather is beginning to come upon us, could all parents please make sure that your child/children are supplied with their own water bottles and sun screen. There is a water machine in the main corridor for refills. If they have not got a water bottle, there are plastic cups in the classroom they can use. If your child/children bring sunscreen to school, they will be responsible for applying it to themselves and please do not allow them to share it with their peers.

School Uniform

Misplaced clothing will be placed in the lost property box which is situated in the main corridor. There is also a rail which displays used items for purchasing in the main entrance hall.

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Please note, our office hours are:

Monday to Thursday – 08.45am to 12.50pm and 1.20pm to 3.20pm

Outwith office hours and on Friday's telephone calls will automatically be diverted to Moniaive.