

## **Headteacher Report – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

### **School Roll & Transitions**

We are pleased to be welcoming several new families to Dairsie Primary. We currently have 6 new P1 pupils enrolled for August, including siblings of existing pupils and two new families joining our school community.

Our P1 transition programme is now underway, with a strong focus on helping children feel confident, settled and ready to start school.

P7 transition to high school is also underway, introduction of members of staff from Bell Baxter coming to Dairsie to get to know the children ahead of their transition days in June.

### **Learning for Sustainability & Community Development**

We are delighted to have secured £1000 from University of St Andrews to support our Learning for Sustainability work.

This funding will support the launch of our Circular Economy Cabin, which will:

- Provide a space to swap books, toys and clothes
- Offer refill stations for bird seed and pet treats
- Encourage reuse, sustainability and community engagement

This is an exciting development that strengthens links between school learning and the wider community.

### **Learning Opportunities & Trips**

The P5-7 class have a number of exciting opportunities coming up:

- Participation in the STEMovators programme (Team of 6)
- A visit to Social Enterprise Academy in Edinburgh (June), with pupils travelling by train to build independence and real-life skills

We are also beginning to consider an end-of-term whole school trip. At this stage, we are exploring realistic local options such as the beach, Tentsmuir, Craigtoun or Dundee and would welcome Parent Council views on what would be most appropriate and manageable for all age groups.

### **Inspection Update**

Following our recent inspection by HM Inspectorate of Education, the report highlighted:

- Strong relationships and a positive ethos
- A vibrant reading culture
- Creative and engaging learning experiences
- Effective partnerships

There are also some contradictions within the report, particularly where strengths identified do not fully align with next steps.

Moving forward, we will:

- Strengthen approaches to pupil feedback, ensuring children have regular opportunities to reflect on and shape their learning
- Continue to develop our wider achievement programme, which was paused during the inspection period and has lost some momentum
- Progress the next phase of this work, with Second Level now fully created and currently being finalised through cross-checking

### **Achievements & Good News**

A huge congratulations to Shannon Smith, who has recently won a science award, recognising the high-quality STEM learning taking place across the school.

### **Events & End of Term**

We have a busy and exciting term ahead, including:

- Summer Fayre
- Enterprise activities
- Bedtime Story event
- Leavers' assemblies and celebrations

We are also working towards achieving:

- Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award
- Reading Schools Award

As always, a key challenge is balancing wider initiatives with maintaining a manageable pace for pupils and staff.

### **Fundraising & Community**

Following the success of previous events, we would welcome Parent Council views on:

- Running a sponsored walk again this year or trying something new.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we move towards the end of term, our focus remains on:

- Maintaining high-quality learning experiences
- Celebrating achievements
- Supporting smooth transitions for all learners
- RSHP lessons

### **Discussion Points**

- Feedback on inspection report
- Sponsored walk
- Summer Fayre support
- Circular Economy Cabin
- End-of-term whole school trip