

Dysart Primary School

Newsletter April-June 2024

Building a Proud Community Together!



RESILIENT
I have a positive attitude to all that I do and don't give up when things are tricky.

REFLECTIVE
I talk about my learning to help me identify how I have been successful and what my next steps are.

READY
I am ready for learning and to challenge myself to do and try new things.

RESPONSIVE
I work together with others to share learning and ideas through listening and working together.

RESOURCEFUL
I use my imagination and creativity in my learning.

RESPECTFUL
I show kindness to others through valuing and including everyone and I help to look after our school community.

SAFE
I make safe choices in school, at home and in the community.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the last term of the year. This term is tightly planned with learning and family events to engage in (see dates for your diary). We hope to see you all over the coming weeks. Our P7 children will continue their transition experiences preparing for the move to High School in August. Pre-school children will begin their P1 transition visits this term, ready to join school after the Summer holidays.

Last term was very successful with a range of learning experiences for the children. All classes had the opportunity to engage in sessions with the musicians from Fischy Music before P1-7 participated in a live concert at Pathhead Church. Our P5/6 class had the fantastic experience of co-writing a song and performing this live as part of the concert.

All classes also had the opportunity to showcase their creative dance performance to parents/carers while the After School Ballet class performed on the big stage at Fife 6,7,8 Dance Festival in Lochgelly.

Our House Captain & Vice House Captains led a very successful House Book Quiz and shared reading event for World Book Day.

Children in the Pupil Council planned and started a very popular healthy tuck shop.

Children in our Little Bear Cubs had regular visits to Windmill Library to take part in Bookbug sessions. The children showed excellent skills interacting with stories and rhymes.

The Dysart Dragons and Dysart Diamonds netball teams played very well at the Cluster League securing a place in the Fife School Final. They played phenomenally well at the finals, coming 2nd out of 18 participating schools.

Children in 3-5 nursery playroom developed a range of outdoor learning skills during weekly sessions at Ravenscraig Woods.

These are just a snap shot of the achievements from last term and we look forward to more opportunities for children to learn and succeed this term.

Our website has launched and contains lots of helpful information including a link to this newsletter. We will continually add to the website so please check back regularly [Dysart Primary School & Nursery \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://Dysart Primary School & Nursery (glowscotland.org.uk))

As always, thank you for your support, if you have anything you would like to discuss please get in touch.

Best Wishes,
Jacqueline Thompson, Headteacher

Partnership with The Big Hoose Project

As many of you will be aware we have developed a partnership with The Big Hoose project. At Parents evenings and our Family Bunny Hop event a wide range of household goods were available for children & families. Every week we receive a delivery of useful household items such as toilet rolls, hygiene products, nappies and more. If you would benefit from these please go to the community room between 9.00-9.30am & 2.30-3.00pm each day and Mrs Bell or Mrs Cairns will be available to help you. We will continue to have the Big Hoose goods available at family events.

Glasgow Motivation and Wellbeing Survey

Children's wellbeing at school is central to all we do. Twice yearly children take part in a survey about their motivation and wellbeing in school. Almost all children completed the survey in March 2024. Please see a summary of the whole school results below:

Key Strengths:

- Almost all children report that they work hard in the school "always" or the "majority of the time."
- Almost all children report that adults look out for them in school and make sure they are okay "always" or "majority of the time"
- Almost all children report that teachers tell them what they are good at in school
- Almost all children report that they follow the school rules "always" or the "majority of the time"
- Almost all children report that they feel proud of the work they do in school "always" or the "majority of the time"

We have identified two key areas to work on across the school:

- Helping children to improve on teamworking skills
- Helping children develop resilience in friendships. We will promote a strong message that children should tell an adult or a peer mediator if something happens that upsets them in the playground.

Car Park

A reminder to all parents/carers that the car park is not to be used as a walkthrough to the playground for health and safety reasons.

Attendance and Punctuality

To ensure our pupils achieve the best possible outcomes we are currently striving to improve the level of attendance and punctuality at school.

Our target for this session is 90% and this session's current pupil attendance is 89%

Unbroken attendance at school is important for learning and progress. At times absence is unavoidable especially when children are unwell. If your child is unwell and needs to be absent from school please contact the school office via telephone, Groupcall text (07860 003737) or Parent Portal.

Where attendance falls below expected levels we will inform parents via letter and offer supports. Please let us know if we can support your child's attendance in any way.

Healthy Tuck Shop

Tuesdays and Thursdays – toast with jam, butter or Dairylea

The Healthy Tuck Shop is up and running. The children in the Pupil Council are learning skills of taking orders, preparing and delivering food, food hygiene and communication with each other to make sure the tuck shop runs smoothly. A menu of toast with butter, jam or Dairylea spread is on offer on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children decided to use 50/50 or wholemeal bread to ensure the toast is as healthy as possible. **A reminder from our Pupil Council – sugary and fizzy drinks are not permitted in school.**

House Points – Our House Points as they currently stand. It can all change in the next few weeks.

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Gym days

P1/2 - Wednesday

P2/3 - Wednesday

P3/4 - Monday

P5/6 - Tuesday & Thursday

P6/7 - Tuesday

P7 - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Breakfast Café

Breakfast café will continue to provide a free breakfast to pupils, from 8.30am in the dining room. We gently encourage children to try and come before 8.50am so they can eat their breakfast with others before going to class.

Soft Finish

All parents/carers are invited to join their child in their class for a soft finish **on Tuesday 14th & Friday 17th May 2.30-3.00pm.** This is an opportunity for parents/carers to spend some time in the class with their child sharing their learning. We are offering two dates in the week to provide a bit of flexibility around parents who have commitments and to avoid classrooms becoming too busy.

After School Clubs

Currently we have the following After School Clubs available. If you wish your child to take part, please contact the school office.

Ballet (Mondays) & **Football** (Fridays) - 3.05pm - 4pm (P1-3) / 4.05pm - 5pm (P4-7)

Pupil Equity Fund Parent Feedback

Thank you to parents who voted at our Parents Evening on how to use Pupil Equity Fund.

Parents overwhelmingly voted for: Opportunities for Achievement (Experiences) and Outdoor Learning Experiences. At our Parent Council Meeting, we had a good discussion about how best to use this funding. Parents felt Numeracy, Reading and Wellbeing Interventions have been impactful in the school and would like these to continue. The group also felt that using funding to provide a range of opportunities for achievement.

Parentwise Survey and Pupilwise Survey

We had a great response to our Parentwise and Pupilwise survey. Thank you to all who completed it. We will share the results of this with all parents and use your views to inform our ongoing improvement.

Cost of the School Day

We are always looking for ways to reduce costs to our families. Most recently, we have started to provide a free tuck shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All school trips are subsidised by school or Parent Council. We are looking at alternative ways to travel on school trips as the cost of private coaches is unaffordable at this time. P3/4 travelled by train on their trip to Edinburgh using the Kids for a Quid scheme significantly reducing the cost to parents for the trip. The Kirkcaldy Rotary are collaborating with our Parent Council to provide free food at all family events throughout the year. Mrs Allan, PSA is kindly working with Big Hoose to gift P7 children toiletries for Ardroy.

Digital Safety

We have invited PC Ashley McGregor to our Summer Fayre. PC McGregor will be on hand to provide advice to parents/carers who may have questions around keeping children safe online.

Family Kitbag Session

We are hosting a family Kitbag session on 16th May from 3.15pm -4.15pm led by Nina Sheils, Fife's Kitbag Ambassador. During the session families will have an opportunity to learn how to use Kitbag at home as a way to reduce family stresses, tensions and conflict. If you would like to attend please let the office know to book a place.

Learning Council

A new pupil leadership opportunity was created towards the end of last term. A large number of children applied for the role of Learning Council Representative and successful children were notified by letter at the end of term 3. The Learning Council have begun their work in school and have established their improvement plan with two clear priorities for term 4.

Term 4 Dates for your diary

Tuesday 30 th April	P6/7 & P7 Munro Challenge Training day P6/7 Outdoor learning Family Fun Night – Parent Council & Rotary Club (everyone welcome)	9.30am 5.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 1 st May	Bookbug in the Community Room (all nursery children & parents welcome) P1/2 Outdoor learning – beach visit	9.15-10.15am 1.30pm
Thursday 2 nd May	First responder visiting Nursery (children’s first aid) P2/3 Outdoor learning	9.30-10.30am 11.00am
Monday 6th May	Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Tuesday 7 th May	Parent Council activity group in Community Room (all parents/carers welcome) P6/7 Outdoor learning P2/3 Outdoor learning P3/4 Outdoor learning Parent Council meeting – School Library (all parents/carers welcome)	9.15-11.15am 9.30am 11.00am 1.30pm 5.00pm
Wednesday 8 th May	Bookbug in the Community Room (all nursery children & parents welcome) P1/2 Outdoor learning – beach visit	9.15-10.15am 1.30pm
Thursday 9th May	Inservice Day – SCHOOL & NURSERIES CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
Friday 10 th May	P1-P7 Taekwondo Taster sessions P1/2 Windmill Library visit	All day 9.15am
Monday 13 th May	P1-P7 Child Smile Fluoride Varnish	
Tuesday 14 th May	Parent Council activity group in Community Room (all parents/carers welcome) P6/7 Outdoor learning P3/4 Outdoor learning P1-P7 Soft Finish (all parents/carers welcome)	9.15-11.15am 9.30am 1.30pm 2.30-3.00pm
Wednesday 15 th May	Bookbug in the Community Room (all nursery children & parents/carers welcome) P5/6 Author Visit – Barbara Henderson P1/2 Outdoor learning – beach visit	9.15-10.15am 1.30pm
Thursday 16 th May	Nurseries Sponsored Litter Pick (nursery parents/carers welcome) P2/3 Outdoor learning	TBC 11.00am
Friday 17 th May	P1-P7 Soft Finish (all parents/carers welcome)	2.30-3.00pm
Monday 20 th May	P1-P7 Be Active Sessions P7 Extra Curriculum Taster Viewforth HS	9.00-12.00pm 10.00-12.00pm
Tuesday 21 st May	P6/7 Outdoor learning P2/3 Outdoor learning P3/4 Outdoor learning	9.30am 11.00am 1.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	P5/6 Class trip to Hopetoun House, Edinburgh Bookbug/Peeps Transitions in the Community Room	All day 9.15-10.15am
Thursday 23 rd May	Sports Day – first attempt 3-5 year old Nursery outdoor learning	10.00am
Monday 27 th May	P1-P7 Be Active Sessions P5/6 Outdoor learning	9.00-12.00pm 9.30am

Term 4 Dates for your diary – continued

Tuesday 28 th May	P6/7 & P7 Munro Challenge P1-P7 Karate Taster sessions P6/7 Outdoor learning P2/3 Outdoor learning P3/4 Outdoor learning Family BBQ & Blood bikes visit - Parent Council/Rotary (everyone welcome)	All day All day 9.30am 11.00am 1.30pm 5.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 29 th May	New P1 Transition Visit (more information to follow) PEEPS Nursery Transition P5/6 Outdoor learning	 9.15-10.15am 9.30am
Thursday 30 th May	Sports Day – second attempt	
Friday 31 st May	Nurseries trip Almond Valley (all nursery parents welcome) P1/2 Windmill Library visit	 9.15am
Monday 3rd June	Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Tuesday 4 th June	P7 Ardroy Trip (return Friday 7 th June) P6/7 Outdoor learning P2/3 Outdoor learning P3/4 Outdoor learning	 9.30am 11.00am 1.30pm
Wednesday 5 th June	New P1 Transition Visit (more details to follow) PEEPS Nursery Transition (more details to follow) P5/6 Outdoor learning	 9.15-9.45am 9.15-10.15am 9.30am
Monday 10 th June	P1-P7 Be Active Sessions P6-P7 Fire Rescue visit to classroom	 9.00-12.00pm 11.00am
Tuesday 11 th June	P6/7 Outdoor learning P2/3 Outdoor learning P3/4 Outdoor learning	 9.30am 11.00am 1.30pm
Wednesday 12 th June	All P7 Transition visit to Viewforth HS PEEPS Nursery Transition P5/6 Outdoor learning P1/2 Outdoor learning – beach visit	 All day 9.15-10.15am 9.30am 1.30pm
Thursday 13 th June	All P7 Transition visit to Viewforth HS	All day
Friday 14 th June	Summer Fayre – more info to follow (parents/carers welcome)	
Monday 17 th June	P1-P7 Be Active Sessions	9.00-12.00pm
Tuesday 18 th June	P6/7 Outdoor learning P2/3 Outdoor learning P3/4 Outdoor learning	 9.30am 11.00am 1.30pm
Wednesday 19 th June	New P1 Transition Visit (more details to follow) PEEPS Nursery Transition P5/6 Outdoor learning	 TBC 9.15-10.15am 9.30am
Thursday 20 th June	Winning House Picnic (children in the house with most points)	
Friday 21 st June	Report cards home	
Monday 24 th June	P1-P7 Be Active Sessions	9.00-12.00pm

Term 4 Dates for your diary – continued

Tuesday 25 th June	Meet the teacher P1-7 (all children to meet their new teacher)	
	P6/7 Outdoor learning	9.30am
	P3/4 Outdoor learning	1.30pm
Wednesday 26 th June	P7 Children's Leavers Service for Nursery and School children	9.45am
Thursday 27 th June	P7 Children's leavers service (Parents/Carers of P7 children only)	9.45am
Friday 28 th June	Last day of term	
	School closes at 3.05pm and reopens on Wednesday 21 st August 2024 at 9.00am	