

Dysart Primary School

May- June 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you find this newsletter informative as we share key successes, achievements and important messages about school life. Our website contains a helpful overview of information at

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/dysartps/>

As always, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best Wishes, Mrs Thompson, Headteacher



You said, We Did

Following the Parentwise survey last session we have detailed how we have been using the feedback. Please see attached.

Assemblies – RNLI Summer Water Safety and Frances Mine Safety

Ahead of the summer holidays, RNLI will be delivering an assembly in school to support children's learning of how to stay safe near the water. The lifeguard will also talk about his job and the skills needed to be a lifeguard. We will also have an assembly delivered by the Mining Association who will help the children to learn about the risks associated with Frances Mine.

Thank you to the Kirkcaldy Rotary Club and Dysart Parent Council

Once again, a very successful Family event was held by the Parent Council and The Rotary who led a family evening recently where children and parents created plants for their gardens at home by decorating pots and choosing plants to fill them. This was followed by everyone enjoying some food together.

Sports Day

Please note that attempt 1 of Sports Day is now on Friday 30 May 2025. An alternative date is Thursday 5 June 2025.

Cost of the School Day

We are committed to reducing the cost of the school day for all children and their families. The Big Hoose Shop is in the Family Community Room and offers a range of household staple items such as toilet roll, shampoo, vitamins, etc. Please do not hesitate to pop down to the community room.

Bikeability

We are looking for parents/carers to support a Bikeability Programme in school. This would involve undertaking training to be able to support Bikeability Sessions in school to teach children how to cycle safely. If you are interested in undertaking the training please contact the office.

School Uniform

Children are expected to wear school uniform every day. This supports respect for the school environment and a sense of belonging. We will be monitoring this moving forward. This includes a plain black or navy jumper, cardigan or hooded sweatshirt and a shirt or white polo shirt. Children should not be wearing branded clothing with large logos or be multicoloured. Football strips and football merchandise should not be worn in schools at any time.

Car Park

This is a strong reminder that parents and children should not walk through the staff car park at any time. Several members of staff have reported that they have noted parents with children walking through the car park from the nursery. This is not safe.

Breakfast Café

Breakfast café will continue to provide a free breakfast to pupils, from 8.15 am in the dining room. We gently encourage children to try and come before 8.50 am so they can eat their breakfast with others before going to class. The service has been very quiet so there is a consideration that perhaps this could be changed to a 9 am toast within the classrooms. If you feel breakfast café is valuable I would encourage you to use the service otherwise we may lose this.

Soft Finish – Music

A reminder that our next soft finish is on Friday 16th May for the whole school. Our focus this session will be music.

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 93.6% and this session's current pupil attendance is 90.1%

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.

Vision, Values and Aims

Feedback from parents last session indicated that the values and the aims should be visible outside the school in the playground as well as inside the school building. We took this feedback on board and have had large boards created for the playground, gym hall and entrance hall. Pupils from the Pupil Council supported the design process.

Personal Learning Plan

Pupils in P4-P7 will be bringing home their targets and samples of work in a folder. This will replace the online PLP on seesaw as many parents felt a physical PLP would be easier to share with your child than an online PLP. Parents of children in P1-P3 preferred the online PLP so this will remain the same.

Transition into P1

For all parents of nursery children transitioning to P1 in August, you will receive a transition letter with a timeline to show transition experiences planned over this term.

Personal Achievements

If your child has an achievement at home, please let us know by completing the Microsoft survey link so this can be celebrated in school. Remember this can be any achievement from helping an elderly relative, independently cooking a recipe, learning how to crochet, etc. Your child will have their achievement celebrated with a Dysart Certificate and house points.

Mrs Rofe

Mrs Rofe has joined us at Dysart for a short time in P5/6 (Monday) and P7 (NCCT Tuesday). Mrs Rofe is known to the children and we are delighted to welcome her to our team until the Summer.

Lunchtime Clubs

The children have requested opportunities to attend a club at lunchtime. On Mondays we have a club run by Miss Palmer and Mrs Cunningham where children can play games together such as board games. On A Wednesday Yvonne Gilfillan, YMCA, is holding a lunchtime club for Arts and Crafts. Outside in the playground, the loose part play pod is open alongside a range of other activities.

Peer Mediators and Kitbag Ambassadors

At lunchtime, our peer mediators are always on hand to help children who need a little support. They can help if children have a small problem or if they have had a small disagreement with a friend. These mediators have been trained by Mediation Scotland and have the skills to help. Please encourage your child to go to a peer mediator (wearing a high vis vest) if they need help in the playground. Kitbag ambassadors are also on duty in the playground and can do kitbag with any child who would like to.

Sleep Counselling

Many parents share the challenges they are having around ensuring their child has enough sleep each night. Children often share that they are tired during the school day due to lack of sleep. For this reason, Mrs Cunningham has undertaken training to be able to provide support to families of children who are having difficulties with sleep. Please contact the school office to speak to Mrs Cunningham if you would like further support.

World of Work

Thank you so much to all the parents who responded to our survey. We have a number of parents visiting our P7 class to talk about their work and the skills they use within their job.

P7 Transition Club at Viewforth High School

A number of our P7 children are attending the P7 Transition Club at Viewforth High School. The children have commented on how this is supporting them to feel more comfortable meeting new people at high school.

Healthy Snacks

The Pupil Council would like to help our school become healthier. They introduced the very successful health tuck shop with toast on a Tuesday and Thursday. They will be running a campaign to encourage children to bring healthy playtime snacks to school over two weeks in June.

Dates for your Diary

6 th -9 th May	P7s trip to Ardroy
6 th May	P1/2 Outdoor Learning to the Beach – every Tuesday until 27 May 2025
7 th May	P2/3 Outdoor Learning to Woods – every Wednesday until end of term
8 th May	P1/2 and P2/3 – Kodaly Music – every Thursday until end of term
8 th May	Whole school – fluoride varnish
14 th May	Book Bugs – Community Room – 9 -10.30 am every Wednesday until 28 May 2025
14 th May	RNLI Water Safety Assembly
16 th May	Fantastic Finish for P1-P7 2.20-3.00 pm – Music
19 th May	P7s to Viewforth for Curricular Taster Morning 10.00 am-12.00 noon
22 nd May	Fife Primary School's Cross Country Championship – small group attending
23 rd May	Yoga Bairns Transition from Nursery into P1
28 th May	Parent Council meeting – 1.30 – 2.45 pm
29 th May	Zoolab to visit P2/3, P4/5, P5/6
29 th May	Parent Group (for parents with children with ASN)
30 th May	Yoga Bairns Transition from Nursery to P1
30 th May	Sports Day – Attempt 1
2 nd June	Holiday – school closed
3 rd June	In-service – school closed to pupils
5 th June	Sports Day – Attempt 2
6 th June	Summer Concert at Pitteuchar West – P4/5 and P5/6
6 th June	Summer Fayre
6 th June	Yoga Bairns Transition from Nursery into P1
9 th June	Pupil Council run Healthy Snack Campaign
16 th June	Pupil Council run Healthy Snack Campaign
16 th June	Dental checks -P1/2
16 th June	Fire Brigade Summer Safety Talks-
18 th June	Parents and Carers meeting for P7 pupils at Viewforth High School
18 th & 19 th June	P7 Transition Days – Viewforth High School
24 th June	HWB Summer Safety Assembly delivered by Frances Colliery
26 th June	Winning House Picnic
1 st July	Whole school end of term of service
2 nd July	P7 Leavers' service for P7 parents at Dysart Primary School
3 rd July – 3.05 pm	School closes
20 th August – 9 am	School re-opens

Parentwise Results

You Said, We Did!

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parentwise survey last session. The results were overall very positive. We have compared the Parentwise results with the Pupilwise results. We have shared this with the parent council and our staff team and identified next steps as a school. We would like to share these with you. I am especially pleased with the positive results around wellbeing and learning.

Kind Regards

Jacqueline Thompson
Mrs J Thompson
Headteacher

You Said

Parents	Agree or Strongly Agree	Don't know	Disagree or Strongly disagree
The school teaches my child to stay safe online when using technology to communicate with others	75%	23%	2%

Pupils	Agree or Strongly Agree	Don't know	Disagree or Strongly disagree
My school/nursery teaches my child how they can stay safe when using technology/online	95%	5%	0%

We Did

- We recognise we need to share this learning with parents more clearly to support learning at home. This session we will share children's learning on internet and digital safety with parents through a shared finish, Seesaw and newsletters.
- All staff attended Cyber Resilience and Internet Safety training in February 2025.
- Children engaged in learning all year round with a focus on Internet safety Week in February.

You Said

Parents	Agree or Strongly Agree	Don't know	Disagree or Strongly disagree
I know about the school and nursery's priorities for improvement	72%	24%	4%

We Did

- The school improvement plan is on the school website for all parents to read. We created a parent friendly overview of the school improvement priorities for easy access.

You Said

Parents	Agree or Strongly Agree	Don't know	Disagree or Strongly disagree
The school takes action following bullying concerns	76%	23%	1%

Pupils	Agree or Strongly Agree	Don't know	Disagree or Strongly disagree
My school listens to my concerns about bullying	77%	23%	0%
My school takes action on my concerns about bullying	91%	9%	0%

We Did

- **Respect** is one of our school values promoted in all we do.
- Children participated in anti-bullying week as a school last session and this session.
- Teachers are using the refreshed Cool in School Programme to teach children how to have 'cool and strong' responses to conflict with friends.
- We recognise that children and parents may not know what action the school takes on bullying concerns if their child has not experienced bullying before. Children and parents are involved in creating a refreshed Dysart PS anti-bullying policy that makes it very clear how the school acts on concerns about bullying.

You Said

Parents	Agree or Strongly Agree	Don't know	Disagree or Strongly disagree
The school has clear guidance and supports in place to ensure no child is disadvantaged by personal circumstances.	76%	21%	3%

We Did

In our newsletters we will make it clear how we are reducing the cost of the school day, for example, no charge for school discos, breakfast club, breaktime toast, family nights, clubs and school performances to ensure all children have equal access to opportunities.

You said

Pupils	Agree or Strongly Agree	Don't know	Disagree or Strongly disagree
My parents talk to me about my learning at home	68%	13%	19%

We Did

- We will reintroduce paper learning journals so children can share their learning with their parents at home. The online journal on seesaw will continue to be used for Nursery to P3.

You said

Pupils	Agree or Strongly Agree	Don't know	Disagree or Strongly disagree
My school knows what I like doing when I am not at school	50%	40%	10%
My school knows about the things I am good at	64%	36%	0%

We Did

- We introduced the parents Microsoft form to share children's achievements at home.
- Learning Council are designing a postcard for children to share what they like to do outside school.

Thank You.

