



## SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now been at school for over two weeks and what a busy two weeks it has been!

It has been lovely to see the return of your children after the Summer holiday and to see them settling into their new classes.

Your children look incredibly smart in their school uniform and I would like to thank you for your support with this.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead filled with lots of engaging experiences for your children.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if there are any issues you want to talk about.

Kind regards,

*Louise Mulvey*



### Absence Arrangements

In line with North Ayrshire's Attendance Policy please see below the procedures to follow if your child is absent from school:

- If your child is ill, please phone the school by 09.30
- If for some reason we have not heard from you, then we will send a text message for you to contact us
- If we do not hear from you by 10.30, we need to take further action e.g. phone our Area Inclusion Worker
- Our priority is that all our children are SAFE

*Article 28 I have the right to an education*

### Personal Possessions

In order to avoid lost possessions, **everything** belonging to your child must be labelled with his/her name. Please label shoes, sweatshirts, polo shirts, bags, jackets and packed lunch boxes in particular.

*Article 27 I have a right to have a proper house, food and clothing*

# Rights Respecting Schools Award

Dalry is proud to be a Gold Rights Respecting School.

This recognition from UNICEF celebrates our pupil's, staff's and community's work on children's rights and their ambition to further develop this to make a positive change in our world.

As we progress into Session 2022-23, we will work collaboratively to increase our knowledge of children's rights within our community and beyond. Our children are the change makers of the future and we want to empower them to help make our world better and equality reign.

Each week, our children will learn about an article from the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) and develop their understanding of the realisation of rights across the world.

*Article 1 Everyone under 18 has these rights*

*Article 2 All children have these rights*



# SHANARRI FORTNIGHT

At the start of each new session we have a SHANARRI fortnight where we focus on the Wellbeing Indicators



**The aims of our SHANARRI Fortnight:**

- *To enable pupils to reflect, recognise, value and celebrate their resilience and resourcefulness.*
- *To further pupil knowledge of wellbeing indicators as appropriate at their age and stage.*
- *To support the development of a positive, nurturing classroom environment, which promotes the wellbeing of all pupils.*
- *To share information about wellbeing with parents/carers and the associated vocabulary, in order for them to engage in conversations about their child's wellbeing.*

Each class creates their own Class Charter. A class charter is a set of guidelines that children and adults have all agreed on for the classroom and is used to keep everyone safe and happy within the class.



It was lovely to welcome so many parents, carers and family members into the school for our SHANARRI showcase. The children enjoyed sharing their learning with you and carrying out activities in their classes. We look forward to hosting more community events throughout the year.

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## GIRFEC

GIRFEC stands for "Getting It Right For Every Child." It is the Scottish Government led approach to making sure that our children and young people and their parents and carers can get all the help and support they need from birth right through to age 18. At home, in school or the wider community every child should be :-

Safe    Healthy    Active  
Nurtured    Achieving    Respected  
Responsible    Included

*Article 1 Everyone under 18 has these rights*

## Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child comes to school with plenty of water that they can access throughout the day..



As part of the 'Cost of the School Day' initiative, all pupils were given a reusable water bottle in June and these have now been issued to our new P1 pupils.

*Article 24 I have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food*



## Medical Details



Please remember to inform the school of any changes to your child's medical details. To ensure the best care of your child, we need to know of all medical needs.

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## P1 -P3

All pupils from P1-P3 can come into school from 0845 each morning for a soft start. We are loving the engagement from the pupils as they work together on their activities.

All pupils from P1-P3 must be collected by an adult at the end of each day.

*Article 3 Adults must do what's best for me*

## Twitter

Our Twitter feed is the only way we communicate through social media. At present we have 1524 followers. We share school news, lunch menus and other items of information we feel our parents and carers would like to read about.

Find us on Twitter @DalryPrimary



*Article 17 I have the right to get information in lots of ways, so long as it is safe*

# Sharing Progress and Achievement

This month we will share with you your child's learning targets face-to-face. Targets will be shared for Health and Wellbeing, Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

We are hosting our Learning Conversations on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and then from 6.30pm to 9.00pm. Request forms have been issued and should be returned as soon as possible. All forms should be returned by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at the latest. Appointments will be issued on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

There will be a crèche facility in the gym hall provided by the Parent Council.

It is very important that your child accompanies you to their Learning Conversation as it offers a great opportunity for a dialogue between parents and carers, pupils and teachers.

## Progress throughout the year

Term 2 - Learning targets evaluated with pupils

Term 3 - Learning Conversations face-to-face Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Term 4 - Learning Conversations face-to-face Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Term 4 - End of year report in June

## What happens if I need to speak to a teacher in between?

We are happy to help at any time. Please do not feel you have to wait to discuss any concerns or to update us. Please call the school office on 01294 832788 to arrange an appointment.

## How else do we report on progress?

We report on progress in many other ways, including:

- ✓ Homework
- ✓ Review Meetings - where applicable
- ✓ Additional Support Plan - where applicable
- ✓ Twitter
- ✓ School Newsletters
- ✓ Seesaw

*Article 28 I have the right to learn and go to school*



## Extra-Curricular Clubs



We had a terrific start to our extra-curricular clubs last week, 14 clubs with so many active children! Our P6 Sports Leaders are a fantastic support at these clubs.

Clubs take place before, during and after school covering a wide variety of sports/activities across each stage and year group. Please note there will be alternative/additional opportunities provided throughout the year for all stages.

*Article 15 I have the right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs*

## School Values

A value is a principle that guides our thinking and behaviour. At Dalry, every individual is valued for who they are and what they contribute to the school. Values are intended to support the personal, social and moral development of every pupil and member of staff in our school community..

Our values are

- ❖ **Respect**
- ❖ **Inclusion**
- ❖ **Resilience**
- ❖ **Honesty**

*Article 12 I have the right to be listened to and taken seriously*

## PEF Funding

Pupil Equity Funding continues for the coming session and we are pleased to inform you that Dalry qualifies for £95,040.

Using this, we have identified the following areas for support:

- Two Early Years Practitioners
- One full time Class Teacher
- Class Teacher for two days
- Principal Teacher
- Full time Youth Worker
- Part time Classroom Assistant hours

This support is used to help us raise attainment in Literacy and Numeracy as well as promote positive health and wellbeing.

*Article 3 Adults must do what's best for me*

## School Improvement Priorities

The School Improvement Plan is a document which helps to identify our priorities for the coming session. When writing this document we take into account a number of factors:

- Scottish Government priorities and directives
- North Ayrshire Council priorities and directives
- Developmental needs of our own school

Here are the areas we have identified as a school to focus on this session:

- Use recent research to enhance Play Pedagogy and Outdoor Learning
- Identify individual pupil gaps in learning to ensure that all pupils make progress in Literacy and Numeracy
- Ensure appropriate supports are put in place to address any gaps in learning, ensuring equality and equity for all pupils
- Practitioners to have positively engaged with moderation through professional learning activities led by moderation leads
- Support the mental, physical, social and emotional wellbeing of all
- Maximise stakeholder involvement and engagement in school life
- Review and enhance transitions for all
- Develop skills based learning across the school

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# Diary Dates 2022/23

## Term 1

### September 2022

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	National Coding Week begins
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	P7 Parents & Carers Arran Information Session
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Council AGM at 6pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	House and Vice Captains speeches
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	In-Service Day 2 - school closed to pupils
W/B Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Climate Action Week
W/B Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Maths Week Scotland
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Learning Conversations face-to-face

### October 2022

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	P7 to Arran
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	P7 to Arran
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Learning Conversation Targets home this week
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for October holidays

## Term 2

### October 2022

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Staff and Pupils return
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# Diary Dates 2022/23

## November 2022

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Literacy Showcase
W/B Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
W/B Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Week
W/B Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Week Scotland
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Walk
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	School closed for staff and pupils
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	School closed for staff and pupils
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	In-Service Day 3 - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Pupils return
W/B 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent & Carer workshops (information to follow)

## December 2022

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant School Shows, 1.30pm & 7pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper School Shows, 1.30pm & 7pm
W/B 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties (information to follow)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	School stops for Christmas holidays

## Term 3

### January 2023

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff and pupils return to school
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Burns Day

# Diary Dates 2022/23

## February 2023

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Learning Conversation face-to-face
W/B Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed for staff and pupils
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed for staff and pupils
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	In-Service Day 4 - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils return to school
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Learning Conversation Targets home this week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Fairtrade Fortnight begins

## March 2023

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day celebrations
W/B 13 <sup>th</sup> March	STEAM Week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Numeracy Showcase
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School closes for Easter holidays

## Term 4

### April 2023

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff and Pupils return
W/B Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	World of Work Week



# Diary Dates 2022/23

## May 2023

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Learning Conversations face-to-face
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	May Holiday
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	In-Service 5 - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Pupils return to school

## June 2023

W/B Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	School Show (more information to follow)
W/B Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	School Trips
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Reports issued
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes for staff and pupils