

## OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2 and what promises to be another busy term!

Thank you to all of the parents, carers and pupils who attended the Learning Conversations at the end of September. It was great to be able to have these conversations face to face again.

Outdoor Learning continues to be a priority within our School Improvement Plan. It is great to see all classes out in the playground, enjoying their learning and embracing the outdoors. As we come into the winter months, please ensure your children always come into school suitably dressed for working outdoors.

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

Kind regards,

*Louise Mulvey*

### House Captains and Vice Captains

We are exceptionally proud of our P7 pupils who put themselves forward to be House Captains or Vice Captains. They showed great courage, confidence and determination.

Our 2022-2023 Captains ...

Rye - Zoe

Lynn - Emma

Blair - Juli and Jennifer

Our 2022-2023 Vice Captains ...

Rye - Eilish

Lynn - Cerys and Tamzin

Blair - Harry



They are now busy organizing their first House event ... more information to follow.



### 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.



# Parent Council

The Parent Council is a group of parents selected by members of the parent forum (the collective name for every parent, carer or guardian at a school) to represent all the parents of children at the school.

Parent Councils have an important role to play in ensuring that children's education is enriched by parents' valuable life experience, individual personal skills and unique knowledge of their own child.

## What is the role of Parent Councils?

Parent Councils help parents and carers to become more actively and effectively involved in their children's learning. It is recognised that parents play an important role both in their own child's learning and in the life of their school.

Parent Councils are flexible and designed to make sure that they represent their school and its interests effectively. Parent members should decide what is most important for the Parent Council to work on.

Parent Councils can:

- provide a voice for parents, in schools and in their local authority, on issues that are important to them and their children
- help the school to understand how to most effectively involve parents in their children's learning and in the life of the school
- support the school and head teacher in developing strong home/school partnerships
- support the school in its development and improvement, and in understanding and making links with the wider community
- capture the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge and experience that parents can offer.

## Parent Council AGM

The Parent Council AGM was held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. New Office Bearers were elected:

Chairperson	Krystyna Caulfield
Vice Chair	Nicola Hill
Secretary	Natalie O'Sullivan
Treasurer	Carolyn Huckell

If you are interested in joining our Parent Council, please get in touch with us on the school email address [dalry@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk](mailto:dalry@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk) or contact the Parent Council on [dalryparentcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:dalryparentcouncil@outlook.com)

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm in school**

You can also follow the Parent Council on ...

Twitter @DalryPCouncil

Facebook @dpsparentcouncil



# Arran Outdoor Centre

Our P7 pupils really enjoyed their visit to the Arran Outdoor Education Centre. It was a week of fun and adventure in the outdoors. This year we went over two weeks, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. This was a wonderful opportunity for our young people and one we are sure they will remember for years to come. We would like to thank the Dalry Parish Boundary Trust and Community Windpower for their full funding of these trips.



## Twitter

Our Twitter feed is the only way we communicate through social media. At present we have 1597 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



## Pupil Councils

We are delighted to be starting our Pupil Councils this term. These are a wonderful opportunity for children from all stages to work together and lead many initiatives within the school. The councils we will be running this year include ...

- Pupil Council
- Rights Respecting School Council
- Eco Committee
- Global Ambassadors
- Junior Road Safety Officers
- Digital Leaders
- Sports Leaders Committee



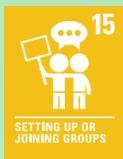
We had a terrific start to our extra-curricular clubs, 14 clubs with so many active children! Our P6 Sports Leaders have been a fantastic support at these clubs.

Clubs will continue to take place before, during and after school covering a wide variety of sports/activities across each stage and year group. Letters will be sent home with the options for Term 2 this week.

## Our Sport Committee and Leaders



What a team!!!



## Family Learning Team

Our Family Learning Team have started this session with Family Fun STEM activities for Primary 4 families. Families have enjoyed Wednesday morning challenges.

Some of the challenges so far have involved building structures using marshmallows and spaghetti, Skittles rainbow science experiment and making chairs using paper and tape.

Please check Twitter for any further information on the fantastic activities the FLT have planned.



# 'Doing Right at Dalry'

'Doing Right at Dalry' is a rights-based promoting positive behaviour strategy that highlights the rights of individuals thus encouraging children to respect the rights of others. The children learn about their rights in their daily work, at assemblies and through whole school projects.

The focus of any discussions with your child will be on the right that they may have denied themselves or others. Conversations will be restorative, encouraging children to see situations from others point of view and developing empathy for others. The aim is to restore, rebuild and maintain positive relationships thus reducing the chances of disrespectful behaviour occurring again.

All children, staff, parents and visitors of Dalry Primary School should be treated with respect and we appreciate your on-going support with our promotion of positive behaviour and relationships.

## How It Works In Class

At the beginning of the session each class will make a class charter in accordance with the Rights of The Child Articles. This will be displayed and both pupils and teachers will agree actions and behaviours that they must follow in order to make sure the rights are upheld within the classroom.



If the agreed behaviours and actions are not followed then pupils will have a restorative discussion with the class teacher.



If the agreed behaviours and actions are repeatedly not followed then pupils will have a restorative discussion with a member of the Senior Management Team and there will be a phone call home



## How It Works In the Playground

Further to our classroom relationships policy we have developed our Promoting Positive Behaviour in the Playground as part of 'Doing Right at Dalry.' Again our policy focuses on the Rights of the Child Articles.

Pupils are given a warning and a time out in the playground by a classroom assistant for inappropriate behaviour or actions that are in breach of our Playground Charter



If the behaviour continues then the pupil is brought to a member of the Senior Management Team who will have a restorative discussion with the pupil.

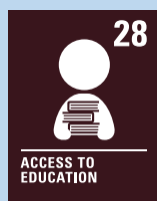


## Sharing Positive News

We really enjoy sharing positive behaviours and actions as this has great impact. Celebrating success happens through Dalry Dazzlers, Star Writers, Whoosh awards and Twitter. We will also be contacting Parents and Carers to share the positives!

## European Day of Languages

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September was European Day of Languages. Our classes took part in a wide variety of activities throughout the day. The highlight of the day was when classes joined around 50 other classes across North Ayrshire for a sing-a-long. They sang Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star in Spanish, French, Arabic, Mandarin and Ukrainian! Some of our older pupils even taught younger pupils how to sign the song using Makaton!



## Spanish Weather Reports

Pupils have been enjoying sharing their weather reports on Twitter throughout September. They are continuing to share their learning throughout this month ... keep up to date with our fantastic meteorologists as they share their learning!



## Maths Week Scotland 2022

Maths Week Scotland was a great week for our learners. All of our learners were involved in lots of engaging lessons focussed on Numeracy and Maths. The transferrable skills into life outside of school were also looked at and discussed.



## Tooth brushing

Childsmile is a national programme designed to improve the oral health of children in Scotland and reduce inequalities both in dental health and access to dental services. Our Primary 1 & 2 pupils are now brushing their teeth every afternoon as part of this initiative.



# Senior Manager Visit

Lindsay Morris, our Senior Manager, visited the school on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Her focus for this visit was on the Quality Indicator examining how we are raising attainment and monitoring achievement.

Overall it was a very positive visit. Mrs Morris is happy with the systems and processes in place to track and monitor the attainment of our young people.

Our next steps are to continue to develop our data analysis as a whole school.



## Benedetti Foundation

All of our Primary 5 pupils had an amazing opportunity to work with the Benedetti Foundation. They delivered music workshops here at Dalry Primary and pupils from across North Ayrshire came along to participate and learn some new skills. Everyone agreed it was an amazing experience and so much fun!



## October In-service

All of the teaching and support staff participated in very informative and productive sessions.

We were joined by Sue MacLeod, our Educational Psychologist. She delivered interactive workshops focussing on Zones of Regulation and De-escalation strategies. Teaching staff also continued to work on our Promoting Positive Relationships Policy.

In the afternoon we continued to develop our P1-3 Play areas and our P4-7 STEM areas. We look forward to further developing these throughout this term. Our learners will be central to the development of these areas and leading their learning.



## Thank you!



We would like to thank Tesco, Kilbirnie, for their fantastic support this term. They have helped us with our Halloween activities, providing us with apples for classes and have generously given us a £50 voucher to purchase treats for our pupils to celebrate Halloween. Amazing community spirit, thank you!



# Garnock Valley Helping Hands



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### Baby & Kids Recycling Project



Supporting families by providing recycled clothing from birth - 15 years.

Also recycled baby items such as prams, moses baskets, cots, cot beds and many other baby essentials to support families.

Please email us if you would like to donate any of the above items.  
We will then send you the link to the donations form.

### CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year we are going to be doing a Christmas appeal to support local families with toys, pyjamas and selection boxes.

Please email us if you would like to donate any of the above.



Many thanks  
Sam & Caroline  
(Project leaders)



The Garnock Valley Helping Hands is a great resource for families in need across the Garnock Valley. If anyone needs support to find essential items for their family such as clothes and baby equipment email: [garnockvalleyhelpinghands@protonmail.com](mailto:garnockvalleyhelpinghands@protonmail.com) or find them on Facebook

They are also carrying out a Christmas appeal to support local families. They would appreciate any toys, pyjamas and selection boxes that you might be able to donate. Please bring any donations to the school office and we will get them to this fantastic group.





# Diary Dates 2022/23

## Term 2

### October 2022

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	In-Service Day 2 - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupils return
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Fancy Dress Day for Halloween
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Benedetti Foundation

### November 2022

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Council Meeting in school, 7pm in school
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
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	P2 Read Write Count with Family Learning Team
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
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	P3 Read Write Count with Family Learning Team
W/B 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent & Carer workshops (information to follow)

# Diary Dates 2022/23

## December 2022

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Senior Manager Visit 2

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

Panto in school - morning

Santa visit to school - afternoon

School stops for Christmas holidays at 2.30pm