

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to say thank you for your continued support this term, it is very much appreciated. This term has been very busy and pupils and staff have worked very hard. Our Nativity and Pantomime were a great success, after the heating set back! I am very proud of how resilient and adaptable our pupils are.

Our Christmas Fayre was also well organised by our Primary 7 pupils with Miss Gemmell and Miss McQueen. We raised £2011.43 which has allowed us to buy in a pantomime for all pupils on the last day of term. Thank you very much for your kind donations and purchasing of pupil crafts, as without these the running of the school fayre would not be possible.

Next term I am hoping to hold more parent/carer workshops so if there is anything you would like to be a particular focus then please get in touch. Parental involvement is something I am keen to develop within Dalry Primary School and would appreciate your input with this.

I would also like to inform of a couple of name changes to staff, Miss Carson who has been on Maternity leave will be known as Mrs Scott and she will be the class teacher for Primary 4B for the rest of the session. Mrs Mulvey will now be known as Miss Syme. I'm sure this will take some getting used to for both parents/carers and pupils! Lastly I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year when it comes!

Kind Regards,

Louise Syme

Acting Head Teacher

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
- **Please make sure you phone the school on each day that your child is absent**



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.



Extra-Curricular Clubs and Sporting Achievements

We continued Term 2 with an excellent variety of clubs for our pupils to participate in. These were before, during and after school with an excellent uptake, 93% of our pupils taking part in a club for their age group.

The clubs often feed into tournaments with other schools within the Garnock Valley Cluster but also beyond, with schools from all of North Ayrshire. We are fortunate to host some of these events with our fantastic facilities.



Congratulations to our Athletics team ... they came an amazing 2nd in the Athletics competition for all North Ayrshire primaries!



Look out for our new timetable of Extra-Curricular Clubs in January and be sure to sign up!



Primary 1 Library Visit

Primary 1 pupils had a really enjoyable visit to our local library. They were joined by lots of family members for the walk and the activities.

The pupils were gifted their Scottish Book Trust BookBug bags.



Children In Need Community Walk

Our annual community walk was greatly enjoyed by all involved! It was lovely to have the time to walk and talk with each other, enjoying a fresh, dry morning!



Thanks to your generous donations we raised £201.48

Staged Intervention Workshop

We held a Parents/Carers workshop in school which was well attended. This workshop let you see the support and resources we can provide for your child at Dalry Primary School. It aimed to help support you in understanding what the actions/interventions we have in place look like and what your child will experience while at school.

We set up stations on Literacy support, Numeracy support and Health and Wellbeing support. The workshop was informal, where you could walk to each station to look at the resources and speak to an adult at that station.



Christmas Fayre

It was lovely to welcome our families back into school for our Christmas Fayre, our first since 2019! The atmosphere was very festive and the Primary 7 pupils showed great maturity and organisation skills as they ran all of our school stalls.

Thank you to all for supporting this event. You all helped us raise a phenomenal amount of money for our school funds which will be used throughout the session to support our learners.



Christmas Parties

We were looking forward to our Christmas parties. Pupils had a fun day in class and party games in the hall. The fantastic ice cream factory was back!

Primary 1-3 Monday 19th December
Primary 4 & 5 Tuesday 20th December
Primary 6 & 7 Wednesday 21st December

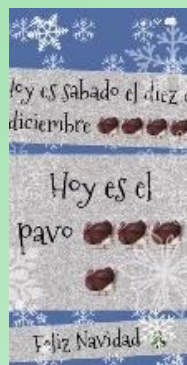
Big Breakfast

On Thursday 22nd December we will be having a Christmas Big Breakfast in all of the classes. It is always a lovely atmosphere and an event enjoyed by all!



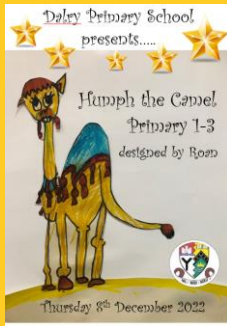
Advent Calendar on Twitter

We have been enjoying learning new Spanish vocabulary this festive season and have loved sharing our videos, each day on Twitter, in our Christmas countdown. We are part of a competition with all of the Ayrshire schools too, in the SWEIC virtual advent calendar.



Humph the Camel Nativity

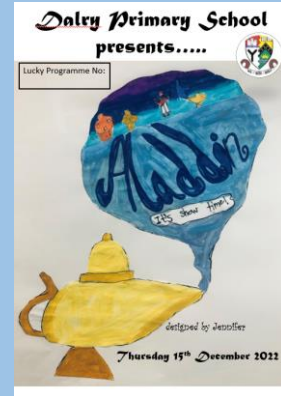
Well done to all of our pupils in Primary 1-3! They gave two fantastic performances of Humph the Camel for families and friends. What talented pupils we have!



We hope you liked the individual pictures shared on Seesaw.

Aladdin Trouble Panto

We loved sharing our Panto with all of our friends and families. Primary 7 worked hard learning all of their lines and actions to Aladdin Trouble and P4-6 entertained us all with their song words and actions.



Family Learning Team - Read, Write, Count

Danielle led the Primary 2 and 3 pupils and families through activities related to their Read, Write, Count bags. The pupils were gifted their Scottish Book Trust bags as part of Book Week Scotland.



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



Panto

We are looking forward to having a whole school Panto in school on Friday 23rd December. We can't wait to enjoy a performance of Beauty and the Beast.



A huge thank you to our Parent Council for providing a sweet treat and juice for us to enjoy!



Santa

On the last afternoon of term we are expecting a very special visitor! We know Santa is a busy man but he has promised to squeeze us in for a few songs to spread his festive cheer!

Swap Shop

Our Parent Council organised a Christmas Swap Shop ... Winter jackets, Christmas jumpers and party clothes were all available so our children could stay cozy and enjoy the fun this winter. They really appreciated the clothing donations from our families and from the Garnock Valley Helping Hands. The 'Swap Shop' is an initiative that we would like to develop and continue throughout this session.



Burns

We are so excited that we can once again return to our traditional Burns competition this year. It will return on Tuesday 7th February with P1-3 saying a poem in the afternoon and, at night, P4-7 will perform a song or a poem or both.

We look forward to working with Dalry Burns Club. Once again, they are generously sponsoring this event.



Local Poet Simon Lamb

On Tuesday 24th January our Primary 6 and 7 pupils will have the exciting opportunity to work with Simon Lamb. He will deliver an interactive workshop experience to each of the three classes on Tam O'Shanter.

We have previously worked with Simon as part of a competition, across North Ayrshire, to create a tapestry based on his poem Unicorn Fair.



School Meal Holiday Vouchers

A voucher scheme will be in place this Christmas holiday for those children eligible for free school meals.

The vouchers will be sent out by email or post from 17 December and will be valued at £10 per week for each child. These will work in the same way as previous voucher schemes, with a £20 voucher being issued per child for the two-week holiday.

! Arran Info ! Eligible families on Arran will receive their vouchers by post this week. No need to contact the Arran Outdoor Centre.

The vouchers are for children with an entitlement to means-tested free school meals and don't include P1 to P5 pupils covered by the Scottish Government's term-time universal free school meals scheme.

If you aren't currently in receipt of free school meals but think you qualify, please contact our Customer Services Team on 01294 310000, who will provide further information and, if required, direct you to the application form.

P1 Registration

Children whose 5th birthday falls between 1st March 2023 and 28th February 2024 should register for primary education starting in August 2023.

Registration for this is an online process. The registration period will take place from Monday 9th January 2023 until Sunday 22nd January 2023, with the online registration form available on the following page ...

[Primary school enrolment \(north-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](http://Primary school enrolment (north-ayrshire.gov.uk))



Diary Dates 2022/23

New Dates Added!

December 2022

Thursday 22nd December

Big Breakfast

Friday 23rd December

Panto in school - morning

Santa visit to school - afternoon

School stops for Christmas holidays at 2.30pm

Term 3

January 2023

Monday 9th January

Staff and pupils return to school

Monday 9th January

Primary 1 registration for August 2023 begins online

Tuesday 24th January

Poet Simon Lamb visiting P6P, P6/7M & P7M

Wednesday 25th January

Burns Day

Thursday 26th January

P1 & P7 Dental Checks

Thursday 26th January

Parent Council meeting at 6pm in school

February 2023

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| Thursday 2 nd February | Learning Conversation face-to-face |
| W/B Monday 6 th February | Children's Mental Health Week |
| Tuesday 7 th February | Safer Internet Day |
| Tuesday 7th February | Burns Competition P1-3 afternoon P4-7 evening More information to follow |
| Wednesday 8th February | Parent Council Valentine's Disco - more information to follow |
| Friday 10 th February | School closed for staff and pupils |
| Monday 13 th February | School closed for staff and pupils |
| Tuesday 14 th February | In-Service Day 4 - school closed to pupils |
| Wednesday 15 th February | Pupils return to school |
| Friday 15 th February | Learning Conversation Targets home |
| Monday 20 th February | Fairtrade Fortnight begins |

March 2023

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| Thursday 2 nd March | World Book Day celebrations |
| W/B 13 th March | STEAM Week |
| Friday 24 th March | Numeracy Showcase |
| Friday 24th March | Parent Council Easter Fun Day - more information to follow |
| Friday 31 st March | School closes for Easter holidays |

Term 4

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| Thursday 22 nd June | P7 Prom at Romeo & Juliette's - more information to follow |
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