



## JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome everyone back after the Christmas holidays, although that now seems like quite a while ago! The month of January has been quite a busy one in our school and it has been lovely to see all of our pupils engaged in a wide variety of activities.

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.



Congratulations to our 15 P5-P7 pupils who went along to St Matthews for the North Ayrshire cross-country event! They all represented the school excellently, demonstrating great sportsmanship and determination. We can't wait for the next event on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February! Letters will be out next week to register.



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

This week has welcomed the start of our excellent variety of clubs for our pupils to participate in. These are taking place before, during and after school with an excellent uptake.

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



Over the coming months P5-7 pupils have the opportunity to take part in the North Ayrshire School X-Country League. These races are spread out over four Saturdays and are held at St Matthews. For the first race, this Saturday, we have 14 pupils entered! It has been a few years since this event has been able to take place. Our Youth Worker, Nikki Caig, will be there welcome them on the day.



This term we have a new Active Schools co-ordinator. Ellie will be working with us to continue to promote sports and teamwork across the Cluster.

## Library Visits

This term we will be arranging for classes to visit Dalry Library. We are looking forward to working with the staff on activities related to class topics.

We will send letters home with confirmed dates and would love to have parents/carers to walk with us and take part in the activities.



## Parent Council Valentine Disco



We are excited to have our school discos starting back this term!

The Parent Council have organised for the discos to take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets will be on sale at the Learning Conversations on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Pupils should enter via the door at the Crossword entrance and should be collected from the door under the footbridge.

6pm - 6.45pm P1, P2 & P3  
7pm - 7.45pm P4 & P5  
8pm - 8.45pm P6 & P7



# Robert Burns Celebrations



## Burns Competition

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

The Burns Art competition will be judged in the afternoon after 3pm. Every pupil in our school will have a piece of art work displayed in the Gym Hall for all to see throughout the day.

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

The Ayrshire finals will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March in Wellington School, Ayr. Details to follow.

## Special Visitors

James Dippie visited the school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> to work with the P4&5 pupils, It was a great opportunity for our pupils to work with this fantastic song writer and poet performer.



Mr Cruikshanks, Burns Club Chairman, and Mrs Sim came along on the 25<sup>th</sup> to help us celebrate as a whole school community. We sang songs and shared our poems ... we all had great fun celebrating together!



## Local Poet Simon Lamb

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January our Primary 6 and 7 pupils had the exciting opportunity to work with Simon Lamb. He delivered an interactive workshop experience to each of the three classes on Tam O'Shanter.



Enjoy our wee video of the day by following this link

<https://twitter.com/DalryPrimary/status/1617972911121534977>



# Learning Conversations

We are looking forward to our Learning Conversations on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

These provide an excellent opportunity for pupils, parents/carers and teachers to meet and discuss progress and share targets for the term ahead.

There will be a crèche available in the PE hall. This will be supervised by the Parent Council and Playtime Early Years staff.

The Book Fair will be available on the night. After the last Learning Conversations we were able to purchase new books containing lots of specialist features designed to help dyslexic and reluctant readers. We look forward to growing this collection of books.



# Numeracy Showcase

During Terms 1 and 2 we really enjoyed welcoming parents and carers into school during our SHANARRI and Literacy showcases.

On the afternoon of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March we would like to invite you in to take part in our Numeracy Showcase. There will be a variety of activities for you to share with your children, to get a better understanding of the teaching and learning within the school.



# Committees

This term we are looking forward to starting our Committees across the school. These will allow pupils to work with others in a wider range of settings and help our young people to develop leadership skills.

Pupils will learn to:

- ✓ Value the views and contributions of others in their group
- ✓ Help to create new ways of thinking and working
- ✓ Show initiative and actively work towards a goal
- ✓ Be good listeners and know the members of their group well
- ✓ Act as a team learner
- ✓ Develop their thinking skills, using their knowledge in different areas

All pupils in P2-P7 will be in one of the following committees - Pupil Council, Rights Respecting, ECO, Digital Technologies, Literacy, Numeracy, Outdoor Learning, STEAM, Health/Sport and Developing the Young Workforce. Primary 1 pupils will be working together to continue to develop play.

# RSHP

Our Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood curriculum has been in place for some years. All content is age and stage appropriate from Early Level through to Second Level.

The RSHP programme delivers an education that helps to protect children and young people from harm and supports them to understand that friendships and personal relationships should be healthy, happy and safe.

Letters have been shared with parents/carers and the lessons will be delivered this term.



# STEAM Week

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics

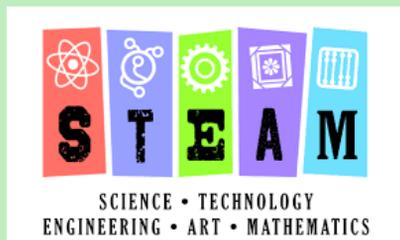
On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March we will be taking part in STEAM Week.

STEAM activities require gathering and using evidence to create knowledge or solve problems. STEAM learning happens naturally everyday as children explore, play, and try new things.

We can't wait to share our learning and activities with you from this week as it happens.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you have any experience within the STEAM areas we would be delighted to welcome you into school to share your knowledge with the pupils. This does not have to be a formal presentation, we would simply love for you to come in and share what knowledge and skills you use in your job. Please contact the Office if you would like to volunteer.



# Whoosh! Awards

Every week at our assemblies, pupils share their outside achievements. To further celebrate this success, we ask parents and carers to upload pictures, certificates, short videos etc onto their child's Seesaw journal. This will allow us to showcase these at our assemblies and in class.



# Self-Evaluation

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who took time to complete our survey.

Your feedback is valued and it helps us to continue to develop the processes we have in place at Dalry Primary.

The survey focus areas were

- Safeguarding and child protection
- Personalised support
- Improving wellbeing, equality and inclusion.

Key Messages:

- The majority of parents and carers feel well informed about their child's progress.
- Parents/carers feel like they would like more regular updates about their child's learning and progress.
- Most parents feel that their child's needs are being met very well at Dalry Primary School.
- Some parents/carers feel frustrated when waiting on specialist help to support the needs of their child, however feel that they can raise any issues and concerns with the school and feel listened to.
- Most parents/carers feel that the school is a positive place for their child and they have good relationships with staff.

Next Steps:

- To arrange parent/carer workshops to support parents/carers in supporting their child.
- To arrange for pupil support phone calls home to discuss progress made in intervention groups.



# LEAF Project

## Learning About Forests

Primary 6P have been selected by Miss Sim to take part in an exciting new Outdoor Learning Project.

We have been chosen as a pilot school by Keep Scotland Beautiful/ECO Schools to promote and expand outdoor education, reconnect with our local natural environments and improve our knowledge of tree based eco systems.

This will involve visits to The Blair Estate, Dalry Public Park, The Lynn Glen and also our Playground.

We will be working with Ranger Pete and we will be inviting parents and carers to take part in the project with our pupils.



## Car Park

The parking in our car park can cause some concern. We ask all parents and visitors to be vigilant and only use the designated parking spaces. Please do not park on the kerb.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the safe use of the car parking facilities.



**YOUNGSTEM** Leader  
led by **sserc**

Family Learning Team

DISCOVER CREATE INSPIRE LEAD

The Family Learning Team are working in partnership with Dalry Primary School, to offer the Primary 6&7 pupils the opportunity to achieve their **Young STEM Leader 2 award**.

Your child will work with a small group of aspiring leaders to plan and log their STEM conversations and activities. They will have the opportunity to engage in fun STEM activities as well as planning and lead fun STEM activities for the family to take part in at home.

Young STEM Leader will run for 8 weeks beginning **Wednesday 1st February until Wednesday 22nd March**

If you and your family are happy to support your child to deliver STEM activities at home and receive regular planned support phone calls please scan the QR code or follow the link below.

<https://bit.ly/YSLwithDM>

## Groupcall Xpressions App

Xpressions is a service, providing parents with an app to receive messages from the school. The app is available on iOS and Android.

How do I log into Xpressions?

If you have not already done so, install the Xpressions App.

When you have installed the app, open it and enter your email address then click 'Next' ...

Enter your mobile number and click 'Next'.

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Enter this code on screen and press 'Login' ...

Create a Password (Recommended).



# Diary Dates 2022/23

## New Dates Added!

### Term 3

#### 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
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Burns Competition P1-3 afternoon P4-7 evening
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Council Valentine's Disco
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
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Lindsay Morris (Senior Manager) visit</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Learning Conversation Targets home
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
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Tempest Photography - Whole School</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Numeracy Showcase
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Council Easter Fun Day - more information to follow
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School closes for Easter holidays

## Term 4

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Parent Council Meeting, 6pm in school

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

P7 Parents/Carers information evening at Garnock Community Campus - more information to follow

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

P7 Transition at Garnock Community Campus, more information to follow

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June

P7 Transition at Garnock Community Campus, more information to follow

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

P7 Transition at Garnock Community Campus, more information to follow

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Dalry Cattle Show

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

P7 Prom at Romeo & Juliette's - more information to follow