



MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our February newsletter. Firstly, I wanted to thank all our parents and carers who attended the Learning Conversations at the beginning of February. It was lovely to see so many people attend, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the follow up paperwork you were sent out then please feel free to phone the school to discuss further.

Earlier this term I issued a Microsoft Forms to parents and carers to gather your views on how the Cost of the School Day funding should be spent. There was a great response to this survey and 86% of parents and carers voted to use this money for summer trips for all pupils resulting in no extra cost for parents and carers. This was also the most popular choice in our pupil survey. This year's summer trip will be Bounce Station in the morning and lunch at Eglinton Country Park in the afternoon, with the pupils returning to school at 3pm. As a school we were awarded £3040 for the year. This does not fully cover the cost of the trip so we have decided to use approximately £1500 from our school fund to ensure there is no charge for parents and carers. We are grateful we are in a position to be able to offer this for our families.

As always, if you have any questions or ideas on how we can improve what we do at Dalry Primary School then please contact the school to speak with myself or Mrs McGinley. We are always open to new ideas and ways of working!

Kind Regards,

Miss 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**

Sports Updates

What a busy month it has been so far, with lots of sporting achievements!

Cross Country League

We are so proud of all of our cross country runners, once again showing great determination as they ran the course at St Matthews Academy. There are still two more events towards the end of March and April, so make sure you sign up!



Football

Well done to our boy's team who played amazingly at the Garnock Valley League tournament, coming in a close second.

Congratulations to our girl's football team who also played fantastically in the Garnock Valley Girls league, winning all of their games! They showed terrific teamwork on and off the pitch.

Both teams have qualified for the Champion of Champions tournament, we wish them both every success!



Up-coming Events

We are looking forward to sporting events coming up over the next few weeks. We are hosting the Garnock Valley Netball League on Thursday 9th March. The Garnock Valley Jack's Rugby tournament is on Wednesday 15th March at Garnock Community Campus. The Corey Cup football tournament will be held on Friday 24th March.



Learning Conversations

We enjoyed our Learning Conversations on Thursday 2nd February.

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

Many thanks to the Parent Council and Playtime Early Years staff who provided the crèche facility during this time

Once again the Book Fair proved to be very popular! Our Literacy Committee are looking forward to buying new books after discussing choices with their classmates



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 continue to be delivered this term.



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 24th 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.



STEAM Week

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics

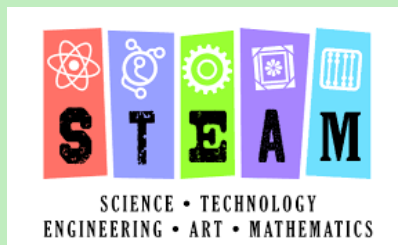
Monday 13th March is the start of our focus STEAM Week.

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.



Committees

Our whole school committees continue to go from strength to strength. All of our committees have agreed targets and developed an action plan for the rest of the session.

The committees cover a wide range of areas. The relationships we build through this multistage leadership opportunity have a positive impact on the atmosphere throughout the school community.

The Literacy Committee have organised activities for our World Book Day celebrations on Friday 3rd March and Friday 10th March.

The Rights Respecting Schools Committee are carrying out a fundraiser in support of the work UNICEF is delivering in Turkiye and Syria following their devastating earthquakes earlier in February.

The STEAM committee are enjoying creating challenges for all classes as part of our STEAM week activities.

The Developing the Young Workforce committee are planning an event and activities for our focus week of 24th April.



Progress Meetings

As part of our quality assurance procedures the Senior Leadership Team meet with Class Teachers each term for Pupil Progress Meetings.

A pupil progress meeting allows staff to analyse and discuss factors that have supported pupils' progress and identify barriers preventing progress. Evidence is collected from day-to-day assessments, and then questioning is based on the data collected.

The aims of pupil progress meetings are to enable:

- Staff engagement in professional dialogue related to pupil progress
- Scheduled time to discuss and value teacher judgements
- SLT is made aware of the progress in each cohort
- Identifying pupils who are making at least expected progress and on track to meet their target
- Identifying vulnerable pupils
- Analysing the impact of interventions
- Collaborative decision on the deployment of support staff and resources
- A collaborative approach to naming actions

What do you want to gain in pupil progress meetings?

- Professional dialogue on data analysis
- Updated data record - showing children on target for age-related and on track for the end of level target.
- Identify successes and areas for development
- Identify vulnerable groups
- Plan of action for each class



We are delighted with the progress of all of our learners across all stages. We continue to strive to ensure every child is supported to reach their full potential and that the quality of teaching and learning within our school is of a very high standard.



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.



EYC - Primary 1 Transition

The P1 registration process has been completed online once again this year. We have many induction events planned and we look forward to welcoming our new P1 pupils and their families into our school community.

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 30th March, 8:15am-8:45am - Breakfast Bletcher in restaurant
- Wednesday 19th and 26th April - Primary 6 pupils to meet new Primary 1 pupils
- Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th May - New Primary 1 pupils visit school with key workers
- Wednesday 7th June, 9:30am-10:20am - New P1 Parent/Carer information session
- Friday 9th June, 11:30am-12:00pm - New P1 pupils and Parent/Carer school lunch
- Monday 19th June, 1:15pm - Sports Day
- Tuesday 20th June, 11:00am-12:00pm - Teddy Bears Picnic



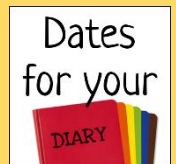
Personal Possessions

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.

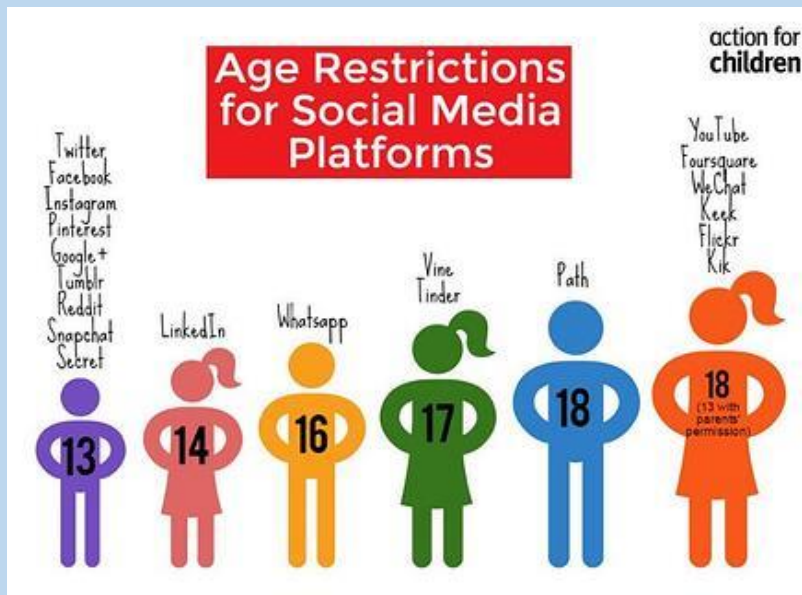


Diary Dates

Please take a look at our Diary Dates as there are quite a few new events added!



Social Media Guidelines



Diary Dates 2022/23

New Dates Added!

Term 3

March 2023

Friday 3rd March

World Book Day celebrations in school

Friday 10th March

Book swap

W/B 13th March

STEAM Week

Friday 17th March

Comic Relief Walk to the park

Tuesday 21st March

Tempest Photography - Whole School

Friday 24th March

Numeracy Showcase

Friday 24th March

Parent Council Easter Fun Day - more information to follow

Thursday 30th March

Big Breakfast, 8:15-8:45

Friday 31st March

School closes for Easter holidays at 2:30pm

Term 4

Monday 17th April	School returns
Thursday 20th April	Parent Council Meeting, 6pm in school
Monday 1st May	Holiday Monday
Monday 8th May	Holiday Monday
Thursday 11th May	Learning Conversations
Monday 29th May	Holiday Monday
Tuesday 30th May	In-service day, school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th June	P7 Parents/Carers information evening at Garnock Community Campus - more information to follow
Wednesday 7th June	P7 Transition at Garnock Community Campus, more information to follow
Thursday 8th June	P7 Transition at Garnock Community Campus, more information to follow
Friday 9th June	P7 Transition at Garnock Community Campus, more information to follow
Saturday 10th June	Dalry Cattle Show
Wednesday 14th June	Summer Show, afternoon
Thursday 15th June	Summer Show, afternoon
Monday 19th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 21st June	P1 - P3 School trip - Bounce Station and Eglinton Country Park
Thursday 22nd June	P4 & P5 School trip - Bounce Station and Eglinton Country Park
Thursday 22nd June	P7 Prom at Romeo & Juliette's - more information to follow
Friday 23rd June	P6 & P7 School trip - Bounce Station and Eglinton Country Park
Monday 26th June	P1 -P3 Prizegiving, 9:30am P4-P7 Prizegiving & P7 Graduation, 1:00pm
Tuesday 27th June	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 28th June	School closes for Summer at 1pm