

## MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of term 3! It has been an extremely busy term and all the pupils and staff have worked very hard and should enjoy a well-deserved break over the Easter holidays.

I would like to start off by saying I am delighted to have been appointed the permanent Head Teacher of Dalry Primary School, it is a school I love coming to each morning and I am excited to take the school forwards and work with parents, carers, staff and pupils to ensure that your child has the best possible experience at Dalry Primary.

I plan to have a few parent/carer consultations over the next term so please, if you can, respond to the surveys as this will help us make informed decisions about how we take the school forwards and allows you to have your say about what you feel is important.

I would also like to thank our visitors during our very successful STEAM week, the pupils had a great time and learned lots of new and exciting information while they took part in activities and workshops.

Term 4 is going to be another busy term, with lots of transition activities for our pupils, school trips, sports days, learning conversations, school shows and fun days all planned for! If you have any questions or concerns then please feel free to contact the school to speak with myself or Mrs McGinley regarding these.

I hope you enjoy our March Newsletter!

Kind Regards,

Miss Syme

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

Another busy few weeks for our sports clubs!

## 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 is still one more event towards the end of April, so make sure you sign up!



## Football

The Corey Cup brought together schools from across the Garnock Valley to play in a football tournament in memoriam of Corey Hamilton at the Beith Astro. Our team represented the school excellently and were joint winners with Moorpark.

Congratulations to Joey winning best player in the tournament!

We wish them well in the Ayrshire Cup this week!



## Netball

We had the pleasure of hosting the Garnock Valley Netball League this month. There were both competitive and non-competitive games and all of our pupils played brilliantly. In the competitive games our two Dalry teams secured both first and second place!



# Toys

Recently we have noticed a greater number of toys and cuddly toys being brought into school. We appreciate that some children may find it difficult to leave toys at home but they are becoming quite a distraction during the school day.

At times other children may play with toys that are not theirs. Items are also misplaced or lost. Both of these can cause great upset and time is taken away from teaching and learning when toys are being looked for around the school.

We would be very grateful if parents and carers could support us in encouraging pupils to leave personal items, such as toys and cuddly toys, at home.



# Healthy Snacks and Drinks

During Term 4 we will be having a focus on healthy snacks and drinks throughout all classes.

Healthy snacking provides your child's brain with the nutrients it needs, and missing out on healthy snacks can negatively affect school performance.

Fruit and vegetables provide a wide range of vitamins, minerals, fibre and other naturally occurring beneficial components. Current recommendations are to eat at least five portions of a variety of fruit and vegetables each day as part of a healthy balanced diet.

We have noticed an increase in energy drinks and fizzy juice being brought into school. These are not permitted in school. We would appreciate your support in supplying your child with water or diluting juice for drinking throughout the day.



# Numeracy Showcase

We were delighted with the great number of parents and carers who made it along to our Numeracy Showcase.

We hope you enjoyed the wide variety of activities that our pupils enthusiastically shared with you. We hope that this has given you a better understanding of the teaching and learning within school.



# STEAM Week

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March saw the start of our focus STEAM Weeks.

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 had so many visitors into school and we can't thank them all enough! Our pupils participated in many interactive and engaging experiences and loved them all. They really brought learning to life.

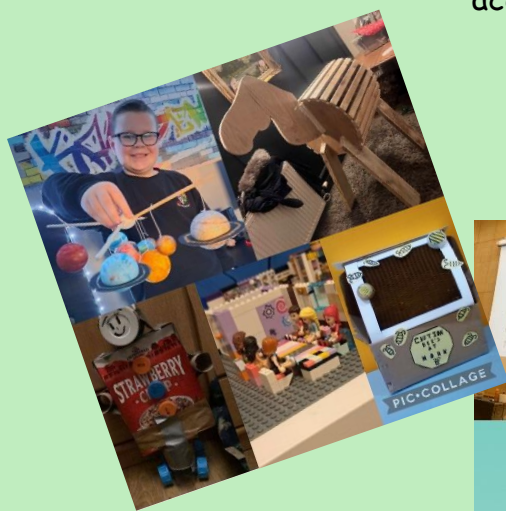
Visitors commented on the positive atmosphere within the school and how welcoming staff and pupils were. This was lovely to hear and really shows that pupils and staff uphold our school values.



# STEAM Week

These pictures are only a sample of the amazing volunteers and activities that our pupils were fortunate to participate in.

Pictures and videos from throughout the fortnight can be viewed on our school Twitter account ... please take a look!



## World of Work Week, 24<sup>th</sup> April

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

It is a team effort to support young people to prepare for the world of work. Together we can help pupils ...

- Understand the world of work
- Discover how their interests, strengths and skills relate to specific job roles
- Understand how their learning relates to jobs and careers

It would be great for the pupils to learn about the different opportunities available to them in the world of work. If you would like to come into school during this week and speak to the children please contact the office.



# Extra-Curricular Clubs

The first week back, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, will welcome the start of our excellent variety of clubs for our pupils to participate in. These are taking place before, during and after school with a continued excellent uptake.

	8:30-9:00	Playtime	12:15-12:40 Hall	12:15-12:40 Other location	3:00-4:00 Hall/Astro	3:00-4:00 Other location
Monday	P1 – Active Start Club – Mrs Caig		P3 – Basketball/Athletics Club – Mrs Caig	P5&4 Coding Club – Mrs Campbell	P6&P7 Netball Club – Mrs Caig	
Tuesday	P2 – Active Start Club – Mrs Caig	P5 Youth Club – Mrs Caig	P4 – Basketball/Athletics Club – Mrs Caig		P6&P7 – Boys Football – Mr Stevens & Mrs Caig	P2 STEM Club – Mrs Scott P4-7 – Rock Choir – Miss Sim, Art Room
Wednesday	P3 – Active Start Club – Mrs Caig	P6 Youth Club – Mrs Caig	P5 – Netball/Athletics Club – Mrs Caig		P6&P7 – Athletics Club – Mrs Caig	
Thursday		P7 Youth Club – Mrs Caig		P3&4 Mindfulness Club – Mrs Lindsay	P6&P7 – Girls Football – Mrs Caig	
Friday						

Ellie, our Active Schools Coordinator, will be working with us to continue to promote sports and teamwork across the Cluster.



## 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.

Councillor Stalker has also contacted the school to ask that parents and carers do not park in Bessie Dunlop Court or Burns Club Gardens when collecting children. This is for residents only. He thanks you in advance for your co-operation.

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



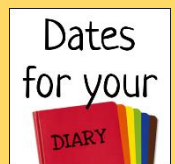
## Personal Possessions

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.

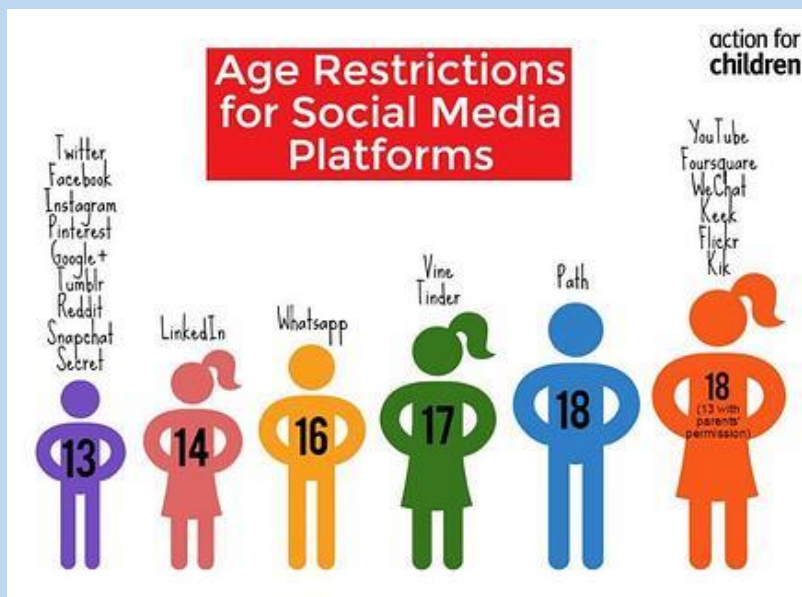


## Diary Dates

Please take a look at our Diary Dates as there are quite a few new events in Term 4!



## Social Media Guidelines



# Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle in support of Turkiye and Syria, following their recent earthquakes.

Your generosity raised £175 which will be sent to UNICEF as part of their appeal.

Winners will be drawn at assembly on Friday morning.



# Burns Competiton

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March some of our pupils went along to the Ayrshire Burns Club Finals Competition. They all performed beautifully and were excellent representatives of our school community.

We would like to thank Dalry Burns Club for providing the bus to Belmont Academy and the parents and carers who came to the competition.

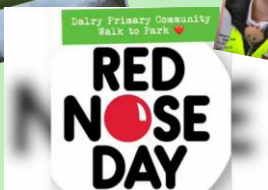
Well done to our pupils who took part in the Garnock Valley Cluster - Burns Verse Speaking Competition on Tuesday.



# Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our walk to the park. We always love the community event and it is great to spend time with families in a relaxed atmosphere.

Your donations that morning raised £100 for the Red Nose Day appeal. Thank you for your generosity.





## Term 4

# Diary Dates 2022/23

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School returns
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Council Meeting, 6pm in school
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	World of Work Week
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Holiday Monday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday Monday
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Learning Conversations
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday Monday
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	In-service day, school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Parents/Carers information evening at Garnock Community Campus
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Transition at Garnock Community Campus
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Transition at Garnock Community Campus
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Transition at Garnock Community Campus
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Dalry Cattle Show
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Show, afternoon
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Show, afternoon
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	P1 - P3 School trip - Bounce Station and Eglinton Country Park
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	P4 & P5 School trip - Bounce Station and Eglinton Country Park
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	P7 Prom at Romeo & Juliette's - more information to follow
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	P6 & P7 School trip - Bounce Station and Eglinton Country Park
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	P1-P3 Prizegiving, 9:30am P4-P7 Prizegiving & P7 Graduation, 1:00pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes for Summer at 1pm