



## MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to May's newsletter, this has been a busy month with very well attended Learning Conversations. Thank you to all Parents and Carers who came along. If you were unable to make the Learning Conversation, your child's class teacher will be in touch soon to provide you with an update on your child's progress via phone call.

I know a lot of you will be starting to think about which class your child will be in next session. We are still currently working on the staffing and classes for next session and will be in touch with you all as soon as the final arrangements for this have been made. We are hoping to have a "bump up day" towards the end of June so that your child can meet their class teacher and see which room they will be in when they return from summer break. There will be composite classes next session, so I have provided some information in the newsletter about how these are made.

After the summer holiday we will have a new Depute Head, Nadia Buchert, who will be and taking over from Mrs McGinley, who has done a fantastic job this year. Mrs McGinley will be returning to her Principal Teacher post at Dalry Primary. Nadia is currently Depute Head Teacher at Lawthorn Primary School and I know you will all make her feel welcome at Dalry Primary School.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions on how we can improve what we do at Dalry then please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Kind Regards,

Miss Syme

Head Teacher

## Uniform Swap Shop

We are going to have a Uniform Swap Shop up and running for next session. If you have any used, good condition uniform that you no longer need you can donate it to the school. We thank the Parent Council for supporting us in getting this ready.

# Summer Show



Each year group have chosen two songs from their favourite Disney movies and are looking forward to entertaining you with their performances!

Our performances will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 1:30pm.

Tickets will be issued on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

As it is our Summer show, the pupils are being asked to wear summer clothes and they can come to school dressed in their summer clothes both days.



## Composite Classes Guide

For several years, composite classes have been operating successfully as a method of managing children's learning and teaching in a variety of schools in Scotland. Almost 90% of primary schools in North Ayrshire have composite classes. In all classes (composite and non-composite), teaching and learning is organised in groups.

### What is a composite class?

Composite classes are classes which have more than one year stage e.g. P1/2.

### How are composite classes formed?

The Head Teacher will structure classes based on advice given by North Ayrshire Council, Education and Youth Employment. Composite classes are normally formed on the basis of:

- Existing successful groupings of pupils.
- English language and/or mathematics groups.

This means that pupils are working at broadly the same pace and level.

In the case of children moving from nursery to Primary 1, transition arrangements are important. Information on children's progress, development and age is taken fully into account when classes are being formed.

Due to the collaborative way in which we work with the curriculum, pupils will still have lots of opportunity to work with their peers from other classes throughout the week.

## Sports Updates

Our rugby team had a great day at Jack's Rugby Tournament with our cluster primary schools. They demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship in all of their games.



A group of Primary 7 pupils represented the school at the North Ayrshire Athletics tournament. We are very proud of their performances and their team spirit.



## Sports Day

Our school sports day will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 1.15pm, weather permitting.

We would encourage all pupils to wear sports clothing on this day and to bring a water bottle or two. Pupils will be taking part in potted sports activities in the morning.

A letter has been issued with a plan attached showing where the viewing area is for Parents/Carers

Fingers crossed for some nice weather!



## Be Sun Safe!

As we get further into Term 4 we will hopefully see some more of the sunshine!

Here are our top tips ...

- Sunscreen should be applied before coming to school or going out in the sun
- Wear sunglasses and don't look directly at the sun
- Wear a sunhat to keep your head cool and protected
- Play in the shade
- Keep hydrated, especially on very warm days - bring two bottles of water to school



# Playground

All stages from Primary 1 to Primary 7 have a dedicated trolley that they can take out to use during playtime and lunchtime. The trolleys have lots of different equipment for the pupils to share with each other. They are proving to be very popular and the pupils are being very creative with the games they can play!



During the first three weeks in June Ellie Hannah (our Active Schools Coordinator) will be working with Primary 5 pupils and training them to be Move & Improve Leaders. They will then lead playground games at playtime and lunchtime for the rest of this term and into next session..



# Dalry Cattle Show

The Dalry Cattle Show is always a fun filled day for everyone. This year it is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Make sure you come along to our tent to see the fabulous art work from all of the children at Dalry Primary and St Palladius.



# School Trips

All children will be going to Bounce Station, Irvine and Eglinton Country Park, Irvine.

Following consultation with pupils and parents/carers the decision was taken to use money allocated to the school for the Cost of the School Day to subsidise the cost of the trip and transport to Bounce Station and Eglinton Country Park. The rest will be paid for by the school, resulting in no cost for parents and carers this session.

Pupils should wear school sweatshirts/polo shirts as this allows staff to quickly and easily identify pupils on the day of the trip

Primary 1-3: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Primary 4-5: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Primary 6-7: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June





# Scottish Computing Science Week

The 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> of May was Scottish Computing Science week.

The Digital Technologies committee wanted to help increase confidence and understanding of Coding throughout the school.

Pupils showed great confidence and shared their knowledge and understanding of how to use either Botley or micro:bits in different classes.

Hour of Code was very appealing and easy to access for all. All pupils and staff had great fun developing new skills and helping each other with coding.



# Parent/Carer Survey

## Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who completed our self-evaluation survey at the last Learning Conversation evening. The evaluations were all very positive about the learning, teaching and assessment within Dalry Primary.

### Key Messages

- Most strongly agree that the school motivates their child in their learning
- Most strongly agree that the learning activities provided are appropriate
- Most strongly agree their child is making good progress and they receive the support s/he needs to do well
- Most strongly agree they receive regular feedback about how their child is learning and developing
- Most strongly agree that the school offers opportunities for their child to showcase their learning

### Next Steps

- More opportunities/informal feedback to share progress between learning conversations
- Showcases are positively received and should be continued
- Active learning throughout the school should continue to be encouraged

### Parent/Carer Comments

"Dalry is an excellent school that provides the children with so many important learning opportunities supported by a great staff"

"Great feedback done often."

"Keep engaging the community and continue providing an excellent learning environment."

"The school is good with everything."

"I feel that having the open days where the children showcase their work is very good and should be continued."

"My kids are thriving at Dalry primary and also really enjoy their time at school."

# P7 - S1 Transition

## Three Day Transition Experience to Garnock Community Campus

All P7 parents/carers of pupils going to Garnock Campus have been invited to an information evening at the Campus on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June at 6.00pm. Information will be provided on the format of the transition days and there will also be the chance to meet your son/daughter's Pastoral Support Teacher.

From Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June to Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June P7 pupils will have the opportunity to experience what S1 will look like. During the first two days pupils will have the opportunity to follow a timetable similar to the one that they will follow in August.

Pupils should wear their Primary School uniform and bring their PE kit with them. Lunches will be provided by the school canteen free of charge for all pupils. On the Friday pupils will take part in a Health and Wellbeing event at the Campus. On this day pupils should wear their PE kit and should bring a packed lunch. Any pupils who are in receipt of a free school meal will have a packed lunch provided for them. It would also be advisable for pupils to bring a waterproof jacket as some of the activities will be outdoors.

There is also a P7 Transition disco at the Campus on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 6 - 7.30pm. There will be a tuck shop at this event where the pupils will be able to purchase juice and snacks.



## Prizegiving Ceremony & P7 Graduation

The Prizegiving Ceremonies will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June in the school hall, with entry via the Community Entrance.

The Junior Prizegiving Ceremony will be held at 9.30am. All P1-P3 parents and carers are invited to attend.

The Senior Prizegiving will be held at 1.00pm. If your child has been nominated for a prize we will inform you directly to enable you to attend. Parents/Carers whose children have not received a prize are still welcome to attend if they wish.

The P7 Graduation Ceremony will be part of the Senior Prizegiving Ceremony. Parents and carers of P7 pupils are welcome to remain after this event, with their child, for some refreshments and the opportunity to take photographs in the school restaurant.



# Diary Dates 2022/23

## Term 4

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Parents/Carers information evening at Garnock Community Campus
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	New P1 Parent/Carer information session
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
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	New P1 pupils and Parent/Carer school lunch
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Dalry Cattle Show
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Show, 1:30pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Show, 1:30pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day, 1:15pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Teddy Bears Picnic
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	P1 - P3 School trip - Bounce Station and Eglinton Country Park - all day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	P4 & P5 School trip - Bounce Station and Eglinton Country Park - all day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	P7 Prom at Romeo & Juliette's - more information to follow - 7-9pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	P6 & P7 School trip - Bounce Station and Eglinton Country Park - all day
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