



## AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school session. I would like to firstly welcome our new families to the school. The pupils are settling in well and are getting to know their classmates and their new teachers. It has been lovely to see everyone back.

For our new parents and carers, this is our monthly newsletter and will be sent out at the end of each month with updates and important dates for your diary so be sure to keep hold of them for future reference.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our SHANNARI Showcase and also Learning Conversations later this month.

I would like to welcome our new Depute Head Teacher, Miss Buchert to Dalry Primary. I am sure some of you have already seen her at the gate in the morning. I know you will all make her feel welcomed and part of our school community.

I know a lot of you will be starting to think about homework. We are having a re-think about our homework and I would like you to have your say in what your thoughts are around this. I will be consulting pupils and staff as part of the process also. I will issue a Microsoft forms link in the next week to gather your views on homework. I would be grateful if you could complete the form and have your say. The more feedback we get from our families the more informed our decisions can be.

If you have any concerns or questions, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the school office.

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**



### 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.





## Medical Details



Please remember to inform the school of any changes to your child's medical details. To ensure the best care of your child, we need to know of all medical needs.



## Twitter

The only social media we use is X, formerly known as Twitter. At present we have 1776 followers. We share school news, lunch menus and other items of information we feel our parents and carers would like to read about.

Find us on X @DalryPrimary



## Seesaw

We will be using Seesaw to keep you updated on all of the amazing things that your child takes part in throughout the school day. Class teachers will also send announcements to remind you of any dates for the diary.

Your child will bring home their password to enable you to access their journal.



## SHANARRI Fortnight

At the start of each new session we have a SHANARRI fortnight where we focus on the Wellbeing Indicators



The aims of our SHANARRI Fortnight:

- To enable pupils to reflect, recognise, value and celebrate their resilience and resourcefulness.
- To further pupil knowledge of wellbeing indicators as appropriate at their age and stage.
- To support the development of a positive, nurturing classroom environment, which promotes the wellbeing of all pupils.
- To share information about wellbeing with parents/carers and the associated vocabulary, in order for them to engage in conversations about their child's wellbeing.

Each class creates their own Class Charter. A class charter is a set of guidelines that children and adults have all agreed on for the classroom and is used to keep everyone safe and happy within the class.

We look forward to welcoming you to our SHANARRI showcase on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September from 2-3pm.



# Healthy Snacks and Drinks

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.



## Parent Council

The Parent Council is a group of parents selected by members of the parent forum (the collective name for every parent, carer or guardian at a school) to represent all the parents of children at the school.

Parent Councils have an important role to play in ensuring that children's education is enriched by parents' valuable life experience, individual personal skills and unique knowledge of their own child.

### What is the role of Parent Councils?

Parent Councils help parents and carers to become more actively and effectively involved in their children's learning. It is recognised that parents play an important role both in their own child's learning and in the life of their school.

Parent Councils are flexible and designed to make sure that they represent their school and its interests effectively. Parent members should decide what is most important for the Parent Council to work on.

Parent Councils can:

- provide a voice for parents, in schools and in their local authority, on issues that are important to them and their children
- help the school to understand how to most effectively involve parents in their children's learning and in the life of the school
- support the school and head teacher in developing strong home/school partnerships
- support the school in its development and improvement, and in understanding and making links with the wider community
- capture the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge and experience that parents can offer.

If you are interested in joining our Parent Council, please get in touch with us on the school email address [dalry@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk](mailto:dalry@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk) or contact the Parent Council on [dalryparentcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:dalryparentcouncil@outlook.com)

**Parent Council AGM Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**



# Diary Dates 2023/24

## Term 1

### September 2023

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	SHANARRI showcase, 2-3pm
W/B 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Workshop to launch Anti-bullying policy, more information to follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Council AGM at 6pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	House and Vice Captains speeches
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	In-Service Day 3 - school closed to pupils
W/B Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Maths Week Scotland
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Learning Conversations

### October 2023

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for October holidays
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## Term 2

### October 2023

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Staff and Pupils return
W/B Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	P1-3 Stay and Play mornings, more information to follow
W/B Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Carer workshop block, more information to follow

# Diary Dates 2022/23

## November 2023

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	P4-7 Literacy Showcase
W/B Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Week Scotland
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Walk
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	School closed for staff and pupils
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	School closed for staff and pupils

## December 2023

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant School Shows, 1.30pm & 7pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper School Shows, 1.30pm & 7pm
W/B 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties (information to follow)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School stops for Christmas holidays

## Term 3

### January 2024

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff and pupils return to school
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Burns Day



# Diary Dates 2023/24

## February 2024

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Learning Conversations
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed for staff and pupils
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed for staff and pupils
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	In-Service Day 4 - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils return to school

## March 2024

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day celebrations
W/B 11 <sup>th</sup> March	STEAM Week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Numeracy Showcase
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter holidays

## Term 4

### April 2024

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff and Pupils return
W/B Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Developing the Young Workforce Week

# Diary Dates 2023/24

## May 2024

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Learning Conversations
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	In-Service Day 5 - school closed to pupils
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	May Holiday
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupils return to school

## June 2024

W/B Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	School Show - afternoons only
W/B Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	School Trips
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes for staff and pupils