



SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to September's newsletter, staff and pupils have been busy this month and all pupils have settled in well to the school routine again.

Thank you to all our parents/carers who attended our SHANARRI fortnight showcase and also our Learning Conversations. If you were unable to make the Learning Conversation then the class teacher will be in touch via phone call to provide you with an update and inform you of your child's learning targets.

As you will all be aware term 2 is a very eventful term, so please take note of the diary dates at the end of this newsletter so that you can plan ahead.

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

Kind Regards,

Louise Syme

Head Teacher

Car Park

The car park continues to be an ongoing issue for us and I am currently working with our Campus Police Officer to create a leaflet to inform our parents/carers on safe use of the car park. The car park was created by North Ayrshire Council for staff at the school and at Dalry Early Years to use throughout the day. This is why there are no parent/carer parking bays.

Our main priority is to reduce the traffic within the car park on a daily basis in order to keep our pupils safe. The leaflet will provide alternative options for pick up and drop off for you so that we can minimise the traffic coming through our car park. I do understand that this is an inconvenience to some people, however we need to prioritise the safety of our pupils. Our Parent Council have been in touch with Lidl and they have confirmed that they are happy for their car park to be used as a place to park and then you can walk to school from there. If you feel that you would like an input into the creation of our leaflet for parents/carers then please contact me via the school office



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.

Halloween Disco



Parent Council AGM

The Parent Council AGM was held on Thursday 14th September. New Office Bearers were elected:

Chairperson: Krystyna Caulfield

Vice Chair: Nicola Hill

Secretary: Sarah McLean

Treasurer: Nicola Davies

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 or contact the Parent Council on dalryparentcouncil@outlook.com

Date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd November at 6pm in school

You can also follow the Parent Council on ...

Twitter @DalryPCouncil

Facebook @dpsparentcouncil



Rights Respecting Schools Award

Dalry is proud to be a Gold Rights Respecting School.

This recognition from UNICEF celebrates our pupil's, staff's and community's work on children's rights and their ambition to further develop this to make a positive change in our world.

As we progress into Session 2023-24, we will work collaboratively to increase our knowledge of children's rights within our community and beyond. Our children are the change makers of the future and we want to empower them to help make our world better and equality reign.

Each week, our children will learn about an article from the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) and develop their understanding of the realisation of rights across the world.

Article 1 Everyone under 18 has these rights

Article 2 All children have these rights



Christmas Parties



We were looking forward to our Christmas parties. Pupils will have a fun day in class and party games in the hall. The fantastic ice cream factory will also be back!



Primary 1-3 Monday 18th December
Primary 4 & 5 Tuesday 19th December
Primary 6 & 7 Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre was a fantastic festive event last year and a great opportunity for the community to come together.

This year the Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 1st December. More information will follow.

If you would like to have a stall at the Fayre then please contact the school office with your details.



Christmas Dinner

Our delicious Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 13th December..

It is always a lovely celebration with lots of tasty options. The menu will be shared nearer the time.



Halloween

We will be having a Halloween Fancy Dress or wear your PJs to school day on Friday 27th October ... we are sure it will be spooktacular!



Parent/Carer Workshop

Next term Mrs Caig (Youth Worker) and myself will be holding parent/carers workshops on building positive relationships with your child, establishing rules, routines and boundaries at home as well as how to manage certain behaviours that are associated with children who have a neurodiversity such as ADHD. The offer of these workshops is based on feedback that we have had from parents and carers saying that this is something they would find beneficial.

The workshops will run from **Thursday 2nd November at 1:30pm-2:30pm and this will be every Thursday with the last session being on Thursday 30th November.**

I will send out a reminder nearer the time. I hope that if you do attend the workshops you will feel that it is a supportive and welcoming atmosphere and a safe space for you to openly talk to us and also other parents and carers. There's no limit to the number of parents/carers who can attend. Each session will have a different focus, however if you cannot manage to attend all then that is also not a problem, you can drop into as many as you like.



Stay & Play P1 - 3

This session we have introduced stay and play sessions for our Primary 1 to 3 classes. This will be in place of their Literacy Showcase. The reason for this change is because we have had a big focus on play pedagogy and playful learning within our infant classes and we feel that in order for parents and carers to understand the learning within P1-3 it is best if you come in to experience this with your child.

The following dates will be for your child's stay and play:

Primary 1 pupils and parents/carers - Monday 30th October 9:00am - 9:45am.

Primary 2C and Primary 3/2H - Tuesday 31st October 9:00am - 9:45am.

Primary 3M and P3's only from Primary 3/4G - Wednesday 1st November 9:00am - 9:45am.

For this day only if you could send your child in as normal to school (8:45am) and then if you wait at the crossword entrance you will be directed to come through those doors around 9am once the rest of the children are in the building and settled.



Climate Change

Our P7 pupils joined NAC STEM and Keep Scotland Beautiful on a whole day's workshop on climate learning. They investigated the causes and impacts of climate change while empowering them to identify and commit to local actions that will tackle climate change and improve biodiversity. We created an action plan to work on for our whole school and community.



House Captains and Vice Captains

We are exceptionally proud of our P7 pupils who put themselves forward to be House Captains or Vice Captains. They showed great courage, confidence and determination.

Our 2023-2024 Captains ...

Rye - Emilia-Rose and Fearne

Lynn - Amber and Ella

Blair - Joey and Orla

Our 2023-2024 Vice Captains ...

Rye - Abbie and Alessio

Lynn - Harper and Liam

Blair - Archie and Omar



They are now busy organising their first House event - more information to follow.



We had a terrific start to our extra-curricular clubs this term, 14 clubs with so many active children! Our P6 Sports Leaders are a fantastic support at these clubs.

Clubs take place before, during and after school covering a wide variety of sports/activities across each stage and year group. Please note there will be alternative/additional opportunities provided throughout the year for all stages.

	8:30 - 9:00	Playtime	12:15 - 12:40 Gym Hall	12:15-12:40 Other location	3:00-4:00 Hall/Astro	3:00-4:00 Other location
Monday			P4 Multi-Sports Mrs Caig			P5-6 Youth Club Mrs Caig {H/W Room} P7 Walking/Eco Club {Art Room}
Tuesday	P2 Active Start Club Mrs Caig {Gym Hall}		P5 Multi-Sports Mrs Caig		P6-7 Girls Football Boys Football Astro	
Wednesday	P3 Active Start Club Mrs Caig {Gym Hall}			P7 Youth Club Mrs Caig {H/W Room}	P6-7 Athletics Gym Hall	
Thursday	P4 Active Start Club Mrs Caig {Gym Hall}			P4/5 Sewing {P2/3H Classroom}	P6-7 Netball Gym Hall	P3 Arts and Crafts {P55 Classroom}
Friday			P1/2 Dance Chloe McColm Mrs Caig			



Homework

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Microsoft Forms about homework in school. The results were very interesting and helpful in supporting us to make a decision regarding homework as a school.

The majority of parents/carers said that homework was stressful at home due to other commitments throughout the week and also parents/carers working full time jobs. As indicated in the form I sent out, there has been research to suggest that homework does not have a big impact on overall attainment. I agree with this and feel that children should be able to relax and enjoy their time at home, after working hard in school for 6 hours each day.

Based on the feedback we have decided that after the October holiday, we will issue reading weekly for each child and this will be a book that they bring home and not an online book. Your child will also be issued with another family task, this will be optional and might consist of taking family walk, reading a story together as a family or watching a family movie together etc. This should promote that family time is also a very important aspect of your child's life.

Some parents/carers had commented that they liked homework to see what their child is doing at school so they feel up to date with their learning. We feel that Seesaw and accessing that will give you a weekly update as to what your child is doing within school, you will be able to view photographs, videos and then make comments on these for your child to see. We also have Learning Conversations where targets are set and reviewed three times throughout the year, as well as curricular showcases each term. If you feel that you require any further information out-with this, then you should contact the school office in the first instance.

Diary Dates 2023/24

October 2023

Friday 13th October School closes for October holidays

Term 2

October 2023

Monday 23rd October Staff and Pupils return

Thursday 26th October Parent Council Halloween Discos

W/B Monday 30th October P1-3 Stay and Play mornings - Information above

W/B Monday 30th October Parent/Carer workshop block - Information above

November 2023

Thursday 2nd November Parent Council Meeting, 6pm in Dalry PS

Friday 10th November P4-7 Literacy Showcase

W/B Monday 13th November Book Week Scotland

New P1 Registration begins online

Thursday 16th November Children In Need Walk

Friday 17th November School closed for staff and pupils

Monday 20th November School closed for staff and pupils

December 2023

Friday 1st December Christmas Fayre

Thursday 7th December Infant School Shows, 1.30pm & 7pm

Thursday 14th December Upper School Shows, 1.30pm & 7pm

Monday 18th December P1-P3 Christmas Party

Tuesday 19th December P4 & P5 Christmas Party

Wednesday 20th December P6 & P7 Christmas Party

Friday 22nd December School stops for Christmas holidays

Diary Dates 2023/24

Term 3

January 2024

Monday 8th January Staff and pupils return to school

Thursday 25th January Burns Day

February 2024

Thursday 1st February Learning Conversations

Friday 9th February School closed for staff and pupils

Monday 12th February School closed for staff and pupils

Tuesday 13th February In-Service Day 4 - school closed to pupils

Wednesday 14th February Pupils return to school

March 2024

Friday 8th March World Book Day celebrations

W/B 11th March STEAM Week

Friday 22nd March Numeracy Showcase

Thursday 28th March School closes for Easter holidays

Term 4

April 2024

Monday 15th April Staff and Pupils return

W/B Monday 22nd April Developing the Young Workforce Week

Diary Dates 2023/24

May 2024

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

June 2024

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