



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to October's newsletter. We are now underway with our new homework policy and guidance which was sent out to all parents and carers before the October break. We will continue to monitor how this is going and gather views. There has also been a Seesaw guidance note created for staff to ensure that we have consistency in the use of Seesaw with number of posts and how this is being used in each class. I hope you will see the benefit of this revised guidance for staff so that you can keep up to date with your child's learning. Targets from Learning Conversations will also be posted in a folder on Seesaw for you to view. Evidence of progress towards these targets will be shared within the folder in the form of photographs and videos, this will allow for you to see up to date progress before the next Learning Conversation. If you require any support with Seesaw then please get in touch and we will help you get set up!

We start our Parent/Carer workshops in November which I am looking forward to. These will run every Thursday from 1:30pm-2:30pm. We have already had 12 people sign up for these. If you haven't given your name to sign up the you can still come along, contact the school office and leave your name there.

As mentioned in last months newsletter if anyone wishes to help us create a school leaflet regarding the car park safety then please contact the office. Our Junior Road Safety Officers and Pupil Council will be taking on the role of creating the leaflet. They have some super ideas!

If you have any concerns or suggestions on how we can improve what we do, please feel free to get in touch!

Kind Regards,

Louise Syme

Head Teacher



Car Park



The car park continues to be an ongoing issue for us.

Our main priority is to reduce the traffic within the car park on a daily basis in order to keep our pupils safe.

Seesaw

The icon has changed!



Class teachers have sent a message to your recorded mobile phone number. Please use this link to connect with your child/children's Seesaw account going forward.

Parent Council

The Parent Council have been very busy organising events to support our pupils.

Halloween Disco

The Halloween Discos were very well attended and the pupils all had great fun dancing and playing the party games.



Swap Shop

Dalry Primary School Parent Council
Clothing Swap Shop



FANCY DRESS COSTUMES
AND WINTER JACKETS

Swap Shop will be open
Tuesday and Wednesday
2.30 - 3.30

All items are free of charge. Clothing donations welcome.
The swap shop will be held in the lunch hall,
entry via the door under the bridge.

Park and Stroll

As we return back to school, please remember parking is limited and we need to remember the safety of our children. Lidl are kindly allowing our parents to park at their store and stroll along to school. THANK YOU LIDL DALRY!



Helping Hands

Garnock Valley Helping Hands is a wonderful charity who support children in our own school as well as the Garnock Valley. If you can support them this Christmas, please do so.



Garnock Valley Helping Hands at Christmas Toy & Gift appeal 2023

Last year we supported 120 children aged between 5 months and 16 years in the local community at Christmas time.

This year we are expecting to support the same amount of families. Please don't miss out with the annual appeal of things. Please can you help us a Christmas appeal by donating a new toy or gift suitable for other children and help make a child's Christmas.

PLEASE CONTACT US ON
Garnock Valley Helping Hands at Dalry Primary School

Donations can be handed over both Library during opening hours.

Halloween Hamper Raffle



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



Halloween

We had our Halloween Fancy Dress or wear your PJs to school day on Friday 27th October ... a spooktacular time was had by all!

Once again our pupils were very creative and loved sharing their costumes with each other!

Enjoy some pictures from the day!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Parent/Carer Workshop

This term Mrs Caig (Youth Worker) and Miss Syme 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.**

We 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.



Pudsey Walk



CHILDREN IN NEED 2023
THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2023
"BE SPOTACULAR" DRESS IN SPOTS FOR PUDSEY

The school community would like to take part in this year's Children in Need Appeal. The theme this year is "BE SPOTACULAR".

On Thursday 16th November, we ask that our pupils and staff wear something SPOTTY to school or Pudsey inspired outfits and bring a donation for Children in Need. Last year we raised over £350 when we all walked a mile to the public park. This year we will do the same and from the school to the public park and back via Roche Way. We always love seeing all the pupils dressed up for Pudsey.

We would like to invite parents and carers on our walk this year and if you would like to join us, please complete the letter sent home and return to school as soon as possible.



Outdoor Learning

We are very fortunate to have large areas of outdoor space to use to support our learning. We like to get out and about and use our environment in creative and imaginative ways.



We are excited to be taking part in the LEAF and GO WILD projects this session too ... keep an eye on Twitter to see all of our exciting learning!

The LEAF project was an amazing experience last year and the pupils loved discovering more about their local environment. To support this again, this year, we are asking for volunteers to join us on our walks in the local environment. If you would be able to volunteer please contact the school. P6 and P7 pupils will be part of the LEAF project.

P4 and P5 pupils will be part of the GO WILD project and we will keep you updated with our adventures!



We had a terrific start to our extra-curricular clubs in term 1 and the new timetable for term 2 began this week, 12 clubs with so many active children! Our P6 Sports Leaders continue to be 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.

Term 2 Clubs: 30 th October – 3 rd December 2023						
	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						P5 Social Club Mrs Scott (PSS Classroom)
Tuesday	P1 Active Start Club Mrs Caig (Gym Hall)		P3 Multi-Sports Mrs Caig (Gym Hall)		P6-7 Girls Football Mrs Caig (Gym Hall)	
Wednesday	P2 Active Start Club Mrs Caig (Gym Hall)		P4 Multi-Sports Mrs Caig (Gym Hall)		P6-7 Athletics Mrs Caig (Gym Hall)	
Thursday			P5 Multi-Sports Mrs Caig (Gym Hall)	P4/5 Sewing Mrs Hubbert (P2/3H Classroom) P5/6 Carol Singing/Choir Mrs Raschlaw (Upper STEM Room)	P6-7 Netball Mrs Caig (Gym Hall)	
Friday			P2 Dance Chloe McColm (Gym Hall)			



Our Youth Worker

Mrs Caig co-ordinates many of our extra-curricular clubs. She also supports links within the local community and we look forward to strengthening these links throughout this session.



Thanks Mr Stevens for great coaching at football!



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Kathryn Hill!

We are looking forward to all of the upcoming events and activities for our pupils.

Diary Dates 2023/24

November 2023

Thursday 2 nd November	Parent Council Meeting, 6pm in Dalry PS
Friday 10 th November	P4-7 Literacy Showcase
W/B Monday 13 th November	Book Week Scotland
	New P1 Registration begins online
Thursday 16 th November	Children In Need Walk
Friday 17 th November	School closed for staff and pupils
Monday 20 th November	School closed for staff and pupils
Monday 27 th November	Sparkle Day - wear something sparkly and bring a donation for the bottle stall or tombola stall if you can.

December 2023

Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 7 th December	Infant School Shows, 1.30pm & 7pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th December	Upper School Shows, 1.30pm & 7pm
Monday 18 th December	Pantomime in school hall P1-P3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	P4 & P5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	P6 & P7 Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd 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