



## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the newsletter for November and December. Another busy month for us and we are just getting started with December!

It was lovely having our parents/carers and grandparents in for our Primary 1-3 Stay and Play sessions, I hope you enjoyed these and found them useful to find out about how your child is learning within school. Our P4-7 Literacy Showcase was also well attended and the pupils loved showing off what they have been learning in class.

Our Sports teams have also had lots of success this month, with our football team and netball team winning their matches and our athletics team made it to the Sports Hall final at the Portal in Irvine. It is lovely to see our pupils getting involved in sport and doing well!

Our walk around the park was another lovely community event which helped us to raise money for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and support with this.

December was kicked off nicely with our Christmas Fayre which has raised £2,000 for our school. I cannot thank you all enough for your generosity and support with the Fayre this year. The Pupil Council will consult with the pupils to decide the best way for us to spend the money we have raised to benefit the pupils within Dalry Primary School. We will keep you updated with their decisions!

As you all know December is a busy month in the school so be sure to pay particular attention to the dates for the diary at the end of the newsletter. This details all the Nativity, Panto, Christmas lunch and party dates for you in one handy place!

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



# House Day

Thank you to everyone for their super efforts to dress in their House colours. Our Captains and Vice-Captains did an excellent job of running the activity stations and keeping all of the pupils focussed and motivated. We will have a difficult decision deciding on winning logos and mascots for each House.



# Stay & Play and Literacy Showcase

We love sharing our learning with our parents and carers and were really pleased with the great attendance at our P1-3 Stay & Play and our P4-7 Literacy Showcase. We hope the events helped you see the different activities that help us learn throughout our time at school.





# Book Week Scotland

Book Week Scotland is an annual celebration of books and reading that takes place across the country. We really enjoyed our day of celebration! Lots of creative characters in school and everyone loved choosing a book to take home. Older pupils buddied up with younger pupils and shared stories with each other.



## Sky Up Academy Studios

Primary 5 had an amazing experience at the Sky Up Academy. This visit provided an immersive learning experience where the pupils got to create their own news report on cyberbullying in state-of-the-art studios. They got to use cutting-edge digital technology to create with. They took on real-life media roles and worked with the Sky team to create their news report. What a great opportunity it was to develop essential skills for the future ... Creativity, Communication, Collaboration.

Thank you to Dalry Parish Boundary Trust for supporting us with this trip,



## Parent/Carer Workshop

This term we hosted a parent/carers workshop which focussed on rules, routines, boundaries and also neurodiversity. Thank you to our parents and carers who managed to attend the weekly sessions. The feedback from these sessions was very positive and we are glad you found this useful.

We were able to get a session with a representative from NEST who came to speak to parents and carers about neurodiversity and how this may present in children and adults and what supports are available.

Feedback given from this group of parents and carers was that these types of sessions would be beneficial to continue into the new year and next session. I am currently looking at how we can make this work, Mrs Caig and myself thoroughly enjoyed hosting them!



## Spotacular Pudsey Walk

The whole school had a lovely walk to the park for BBC Children In Need. We were delighted to be joined by so many friends and family for this community walk. Thank you for your generous donations, we were delighted to raise £206.





# Outdoor Learning

We have had lots of opportunities to take our learning outside, within the school grounds and out in the community. We are enjoying our LEAF and Go Wild Projects, the staff even enjoyed a hot chocolate around the campfire!



# Erskine Veterans Village

Primary 7 pupils enjoyed a visit to Erskine Veterans Village this month. They had a fantastic time touring the excellent facilities, learning about the history of the village and spending time with the veterans themselves.



Clubs have continued to 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.



## Sports

We have enjoyed taking part in lots of sporting events this month with great success!



Our Athletics team competed in the North Ayrshire heats and successfully made it through to the finals! They have continued to train hard for the next phase of the competition.



The girl's football team had great fun playing against other teams in the Garnock Valley football league tournament.



Our three netball teams loved playing in their first tournament!

# Diary Dates 2023/24

## December 2023

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant School Shows, 1.30pm & 7pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper School Shows, 1.30pm & 7pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime in school hall P1-P3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	P4 & P5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 & P7 Christmas Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School stops for Christmas holidays at 2:30pm

## 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
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Council Meeting, 6pm in school

## March 2024

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day celebrations
W/B 11 <sup>th</sup> March	STEAM Week
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent Council Spring Disco
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
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Prom
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes for staff and pupils