

SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Spring newsletter, it has been a very productive term 3 and we are all ready for a busy term 4!

Throughout the newsletter you will be able to see all the super activities and learning the children have participated in over the term. We have had STEAM week, a successful car park campaign, educational trips and visits as well as our outdoor learning walks plus many more.

We also held a very successful workshop for our parents/carers to help us in refreshing our Vision, Values and Aims as well as our Curriculum Rationale. I am collating all of the information as well as gathering pupil voice and at the beginning of term 4 I will send out family packs for you to have a say on what our final version looks like before being officially launched before the summer holidays. More information regarding this will follow after the Easter break.

I would like to thank you all for the continued support of the school, it has been really nice to see so many of you at our events this term. I know the pupils enjoy showing off their learning and having you all in school.

Finally I would like to ask that any concerns that you may have are not aired over social media, this can be very hurtful and upsetting for staff who are doing a great job providing valuable experiences and learning for your child. It can also be upsetting for other parents and carers to see. I am happy to listen to any concerns and support you with these, however the appropriate process for this is to contact me via the school office on 01294 832788. I would very much appreciate your support and understanding with this.

I wish you and your family a happy holiday and we will see you in term 4!

Kind Regards,

Louise Syme

Head Teacher



Burns Competition & Ayrshire Finals



We were all excited to have our traditional Burns competition on Monday 19th February with P1-3 saying a poem in the afternoon and, at night, P4-7 performing a song or a poem or both.



We really enjoyed working with Dalry Burns Club. Once again, they generously sponsored this event.

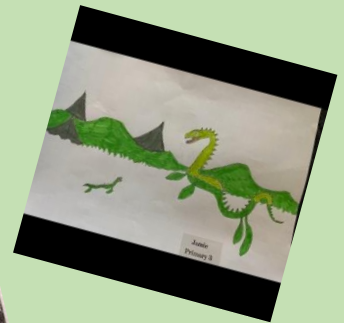
The Ayrshire finals were held on Saturday 2nd March in Wellington School, Ayr. Miss Sim was delighted with all of the performances!



Burns Competition



The Burns Art competition was judged by The Provost and Ranger Pete. Every pupil in our school had a piece of art work displayed in the Gym Hall for all to see throughout the day and evening.



Burns Cluster Competition



Once again our talented pupils represented the school, this time in the Burns Cluster Competition. We are so proud of their confidence, performing in front of yet more judges. They all did exceptionally well.



P5S trip to the Cinema and Coast Watch



P5S enjoyed a morning at the movies as part of the Into Film programme. They watched Trolls Band Together and then had a visit to the beach to see the fantastic work Coast Watch carry out!

The children have really enjoyed all of the Extra-Curricular Clubs that were available this Term. We look forward to more next Term.



Sports

Well done to all of our Cross-Country runners, they all ran amazingly demonstrating determination and resilience. We look forward to seeing more of our children back out running at the next event.



Congratulations to our football teams who have played brilliantly at various tournaments. We were proud to bring home the Corey Cup this term!



Our Badminton team were recently at the North Ayrshire Active Schools Tournament. They proudly brought Gold and Silver medals back to school!



Car Park Campaign



The Rights Respecting Committee and the Junior Road Safety Officers were proud to launch their Car Park Campaign. For some time the car park has been a safety concern and buses often find it difficult to come in at drop off and pick up times.



The children really appreciate the positive response to their campaign and are relieved to see that the car park is not as busy as it had been.



PARKING NOTICE

Our Safety First!

Parents are putting the safety of our children at risk. Think before parking!



- Do not park on or near the zebra crossing.
- Do not park in or near the bus lane
- Do not park inside the bend
- Do not park at the sheltered housing.

Remember our children's rights.

Right No.3 - Best interests of the child. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

Park and stroll - Lidl's carpark is available to park in, along with other town parking sites, please use them.



They appreciated the support of the Parent Council who paid for all of the new cones, signs and leaflets. They enjoyed working with the Parent Council on this campaign. It was great to have the Ardrossan & Saltcoats Herald cover the campaign too.

A reminder that Lidl have agreed we can use their carpark so you can then walk to school from there with your child, this will reduce the congestion in the carpark and in turn make it safer for your child.

Vision, Values, Aims and Curriculum Rationale

This session we are focusing on our Vision, Values, Aims and Curriculum Rationale. All Staff recently worked collaboratively on this at an In-Service day.

Parents and Carers were invited into school to work in partnership with teaching staff. This was a fantastic opportunity for us to work together on such an important issue to help us all to continue to take Dalry Primary School forward. It was very reassuring to see that whole staff views from the In-Service were reflected in the views of Parents and Carers.

The next part of the process is to work with our children to gather their views.



LEAF Walks

For the past few years we have been part of the LEAF Project with Keep Scotland Beautiful. We were proud to be included in the pilot programme for this project and our work has gone from strength to strength each year. Initially it was targeted at P6 pupils but this session it is also being carried out with P4 and P5. It involves outdoor learning, a focus of our School Development plan, and visiting local community walks and gardens. It offers a great opportunity to further engage with Parents and Carers while developing respect for the local environment.



P4/5M and P4/3G Visit to Kelvingrove Museum

The two classes really enjoyed their visit to Kelvingrove Museum. They enjoyed the variety of exhibits and really loved seeing the Charles Rennie Macintosh displays! The Dinosaur workshops were a great way for us to reinforce all of our learning this term!



World of Work Week, 22nd April

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



It is a team effort to support young people to prepare for the world of work. Together we can help pupils ...

- Understand the world of work
- Discover how their interests, strengths and skills relate to specific job roles
- Understand how their learning relates to jobs and careers

It would be great for the pupils to learn about the different opportunities available to them in the world of work. If you would like to come into school during this week and speak to the children please contact the office.

P1 Visit to the Maritime Museum

P1 had a great day at the Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine. They got to take part in activities linked to pirates and the science of the sea. We also got to explore the museum.



P7 Arran Residential

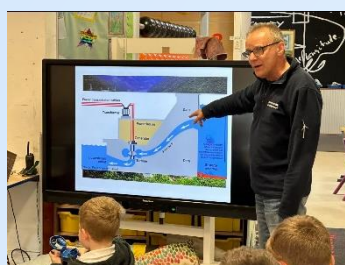
Our P7 Pupils have had an amazing time during their P7 residential trip to Arran. They have been quite fortunate with the weather and have loved experiencing a whole variety of activities.

This trip was completely funded by the Dalry Parish Boundary Trust.



STEAM Week

We had very interesting visitors during STEAM Week and we would like to say thank you once again to everyone who volunteered to come in and share how Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths are used in their jobs. These opportunities really bring learning to life for the children, enabling them to see how what they are learning now will help them in their future.



STEAM Week



Big Breakfast

We had an amazing turnout for our end of term Big Breakfast. It is always lovely to be able to come together as a whole community and catch up over a delicious breakfast. It was great to welcome some of the children who will be coming into Primary 1 after the Summer.



Diary Dates 2023/24

Term 4

April 2024

Monday 15 th April	Staff and Pupils return
W/B Monday 22 nd April	Developing the Young Workforce Week
Wednesday 17 th April	EYC-P1 Transition Group 1 10:00am - 10:30am Group 2 2:00pm - 2:30pm
Wednesday 24 th April	EYC-P1 Transition Group 1 10:00am - 10:30am Group 2 2:00pm - 2:30pm

May 2024

Wednesday 1 st May	EYC-P1 Transition Group 1 10:00am - 10:30am Group 2 2:00pm - 2:30pm
Thursday 2 nd May	Learning Conversations
Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 th May	EYC-P1 Transition Group 1 10:00am - 10:30am Group 2 2:00pm - 2:30pm
Wednesday 15 th May	EYC-P1 Transition Group 1 10:00am - 10:30am Group 2 2:00pm - 2:30pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	EYC-P1 Transition Group 1 10:00am - 10:30am Group 2 2:00pm - 2:30pm
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
Thursday 30 th May	P7 Transition Parent Information Session Garnock Community Campus

Diary Dates 2023/24

June 2024

Wednesday 5th June	EYC-P1 Transition 9:30am-10:20am New P1 Parent and Carer information session
Monday 3rd June	P7 Transition Day 1
Tuesday 4th June	P7 Transition Day 2 P7 Transition Disco at Garnock CC
Wednesday 5th June	P7 Transition Day 3
Friday 14th June	EYC-P1 Transition 11:30am-12:00pm School Lunch Day
Monday 17th June	EYC-P1 Transition 1:15pm - Sports Day
Thursday 20th June	EYC-P1 Transition 11:00am-12:00pm Teddy Bears Picnic
W/B Monday 17th June	School Show - afternoons only
Monday 24th June	P1-P3 School Trip
Tuesday 25th June	P4-P5 School Trip
Wednesday 26th June	P6-P7 School Trip
Thursday 27th June	P1-P3 Prize giving, am P4-P7 Prize giving and P7 Graduation, pm
Thursday 27th June	P7 Prom
Friday 28th June	School closes for staff and pupils