



OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to October's newsletter. I hope everyone had a lovely and enjoyable October break and is ready for term two of the session. I would like to update you of a few staffing changes that will happen this term. Firstly Mrs McKee who teaches in Primary 3/4M has been successful in gaining a seconded teaching post within the Professional Learning Academy. I would like to wish her luck in her new post. Mrs Morrison who teaches Primary 4/5M will be taking her maternity leave from Friday 13th December. I would like to wish her all the best on her new journey as a parent and we can't wait to meet our newest little member of the Dalry team! I have carried out observations of candidates to cover these posts and will be interviewing next Thursday. I will continue to keep you updated with the progress of this.

We have recently had a few concerns regarding snacks and drinks that the children are bringing in for the day. I understand that some of our older children are going to the shop before they are coming to school. This is great to promote independence in the pupils, however they are then bringing energy drinks into the school and fizzy juice. A reminder that the only drinks permitted in the school are water or diluting juice. If pupils bring in any other drinks they will be asked to keep these in their bags until the end of the day. Children only have 15 minutes for snack time so one snack and a drink will be enough to keep them going until lunchtime. We are trying to promote healthy snacks in the school and we would appreciate your support with this.

All the dates for the upcoming term are at the back of the newsletter so you have advance notice of what is taking place in the school this term.

Finally, as always, if anyone has any concerns or issues they would like to discuss or even any positive feedback they would like to give the school then please feel free to contact me via the school office on 01294 832788.

Kind Regards,

Louise Syme

Head Teacher



Parent Council Information

The Parent Council is dedicated to raising funds for various school projects, providing extra treats, and offering valuable support for our children. They serve as the voice of parents, encouraging everyone to reach out - Whether for support or to get involved.

This Year's Office Bearers

Chair - Krystyna Caulfield

Vice Chair - Nicola Hill

Finance Officer - Lindsey Louttit Henighen

Secretary - Sarah McLean

Accomplishments

Last year, thanks to generous donations and our committed parent volunteers, the Parent Council funded numerous initiatives, including:

A school parking campaign to enhance children's safety

Leavers' hoodies for school graduates

A memorable Primary 7 Prom

Pyjamas and selection boxes for families in need over Christmas

Essential items for our swap shop

Sweets and drinks for the school panto

Medals for Prizegiving awardees

Spring and Halloween Disco fun for all the children

Additionally, the Parent Council raised nearly £1,000 towards our new outdoor classroom!

Get Involved

The Parent Council meets at the school four times a year, with additional discussions as needed. There's no requirement to attend every meeting; everyone is welcome to contribute as their time permits and every voice is of value.

To get in touch, please email dalryparentcouncil@outlook.com.

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Parent Council Information

Fundraising Opportunities ...

easyfundraising

Help us to raise free funds as you shop this Christmas

Every Christmas present you buy is a present for us!

Scan the QR code to make a difference every time you shop online
Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

- 1 Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- 2 Sign up and search for us
- 3 Your favourite retailers donate to us whenever you shop with them

Get free donations from thousands of retailers including:

John Lewis, eBay, M&S, ASOS, Amazon, Etsy, H&M, ASOS, Apple, Next

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Cashpot for Schools

31 days left

Dalry Primary School
Sharon Street, Dalry, KA24 5DR

UK total raised
£214.26

Spooktacular Fun at the Halloween Disco!





Christmas Fayre



Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 6th December

Stalls

Stalls are £20 per table and should be confirmed with the Office or the Primary 7 and Primary 6 teachers.

Home Baking

Home baking - donations to be handed in on Thursday 5th December (in Tupperware and clearly labelled). A letter will be sent home.

Sparkle day

Friday 29th November - please bring bottles and chocolates and dress in something sparkly, Christmas themed or non-uniform.

Toy stall

If you have any preloved games or toys you can donate them to the toy stall. Please make sure they have all of the parts and are in good condition before donating.

Rehome A Cuddly Toy

Do you have a spare cuddly toys that would love to be loved in a new home?

Please donate a cuddly toy to spread some Christmas joy!

More information will be shared closer to the date.



Children In Need Annual Walk

The school community would like to take part in this years' Children in Need Appeal.

On Friday 15th 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 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.

We will meet at the Community Entrance at 10.45am and return to school at 12pm.

We look forward to our special Children in Need Day and welcoming you on our walk.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are excited to offer a great variety of Clubs again this term!

	12:15 - 12:40 Gym Hall	12:30 - 1:00 Other location	3:00 - 4:00 Gym Hall/Astro	3:00-4:00 Other location
Monday	P4 Multi-sports (Mrs Lindsay and sports leaders)		P6-7 Netball (Miss Sim)	P4 and P5 Sphero Indi Coding (Mrs McGinley) (Maths Room)
Tuesday	P1 Multi-sports (Mrs Morrison and sports leaders)	P2-4 Table-top Games (Miss Collins) (Maths Room)	P6-7 Athletics (Mrs Craig)	
Wednesday	P3 Multi-sports (Mrs Hubbert and sports leaders)		P6-7 Girls Football (Skye McGuire)	
Thursday	P2 Multi-sports (Miss Gemmell and sports leaders)	P4-7 Choir (Mrs Roschlau) (P2/3R classroom)		P5-7 Film Club (Mrs Scott) (P6/7 classroom)
Friday	P3-4 Dance (Chloe McCollm)		P6-7 Boys Football (Mr Crawford)	



Sports

We have been delighted to see so many of our pupils taking part in our extra-curricular clubs this session. As our new clubs started this week, our Sports Leaders have been busy planning and leading lunchtime sports clubs for P1-4 pupils.

Our Sports Leaders and Sports Committee members have been working hard to evaluate the school's delivery of sport and physical activity opportunities to ensure that everyone has access to fun, high quality experiences that have our young people at the centre of the decision-making process.

We have identified several action points that we will focus on throughout the year, including:

- Increasing leadership opportunities across the school so that more pupils have the chance to lead clubs and support classes during PE sessions
- Listening to the views of all pupils in the school when planning our sports clubs for each term
- Creating more opportunities to celebrate sport in school, including sharing more examples of sports achievements
- Including sports and physical activity in our House Day activities during the school year so that different year groups can enjoy taking part in sport together.

We have recently submitted our Sport Scotland Schools Gold Award application and we look forward to finding out if we have been re-accredited once again by our national sports organisation.

A huge thank-you to all of the pupils, staff and coaches who work so hard to support the delivery of extra-curricular sports and clubs in school - we are so proud of our Dalry Primary community!



Stay and Play

We were delighted to invite you along to a "Stay and Play" with your child. The purpose of this was for you to get an idea of what your child experiences in a day at school. Practices and processes have changed over the years and we have adopted learning through play approach for our infant classes. This means that your child will experience playful learning throughout the day. This will be age and stage appropriate and suit the needs of our pupils. There was a focus on Literacy and Numeracy playful learning when you came in for your visit. We hope you enjoyed the experience!



Uniform

Please refer to the School Uniform advice.

Please ensure all uniform is clearly marked with your child's name so that it can be returned if misplaced.

Please check names on clothing at home just in-case items belong to other pupils!



Our School Values



Thank you to everyone who sent in designs for our Values.



All of our learners worked collaboratively to create felt pictures for our Curriculum Rationale wall-hanging.

Diary Dates 2024/25

Term 2

w/b Monday 28 th October 2024	P1-P3 Stay and Play with Parents/Carers
w/b Monday 4 th November 2024	P4-P7 Parent/Carer Smart Start
Thursday 7 th November 2024	Parent Council Meeting, 6pm in school
Friday 15th November 2024	Children In Need Walk to Park Outdoor Classroom afternoon, whole school
Monday 25 th November 2024	Schools closed
Tuesday 26 th November 2024	Staff only In service
Wednesday 27 th November 2024	Schools open
Thursday 28th November 2024	Whole school trip to Panto!
Friday 29th November 2024	Sparkle Day House Award afternoon
Friday 6 th December 2024	Christmas Fayre, am - Time slots will be issued
Wednesday 11 th December 2024	P1-P3 Nativity, 1.30pm
Thursday 12 th December 2024	P1-P3 Nativity, 1.30pm
Monday 16th December 2024	P1-3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17th December 2024	P4-5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December 2024	P6-7 Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December 2024	Schools close for Christmas holiday, 2.30pm

Diary Dates 2024/25

Term 3

Monday 6 th January 2025	Schools open
Monday 10 th February 2025	P1-3 Burns Poetry Competition at 1pm
Tuesday 11 th February 2025	P4-7 Burns Poetry Competition at 1pm P4-7 Burns Singing Competition at 1pm
Monday 17 th February 2025	Schools closed
Tuesday 18 th February 2025	Staff only in service
Wednesday 19 th February 2025	Schools open
Thursday 20 th February 2025	Learning Conversations
w/b Monday 10 th March 2025	STEAM Week
Friday 20 th March 2025	IDL Showcase
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	P4-P7 Panto, afternoon
Thursday 27 th March 2025	P4-P7 Panto, afternoon
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Parent Council Spring Disco
Friday 4 th April 2025	Schools close

Term 4

Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Schools open
Thursday 1 st May 2025	Learning Conversations
Monday 5 th May 2025	Schools closed Developing the Young Workforce Week
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Schools open
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Staff only in service
Monday 26 th May 2025	Schools closed
Tuesday 27 th May 2025	Schools open
w/b 23 rd June 2025	Summer Trips
Thursday 26 th June 2025	P7 Prom, Dalry Bowling Club
Friday 27 th June 2025	Schools close for Summer