



## NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to November's newsletter. Term 2 is quickly disappearing and we are approaching a very busy time of year. Just a reminder that the dates for the diary are at the back of the newsletter, please keep these handy so you are aware of what is happening this term.

I would like to update you on some news this term. A former teacher at Dalry Primary School, who some of you may know, Mrs Agnes Barbour Gibb left us a legacy of £112,541.19 within her will. She has asked that this money be spent on the pupils of Dalry Primary School from time to time by the Head Teacher. We were all very shocked and grateful by this very generous and thoughtful gift she left to the school. To honour this we would like to create a school award at our prize giving called the Agnes Barbour Gibb Kindness Award. This will be awarded to a pupil who consistently shows kindness to others across the school year. A proportion of this money was used to take the pupils to the pantomime this year and we have allocated £20,000 to be spent on a purpose built Outdoor Classroom to further enhance our Outdoor Learning. I will continue to consult the pupils and staff about what they feel we could spend some of the money on and I will keep you updated on this.

I would like to thank our parents and carers who managed to attend the Stay and Play and the Smart Start showcases. Your support with our curriculum development is very much appreciated and we look forward to welcoming you to future showcases.

Finally, as always, if anyone would like to provide us with any feedback about how we could improve or about anything you feel is working well for your child then please use the QR code below to let us know.

Kind Regards,

*Louise Syme*

Head Teacher

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# Christmas Parties



Our Christmas Parties are always great fun for all involved!

Each stage has a Christmas party day...

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**P1-3 Christmas Party**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**P4-5 Christmas Party**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**P6-7 Christmas Party**

Pupils should come to school, on their party day, in their party clothes.

In class, they will have fun activities throughout the morning.

Lunch will be at its usual time of 12:15.

After lunch the classes will go to the gym hall for party games and dancing until home time.

During the afternoon each class will have a visit to the popular 'Ice Cream Factory' for a delicious ice cream treat.





# Panto Time!



A fantastically festive day out for our whole school community!

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to support us on our trip to the Big Top in Kilmarnock.

Thank you to the Parent Council for supplying us all with a drink and snack on the day.



## Children In Need Annual Walk

We had a fabulous Pudsey Walk for Children in Need. Thank you for the amazing support from families and friends. The weather was on our side and we loved our walk. Thanks for your, generosity we raised £277.



# Sporting Success!

## Athletics

We are so proud of the determination and effort from our athletics team who took part in the North Ayrshire Sports Hall Athletics heat at the start of this month ... they WON! Thank you to KA Leisure and all involved for a great day. We are really looking forward to the finals on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December!



## Netball

Go Team Dalry! Great players, working brilliantly as a team at a recent Cluster event. They showed great skill in Netball and supported each other in every game. We are so grateful to the Sports Leaders from Garnock Community Campus for their help.



# ECO News

Our ECO Committee have been very busy applying for grants to improve **BIODIVERSITY** in our school grounds 🌳🌳

We have been awarded 2 amazing grants, one from Learning Through Landscapes and one from The Tree Council. Amazing!



In 2025, we will be looking for support to plant our trees and seeds in the playground. More information to follow. 🌸🌸🌸

We will be receiving **FRUIT TREES**, wildflower seeds, Climate Action Learning Packs, workshops with Pupils and Staff. New skills in planting and growing. 🌸🌸🌸

## YOUNG TREE CHAMPIONS ARE A FORCE FOR NATURE

The Young Tree Champions programme supports schools across the UK to embark on impactful nature-based projects that connect pupils and teachers to trees and nature, helping them to develop the knowledge, skills and tools they need to speak up to protect trees and our planet.



Learning through Landscapes



## 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**  
Can you spare some time to help?

Our Parent Council are looking for volunteers. Support is needed to help at events like school discos or to sell raffle tickets and help with fundraising initiatives.

You do not need to become a Parent Council member to show your support, you can simply volunteer as and when you are available.

If you would like to register as a volunteer please email [dalryparentcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:dalryparentcouncil@outlook.com) or scan the QR code.

To register  
your interest



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# Diary Dates 2024/25

## Term 2

<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Fayre, am - Time slots have been issued
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	P1-P3 Nativity, 1.30pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	P1-P3 Nativity, 1.30pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	P1-3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	P4-5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	P6-7 Christmas Party
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Schools close for Christmas holiday, 2.30pm

## Term 3

<b>Date to be confirmed for Term 3</b>	<b>Tempest Photography for Individual and Family photographs</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Schools open
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>Parent Council meeting. 6pm in school</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	P1-3 Burns Poetry Competition at 1pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	P4-7 Burns Poetry Competition at 1pm P4-7 Burns Singing Competition at 1pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Schools closed
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Staff only in service
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Schools open
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Learning Conversations
w/b Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	STEAM Week
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	IDL Showcase
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	P4-P7 Panto, afternoon
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	P4-P7 Panto, afternoon
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Parent Council Spring Disco
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Schools close for Easter holiday, 2.30pm



# Diary Dates 2024/25

## Term 4

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