



Dailly Primary and Early Years Centre Parental Newsletter



May 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

Staffing

Retirement

Last term we bid a very tearful farewell to Mrs Cameron who worked as a school assistant for 19 years before being appointed as the Clerical and Admin Assistant. Nearly 24 years of service to the children and families of Dailly. We were also delighted to have some video messages from previous staff and pupils who were not able to make it to the retirement service. Primary 4 to 7 pupils performed a song that we wrote especially for Mrs Cameron, 'Queen of our Hearts' and everyone from the Early years up to P7 sung our school song, 'Million Dreams' whilst we played a fantastic montage of photos of her time at Dailly.



Promotion

Congratulations to Miss Gibson who secured promotion a few weeks ago and will be starting her new post as Senior Early Years Practitioner at Girvan Early Years Centre. We wish her the very best of luck in her new role. We have been very fortunate to have Miss Nimmo covering the vacancy and she will continue up to the end of term in June. This ensures continuity for the children and parents.

School Lunches

We have recently introduced Parent pay which enables parents to choose their children's meals as well as pay for school outings. **Parents are reminded that they need to choose their child's lunch and can do so up to 3 weeks in advance as a lot of parents are leaving the children to do this in school which is taking away from valuable learning time each morning.**

We are encouraging parents/carers to only select 2 courses as this is more than enough for the children to eat at lunchtime and many of them do not eat a lot and some of our children end up spending most of their lunchtime in the dinner hall. **All children from the EYC up to P5 receive free lunches which includes 2 courses but parents still need to connect with parent pay in order to choose their child's meal and to be able to pay for other school excursions and events.**

Fruit

We are continuing to promote healthy eating and healthy choices for break and lunchtime, particularly for those children who bring packed lunches. The school meals provide a balanced diet and the children are all being encouraged to try different foods and to eat their vegetables. We are asking that parents also try to provide healthy packed lunches with sandwiches, fruit, yoghurt and nutritious snacks and avoid the inclusion of too many sugary snacks or family sized bags of crisps. **Please remember that children should not be given any products containing nuts due to potential allergies including 'nutella'.**

Morrisons are very kindly continuing to provide a small amount of fruit which is available in all classes for the children to choose for their snack.



Water in class

All of the children now have bottles for use in class and this keeps everyone the same. Children are welcome to bring their own bottle with juice or flavoured water for lunchtime. **Energy drinks and fizzy juice are not allowed in school.**

Learning Profiles

We have been using SEESAW throughout the school including the Early Years Centre to communicate with parents/carers and provide updates on each child's learning. We are looking to move onto a new system which is very similar as far as being able to send photos and information but it will also allow staff to track children's progress against the Curriculum for Excellence outcomes. Parents will continue to be able to comment on posts. We will send out details prior to the end of term with the aim of getting all parents set up ready for the new session.

Outdoor Learning

It is important for pupils of all ages to appreciate that learning does not always have to be in the classroom and can also occur in a fun outdoor environment. Having the opportunity to engage in high quality outdoor learning helps children and young people

to understand and respect nature and life-cycles whilst developing the ability to identify hazards.

At the same time children can develop problem-solving and team-building skills in a fun environment. Opportunities to nurture self-esteem and confidence in pupils whilst honing important soft skills like resilience and determination are integral parts of the learning journey.

We were delighted to have received money from both Nestle and Grants to support with our ongoing project of developing our playground area. We received £400 from Nestle and £300 from Grants and this will be used to continue the development of our outdoor areas in the playground. Mr Woods and the children are creating a trim trail along the top banking and developing a quieter contemplation zone at the cubby. We plan on painting the fencing to make a more stimulating environment. We are also in the planning stages of a sensory path which will be developed in our next phase.

We would really appreciate help from parents/carers on a Friday afternoon to help with painting, digging, building.



All classes during this term will be engaging in weekly outdoor learning sessions.

P1-3 (Thursday afternoons) and P4-7 Friday afternoons. ***We are always looking for parent helpers to support with the adult to child ratio when outside so please contact the school if you have any free time and are willing to help out.***

The Pre-schoolers and P1 are continuing to develop their skills through Forest school Friday' where they spend the whole day outdoors and erect shelters, hammocks and enjoy having their lunch outdoors to give them more time to explore. This is going really well and the children are all thoroughly enjoying their freedom. Miss Jardine will be attending Forest School training during the summer to support our Early Years team to further develop our approaches.



Parent Partnership funding

We have also benefitted this session from funding through Dailly Community Council small grants application which the Parent Partnership have applied to on behalf of the school. We have received money to cover the cost of the transport to the Pantomime at Christmas (£650), waterproofs, wellies and wellie socks for the EYC outdoor learning (£645), we purchased garden and playground toys for the children to use during break time (£648.58).

They have also applied for **£13,000** to help us to fund the children in P4-7 to attend ACE days (Adventure Centre for Education), which we have not been able to do in the last few years due to COVID and a lack of funding. The children will be able to participate in a range of fun outdoor days including abseiling, canoeing, archery, gorge walking, etc. This will be a rolling programme of activities over the next 3 years which will support the children's development of vital skills including teamwork and cooperation.

Mrs Vance, the Secretary for the Parent Partnership has done a brilliant job completing all of the funding applications to make this possible.

Swimming

Primary 4 and 5 have just completed their block of 8 swimming lessons, finishing last week with a fun swim. Normally the lessons are just targeted at P5 but we decided to fund this to Primary 4 to ensure that all children are getting the opportunity to learn to swim at as young an age as possible.

Each year have also organised some swimming lessons for our Early Years children to introduce them to the water. The Pre-school children will benefit from 4 sessions at the Quay Zone where staff and instructors will be present.

We are also very grateful to Mrs Maxwell, Mr Woods and Mr Deans who drive the minibus for us which enables us to access the Community transport which greatly reduced transport costs which is such a barrier to participation in rural schools.

All of this is only possible through the ongoing fundraising efforts and the great support we have from all of our families and the wider community.



Mental Health and Resilience

Nurture

Mrs Eaglesham and Mrs Vance have started a block of Nurture sessions with a small group of children to support them with specific social and emotional issues. We are working closely with the South Ayrshire Nurture Outreach Team who have been out to visit this week to work alongside the group. Both Mrs Vance and Mrs Eaglesham have attended Nurture training and are excellent at using their skills to support the children throughout the school.

My Positive Psychology

P4 and 5 pupils are currently working with our Educational Psychologist, Niamh Bulfin on a programme called, 'My Positive Psychology'. The aim of this is to help improve feelings of well-being, self-esteem and resilience. The children complete a self-evaluation at the beginning and the end of the block to help us to measure the impact and to enable us to then set individual targets for children requiring some additional input.

SAMH is the Scottish Association for Mental Health

P6 and 7 pupils will be taking part in 3 sessions during this term which will be run by SAMH. This will build on our current Health and Well-being programme to develop their mental health awareness and to support them in managing their own well-being.

Relationships, sexual health and parenthood (RSHP)

This term, as part of the Health and Well-Being programme we will be using the national resource for **relationships, sexual health and parenthood** (RSHP) which is for children and young people.



Information for parents and carers about RSHP learning can be found by clicking on the link below which provides an overview of the key topics which will be covered at Early, First and Second level. Information to support parents/carers can also be found by visiting the website using the links below depending on the level your child is at :

EYC to P1 <https://rshp.scot/early-level/>

P2-4 <https://rshp.scot/first-level/>

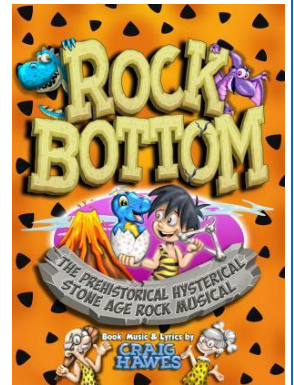
P5-7 <https://rshp.scot/early-level/>

We will issue more detailed information to parents/carers prior to each lesson to ensure that you are prepared for any questions your child may have following the lessons in school.

It is very important that the children understand their bodies and the changes that they may be going through or will experience in the near future. If any parents/carers wish to raise any concerns then please contact the school.

School Show

P4-7 have been very busy this term rehearsing for the school show, 'Rock Bottom' which will take place on **Wednesday 17th May at 1.15pm** and **Thursday 18th May at 6.45pm**. We are currently drawing and painting scenery, organising props and costumes as well as organising the sound and lighting, all systems go and as they say in showbiz, we are hoping it will be alright on the night !!!!



Once again if any parents have time and could come in and support with painting please contact the school office. Tickets are now on sale at a cost of £5 for adults, children under 12 are free but still require a ticket. They will be limited to 3 tickets per family for each of the performances to ensure that everyone is able to attend. We will then offer additional tickets on the week leading up to the show. Programmes will be on sale soon and your ticket will enter you into a prize draw.

P7 trip to laser quest

Each year we organise a special end of year trip for our P7s. Miss Baillie has organised an outing for them to LA Bowl on Thursday 29th July where they will have a game of bowling, a game of laser and then their lunch. If the weather is good, we will also take them down the beach. This outing will be paid through the school as a farewell present to our P7s.

School Trips

All classes will be going on a summer outing which the school will subsidise through our fundraising efforts but there will be a small cost to families. These outings will take place during the last week of school once all of the graduations and prize giving ceremonies are finished. Once the Class Teachers have finalised the details I will send information out to the parents.

Parent Partnership

Office Bearers : -	Chairperson	Stuart Briggs
	Secretary	Jan Vance
	Treasurer	Claire Dalglish

The next meeting will be on **Friday 12th May** in the Community room if any parents/carers wish to attend or they can ask for items to be added to the agenda for discussion by approaching one of the members.

The current members are:

Christine Ross, Lynda Connelly, Olivia Lee, Lorna Gillies-Woods, Christine Ross, Laura Dorans

Feedback - we appreciate your comments or suggestions

Please e-mail any feedback to: daily.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Please provide feedback on any of the activities which your children have been involved in during last term.

We are also always looking for new ideas and ways to improve the learning experiences for your child so please e-mail any helpful comments.



DAILY PRIMARY and EARLY YEARS CENTRE



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Updated each term)

Term 4

Thurs 4 th May	Parent Partnership meeting 9.15am
Mon 8 th May	HOLIDAY due to King's Coronation
Tues 9 th May	<i>P1 Induction Day 11.30-2.30pm (Parents' info session + visit) ** Change of date **</i>
Wed 10 th May	Parents' Appointments 3.00-8.00pm
Wed 17 th May	<i>***School show - Rock Bottom (1.15-3.00pm)*** Change of date</i>
Thurs 18 th May	<i>***School show - Rock Bottom (6.45pm - 8.30pm)*** Change of date</i>
Wk beg 22nd May	P1 Induction Day 2 and Parents' lunch - 10.30-12.00pm <i>Ante Pre-school Induction day 1 10.00-11.00 (Parents' info session+ visit) ** Change of date **</i>
	Inter-house events (EYC to P7) / P6+7 Championships
Wed 24th May	P6 Visit to Girvan Academy
Fri 26th to Mon 29th May	HOLIDAY
Mon 29 th May	BIKE to School Week
Tues 30 th May	INSERVICE DAY 5 for staff
Thurs 1 st June	Reports issued to parents (EYC to P7)
Week Beg. 5 th June	EYC/School Sports' Day
Tues 6 th June	Carrick Academy Parents' evening 6pm
Wed 7 th June	Girvan Academy Parent Workshop
Tues 13th to Thurs 15 th June	P7 Transition Visits Girvan+ Carrick Academy + QMA
Wed 14 th June	Bump Up day for EYC to P7 incl. new Ante Pre-school Ante Pre-school visit and Parents' info session 2

Wed 15 th June	Parents info session Girvan Academy (evening)
Tues 20 th June	EYC Graduation
Thurs 22 nd June	P7 Leavers' Show, Prize Giving and End of term service
Wk beg 26 th June	School Outings - <i>details to follow</i>
Fri 30 th June	School and EYC closes 1pm