



Dailly Early Years Centre Newsletter October 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

This term we welcomed parent/carers into the school for an open day and care plan meetings. We are looking forward to a very busy Term 2 which includes the Harvest service, fun Halloween activities and of course 'Crazy Christmas'.

We will continue to upload all letters and important correspondence to the BLOG in addition to sending them via e-mail. This hopefully makes it easier to check on dates as all of the information is in one place. There is also a section for each class and you will find current information and photographs relating to your child's class, with updates from this term. **You will find it at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/daillypsandevc/>**

We are continuing to use facebook as well as twitter to share highlights of the learning going on throughout the school. South-Ayrshire Council support the use of twitter which enables us to share our successes with other South Ayrshire establishments. The twitter posts can be accessed using twitter or from our BLOG.

To follow us on Twitter, download the twitter APP and follow us @DaillyPS

Learning Journals

We have introduced Learning Journals this session. It is very similar to SEESAW and is a way of sharing your child's work and achievements. Each parent can view their own child's work. We are using Learning Journals within our EYC as well, so that parents get more regular information, and have the opportunity to share any learning that their child has been involved in at home.

Please use the Learning Journal app only for sharing achievements and not for communicating about illness and absence. Parents/Carers must still contact the school office as staff do not check the app throughout the day or out with school hours.



Scholastic Book Fair



It starts with a choice: What do I want to read? And since being empowered to choose their own books is a milestone opportunity to identify and express their own voice, kids also leave the Book Fair as bolder, prouder, and stronger individuals.

Browse the books they'll love

Scholastic's experts have selected the newest and best books from over 60 publishers, including exclusive titles that you won't see in shops or at any other Fairs! Meet the characters and stories coming to our Book Fair.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from 9th October and Early Years Parents/carers are welcome to pop into the hall to look at the books on Wednesday / Thursday. Parents can take their child along with them if they wish. The book fair will also be open on Thursday night during parents' night.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from 9th October and the children will all get the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class and select books that they like for their 'Wish list'. Parents/carers are welcome to pop into look at the books on Wednesday / Thursday. The book fair will also be open on Thursday night during parents' night.

There are over 200 of the books children really want to read, from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and bestsellers, all at amazing prices. Plus, for every book bought, you help to earn free books for our school!

- Browse the [online shop](#) for the latest books and resources

Curriculum

The EYC have been busy exploring Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing through a variety of experiences both indoors and outdoors. The children particularly embraced exploring the tale of Incy Wincy Spider. They are now looking at the story of Elmer the Elephant which introduces pattern in our environment; and the importance of kindness and friendship.



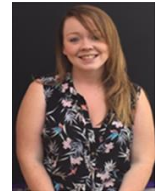
As the term progresses the children will take part in Play on Pedals (pre-schoolers). Some of the children will also engage in the PATHS Programme (Providing Alternative Thinking Strategies) and Talk Boost.

PATHS is a program which aims to improve pupil's emotional intelligence, social skills and empowers them to make positive choices. It helps children manage their behaviour, understand their emotions and work well with others. PATHS consists of a series of lessons that cover topics such as identifying and labelling feelings, controlling impulses, reducing stress, and understanding other people's perspectives.

The Talk Boost program helps develop language and communication skills. Children who are selected to take part in the will attend three sessions per week each lasting 15-20 minutes and will be delivered by Miss Jardine. The sessions include activities that cover the foundation skills in speech, language and communication that children need for learning and understanding new words, as well as having conversations.



EYC PEEP sessions



South Ayrshire Family Learning Team

Shevon from the Family Learning Team in South Ayrshire is a regular visitor to our Early Years Centre and worked with families last year to deliver PEEP sessions.

The family learning team deliver fun sessions for you and your child to attend together. These sessions support your child's literacy, numeracy, health, physical, communication, language, personal, social and emotional development.

You can follow them on twitter SAC Early Years Family Learning Team @SAC_FLT. If you would like further help or advice or perhaps you have a question or query please email Shevon.moran@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

The PEEP sessions take place on Thursdays and will run from 9.15 to 10.15 in the hall. Parents/carers are welcome to stay on after the session for tea/coffee and spend time chatting to other parents.

Dates : 2nd November, 9th November, 16th and 23rd November

Harvest and Halloween

P2, 3 and 4 will be leading our Harvest service at the Church on **Thursday 26th October at 9.30am**. We would love to see parents/carers and members of the community joining us. Normally, our Harvest service prior to the October holidays but due to the children missing nearly a full week as a result of the strikes we have decided to move the date.



As part of our Harvest Celebrations, we are looking for donations of non-perishable foodstuffs such as soup, tinned vegetables, biscuits, pasta and cereal. We will be making up some harvest parcels which will be distributed to senior citizens within Dailly on Tuesday 31st October. The children will be delivering the parcels and will entertain the senior citizens with a Halloween trick, joke or poem.

We are inviting children and families to nominate an elderly family member, neighbour or friend who lives in Dailly and would appreciate a harvest gift from the school. Please could you send your nominations to dailly.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Any donations of non-perishable food stuffs should be sent to the school by **Wednesday 25th October** to give us time to make up the parcels.

If you are available to help make up the parcels on Friday 27th and /or deliver them on Tuesday 31st October, please contact the school.

Harvest competitions

Each child is making a Harvest card and there will be prizes awarded for the best Harvest cards in each class. A card will be put into each parcel which is going out to senior citizens of Dailly.

We are also going to be running a Scarecrow /Guy Fawkes competition where we are inviting families to make any size of scarecrow or guy using old clothes, hats, straw, pillows, etc. The theme is Halloween so we want Scary Scarecrows and Gruesome Guys. All entries will be displayed at the front windows in the hall and along the railings of the school. Each entry will receive a Halloween treat and the winners will be given some Halloween goodies. Each class will also be making a Scarecrow or Guy and these will be on display in the church for the Harvest service.

The Scary Scarecrows and Gruesome Guys should be brought into school on Tuesday 24th October.



Halloween

On **Monday 30th October** , we are holding a family evening which will start and finish at the Community Centre. It will begin at 5pm and families are encouraged to bring along the Lanterns they made for the Girvan Lantern parade as well as torches and other lights. There will be a range of glow sticks and lights on sale in the hall for the children to purchase. We will gather in the hall before heading off on a 'Spooky Halloween walk' up to the castle. The walk will finish in the hall where everyone can enjoy sausages, burgers and hot drinks. We are hoping it will be a fun night so please bring along any friends and extended family members. **Tickets for the event cost £3 for adults and £1 per child. The ticket includes your food and drink. Tickets are available from the school office.**

On Tuesday 31st October all children can come to school dressed in their Halloween outfits and we will hold a parade so that everyone gets the chance to see the fabulous outfits that our children will be wearing. During the morning the children will go around the village delivering Harvest parcels and performing a small Halloween trick, poem or song for the senior citizens. In the afternoon the children will be able to enjoy fun Halloween activities in their class and join in with the whole school party in the hall.

Children in Need

Children in Need Day is on **Friday 17th November 2023**.

In school we will be organising fun activities for all pupils to take part in. On the day the children can come to school dressed in yellow or wearing spots, a small donation towards Children in Need would be greatly appreciated.



We are taking orders for Children in Need ears. If you would like to order any ears then please complete and return the order form, along with full payment by **Tuesday 31st October**.

Santa at the Farm Park

The Early Years Centre have booked to visit Santa at the Farm Park on Thursday 14th December. The children will visit Santa's traditional grotto where each child will receive a gift. Other Christmas festivities include meeting Santa's animal friends, Christmas crafts with Mrs Claus, games and stories with the North Pole elves, and soft play.



Parent Partnership

Office Bearers : -	Chairperson	Stuart Briggs (P3 Parent)
	Secretary	Fiona Matthews (P5 Parent)
	Treasurer	Jan Vance (P5 Parent)

The current members are:

Christine Ross, Lynda Connelly, Olivia Lee, Lorna Gillies-Woods, Christine Ross, Laura Dorans and Claire Dalglish.

We have some new members joining the group : Nicole Robertson, Catirina McQuade, Mariana Andrews, Sara Barr.

The Parent Partnership AGM was held on **Monday 9th October at 10.30am** in the school. All parents/carers are welcome to attend the meetings or pass on any information to one of the office bearers which can then be shared with the Parents Partnership group. ***We are always looking for new members so please come along or contact the school for more information.***

The minutes of each meeting will be uploaded to the BLOG along with dates and reminders for the meetings.



Family Links

How to get the best
out of family life

Last week we started a special nurturing programme for parents/carers to provide practical information as well as an opportunity to meet other parents and have a chat and a cuppa. The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those everyday challenges that your children throw at you. It is a *10 week programme and is taking place at the Community Centre on a Monday from 1-2.45pm.* It will be run by Fiona Dailly (Nurture Support - South Ayrshire Council) who is very experienced in supporting young people and their families with everyday challenges. It will be very informal but hopefully helpful to all parents/carers with children of all ages. It would be great to see some more people go along next week.

Feedback – we appreciate your comments or suggestions

Please e-mail any feedback to: dailly.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 2

23rd Oct	INSERVICE Day 3
25 th Oct	Scary Scarecrows and Gruesome Guys competition judging
26 th Oct	Donations of non-perishable food stuffs should be sent to the school Harvest Service at the Church 9.30am
30 th Oct	Family fun night - Spooky Lantern Walk and hot food/drinks 5.00pm start at Community Centre
31 st Oct	Harvest parcel delivery and Trick and Treat for Senior Citizens Halloween party
12 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
13 th Nov	Scottish Book Week
17 th Nov	Children in Need
30 th Nov	St. Andrew's Day activities (Houses)
1 st Dec	EYC Stay and Play am
7 th Dec	Newsletter issued / Class pages on BLOG updated
4 th Dec	Advent raffle begins (Donations from parents required)
6 th Dec	Christmas Fair Family event 4.30-6.30pm
Wk beg 11 th Dec	Christmas lunch
14 th Dec	Farm Park trip
19 th Dec	Christmas service and EYC to P2 Nativity (Parents/Carers)
22 nd Dec	Schools Close 2.30pm



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Term 3

8 th Jan	School Opens
Wk beg 29 th 30 th - 31 st Jan	Poetry and Scots' work judging EYC Stay and Play
5 th Feb	Scottish Assembly and Presentations
6 th Feb	P4-7 Community Burns Supper and Scottish event evening 5-8pm
8 th Feb	Newsletter issued
12 th Feb	Holiday
13 th Feb	INSERVICE DAY 4
14 th -15 th Feb	Care Plan meetings
7 th March	World Book Day
14 ^h March	Interim Tracking report 2 issued to parents
19 th March	Parents/Carers meeting (optional) 3.00-6.00pm STEM / Maths Week tbc
27 th March	End of term service in the Church (Easter) Parents/Carers
28 th March	School closes

Term 4

15 th April	School / EYC opens
22 nd and 23 rd April	School Improvement Visit (SA)
2 nd May	Inservice Day 5
3 rd May	Class pages on Blog updated
6 th May	HOLIDAY
8 th -9 th May	Care Plan meetings
7 th May	P1 Induction Day 1 (Parents' info session + visit)
9 th May	Newsletter issued
15 th May	P1 Induction Day 2 and Parents' lunch
22 nd May	Ante Pre-school Induction day 1 (Parents' info session + visit)
24 th to 27 th May	Holiday
28 th May	Inter-house events (EYC to P7) /
30 th May	Final report issued EYC to P7
4 th June	EYC/School Sports' Day
11 th to 13 th June	P7-S1 Transitions
12 th June	Bump Up day for EYC to P7 incl. new Ante Pre-school plus Parents info session
18 th June	Liaison with new Class Teacher / Transfer of info
20 th June	EYC Graduation
Wk beg. 17 th and 24 th June	P7 Leavers' Show, Prize Giving and End of term service
28 th June	School Trips / Outings School closes 1pm