



Daily Primary Newsletter

October 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

This term we welcomed parent/carers into the school for an open day and parents' 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 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

[Scholastic Shop - Scholastic Shop](#)

South Ayrshire Reads

We are focusing on reading skills this year as part of our school improvement work. We are working closely with the literacy team who are providing training and support. We are also embedding the Accelerated Reader programme which we purchased a year ago for P3 to P7. The children sit STAR tests which gives them a book banding and they are then able to choose books at their own level and enjoy participating in games and quizzes to test their knowledge of the book. We are also working with Giglets which is an online multilingual literacy and language resource, to support Teachers to deliver an engaging and differentiated learning experience for all pupils.

We are keen to gather the views of Parents and Pupils around their attitudes to reading. We would be very grateful if you could complete the short evaluation below. We will be working with the pupils to gather their views.

- [South Ayrshire Reads Parent Launch \(August 2023\)](#)

Lantern Parade

The first lantern workshop organised by CRAG Community Arts took place this week with parents/carers enjoying working alongside their children. The second session will take place next week when families will then be able to take their lantern home and store it ready for the parade on **Saturday 21st October** at Girvan.



We will also be holding a family event on Monday 30th October when we will be encouraging families to bring their lanterns along so please keep them safe.

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 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 for the 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 in the 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 families 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 to 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**.

Gaiety Pantomime



Our trip to the Gaiety Theatre to see Cinderella will take place on **Friday 15th December 2023**. All pupils in Primary 1 to Primary 7 will have the opportunity to go along and enjoy the show. We are subsidising the cost of the panto and the transport through fundraising efforts. The parental contribution per pupil will be £10 which is a greatly reduced price. The school will subsidise the cost through fund raising next term.

Any parents who have not paid the pantomime full should do so through the online school payment system ParentPay. Families with 3 or more children will pay a reduced cost.

Swimming

Primary 3 have started their block of swimming lessons at the Quay Zone. Last session we prioritised P4 and 5 meaning that in the last few years every child in P4-7 has benefitted from swimming lessons.

Each year we also organise 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 later in the year.

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



Scottish Parliament

As part of Primary 6 and 7's studies of the electoral and parliamentary system, we have booked to take them for a special visit to the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh on **Wednesday 13th December**. They will be visiting the Parliament in the morning and then they will have the chance to see some of the sights including Holyrood Palace, the Royal Mile, Edinburgh Castle and Princess Street Gardens. *Details to follow*

Dumfries House

We have planned an educational outing to Dumfries House on **Wednesday 11th October** for Primary 4 and 5 where they will be visiting the farm and get first-hand experience of animal welfare, sustainable farming practices and develop knowledge of food production systems and how to eat well. They will also get to spend time with various animals including cows, sheep, geese, ducks, turkeys, hens and pigs.



P5-7 Residential

We have once again booked a residential visit for Primary 5-7 to Dolphin House in April next year which is in the grounds of Culzean Castle Country Park. The purpose of this is to allow them to pursue a wide range of outdoor activities as well as encouraging team building and leadership skills.

It offers a multi-activity residential course which combines fun and personal development in a lively and supportive environment. The children are never pushed beyond their comfort zone, however the fully trained instructors have proven success in nurturing and supporting even the most apprehensive child. Some of activities will include Canoeing, Climbing, Hill Walking, Team Building and Orienteering. Whilst the children are at Dolphin House they will be participating in the John Muir Award which is an environmental award with a focus around themes of Discovery, Exploration and Conservation.



Heartstart

CPR is one of the most important lessons young people can learn. Cardiac arrests can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any age. If they happen out of hospital in the UK, the survival rate is less than 10%. That is why it is crucial that young people know what to do. Of course, we hope CPR is a skill they never have to use.

By the end of the training, the children will know the following:

- The difference between cardiac arrest and a heart attack.
- How to respond if they see an unconscious person, including how to make an emergency call and get help.
- How to use a defibrillator.
- How to work as a team and perform CPR safely.

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. Both Mrs Vance and Mrs Eaglesham have attended Nurture training and are excellent at using their skills to support the children throughout the school.

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.

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.

On **Tuesday 24th October**, Andrea Dorans the school nurse is offering to all parents and pupils in P5-7 a Q&A session. P5-7 will be from 1.00-2.00pm and boys and girls will separate. The parents' session is from 2.00-3.00pm. This has been organised in response to last session following the RSHP programme parents requesting an opportunity for children and parents to speak to a medical practitioner. Please come along.

**How to get the best
out of family life**

Family Links



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 is 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 all parents/carers with children of all ages. It would be great to see some more people go along next week.

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.

Parent Partnership funding

We continue to benefit from funding through Daily Community Council small grants application which the Parent Partnership apply for 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). This session we have also received funding to cover transport for the Dumfries House trip (£195.50) and the P3 swimming lessons (£365.91).

We also received **£13,000** to help us to fund a 3 year rolling programme for 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. Mrs Vance, the Secretary for the Parent Partnership has done a brilliant job completing all of the funding applications to make this possible. This means that children currently in stages P2-7 will benefit from these activities.

Attendance – Every Learner Every Day !

Our current overall attendance for the school is 91.39%. This is lower than the level that we should be at due to a small number of children who are constantly absent. I understand that children cannot be at school when they are unwell but we have a few children who have regular unexplained days off.

Last session in South Ayrshire Primary schools, just over 37,000 days (the equivalent of over 220,000 teaching hours!) were lost to unauthorised absence.

*Poor attendance has been linked to lower levels of attainment, peer relationships, emotional and behavioural difficulties and poorer employment opportunities, which is why we want to see **Every Learner Every Day!***

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 should 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.** **There are also** a lot of very 'fussy' eaters so we would appreciate if parents could choose their child's lunch as they know what he/she likes to eat.

Parents/carers should 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. Some children spend 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 and treats.

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.**

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 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



(Updated each term)

Term 2

23rd Oct	INSERVICE Day 3
24 th Oct	P5-7 Q&A session on Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenting for pupils and Parents with Andrea Dorans (School Nurse)
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 / Book Bug P2+3
17 th Nov	Children in Need
30 th Nov	St. Andrew's Day activities (Houses)
7 th Dec	Interim Tracking report 1 issued to Parents 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 (date tbc)
13 th Dec	P7/6 Edinburgh Scottish Parliament
15 th Dec	Panto Gaiety Theatre Ayr - Cinderella
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	Poetry and Scots' work judging
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
27 th Feb	P7s to attend Alloway Burns' Supper (Daytime)
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
15 th to 18 th April	P5-7 Residential
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
7 th May	P1 Induction Day 1 (Parents' info session + visit)
9 th May	Newsletter issued Parents' Appointments 3.00-8.00pm
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) / P6+7 Championships
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 Liaison with new Class Teacher / Transfer of info
18 th June	EYC Graduation
20 th June	P7 Leavers' Show, Prize Giving and End of term service
Wk beg. 17 th and 24 th June	School Trips / Outings
28 th June	School closes 1pm