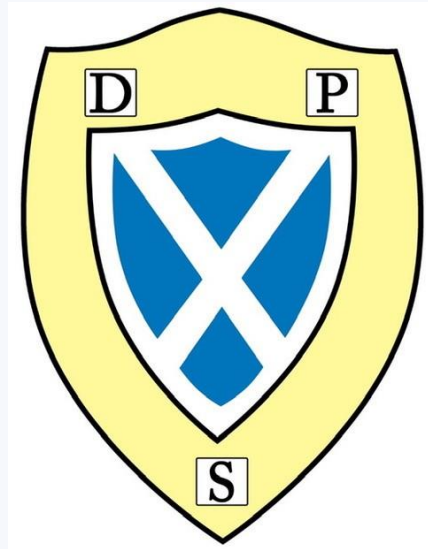


Dalmilling Primary School

Family Update

December 2023



Our Vision:

Inspire, Engage and Succeed Together

Our Core Value:

At Dalmilling We Care

A Note from Mrs Thomson



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we are finishing off our festivities to close up for the holidays at 2.30pm on Friday. A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Winter Fayre; we raised a phenomenal £1598.87. Our Parents' Evening was also very well attended. During our Parents' Evening we did some work consulting on how to promote and support our pupils to bring healthy snacks to school. We will be looking at the ideas in the new year and we will be launching a healthy eating campaign.

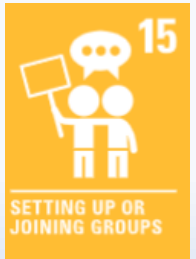
This month's newsletter hopefully captures the spirit of Christmas at Dalmilling. We have updates from our Festive Doors Competition and other Christmas events. We have also other highlights and photographs from the South Ayrshire Dance Competition.

Miss Joyce is taking a sabbatical and I would like to take the opportunity to wish her all the best, and we look forward to welcoming her back to Dalmilling in the future. Miss Devaney will be in P2/3J as the class teacher in January.

I would like to thank our parents and carers for their ongoing support and I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Thomson





DALMILLING PRIMARY



READS

WE STRIVE FOR 5!

EVERY DAY WE READ:

ONLINE

AT HOME AND OUTDOORS

WITH MY CLASS

IN A SMALL GROUP

FOR ENJOYMENT



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AIMS OF
EDUCATION

DALMILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

IMPROVEMENT PLAN: 2023-2024

Inspire, Engage and Succeed Together

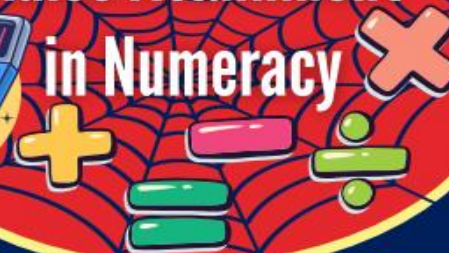
At Dalmilling We Care

IN SESSION 2023 2024 WE AIM TO

Raise Attainment
in Literacy



Raise Attainment
in Numeracy



Embed Children's Rights
across the school



Improve Health
and Wellbeing



Attendance At School



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!***



JRSO Be Bright Be Seen

Our JRSO Pupil Group recently held a poster competition urging pupils to wear something bright when outside, to make sure they can be seen by other road users.

Well done to our winners!



P7 Matilda Showcase

Our Primary 7's have been working with our music specialist, Neil Thompson, over a number of weeks on the songs from Matilda. They celebrated their work with a Showcase for the whole school. The children then attended the Ayr Academy Christmas Showcase, where they came together with pupils from the cluster to perform.



South Ayrshire Dance Competition

We recently had 3 teams of pupils competing in the South Ayrshire Dance Competition.

We had a P2 and 3 group supported by Active Schools, a P4 and 5 group supported by Miss Campbell, and a P6 and 7 group, supported by Sarah from Vics in the Community.

A huge well done to all the pupils for their hard work preparing for the event, as well as a thank you to the staff involved.



Parent Council Donation

A huge thank you to our Parent Council who donated a gift of a selection box for every pupil!



Chaos in Christmas Town

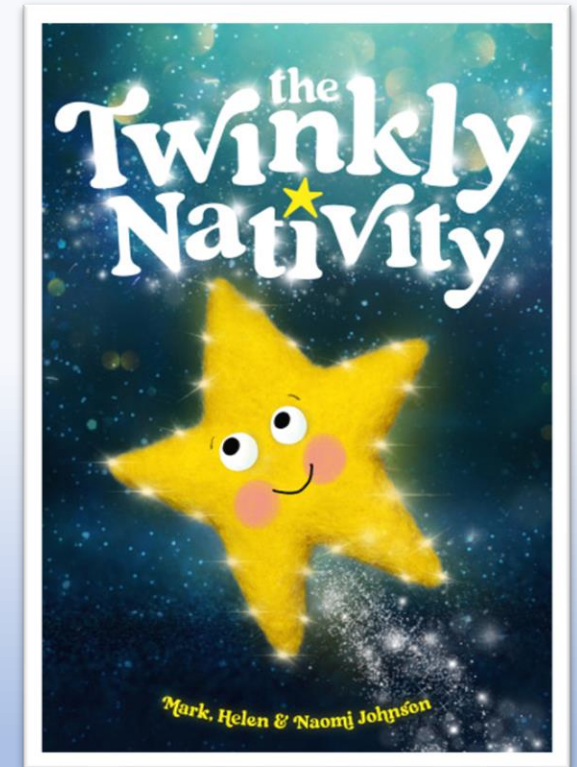
Our Primary 7's had a wonderful experience performing a Christmas themed show at the Cutty Sark in Ayr. They worked alongside Thriving Communities and the Gaiety Theatre on a project promoting Arts in the community.



The Twinkly Nativity

A huge well done to our P1's and P2's in performing their recent version of the Christmas Story in The Twinkly Nativity!

The children were supported in putting their performance together by local theatre company, Livewire.



Christmas Doors Competition



Christmas Doors Competition



1st P6T



2nd P5/7G



3rd P2/3J

Christmas Fun!



Learning Highlights

All children had a block of golf lessons with a professional golfer, learning about the equipment and the skills required in golf.

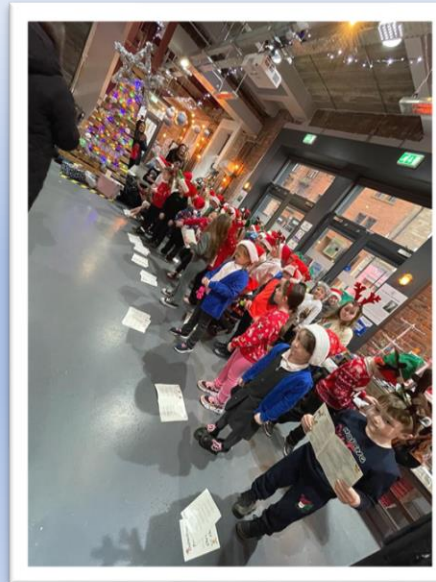


Primary 7 have been designing Christmas Cards!



P5C participated in the St Andrew's Day KILTS Reading Challenge. We read part of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling (translated into Scots by Matthew Fitt).!

Primary 3 have been extremely busy singing in their choir. They have visited Ayrshire Central, The Grain Exchange, local residential homes and of course, performed for our parents!



P6G were practicing our instructional writing while making snow. We had to follow specific steps to ensure our mixture was the correct consistency and did not dry out. After we had successfully made our snow, we took pictures of our snowman pegs. Finally, we wrote clear instructions on how to make snow.



Important Reminders

Please remember:

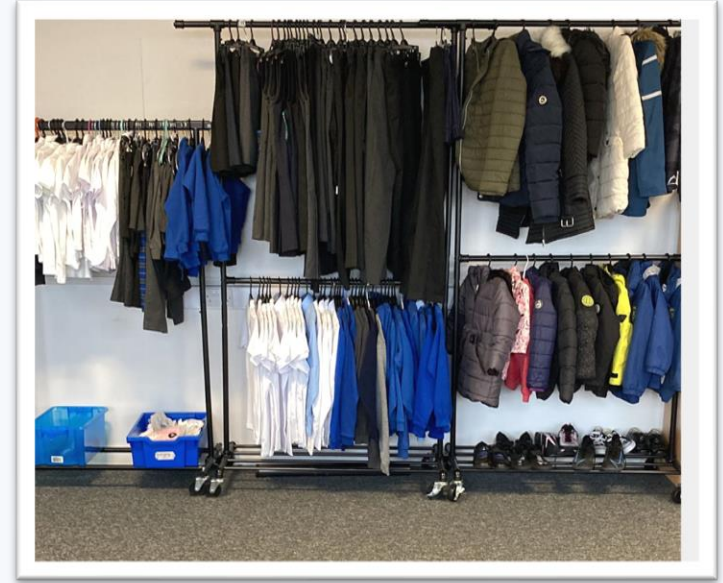
- Children should not bring any toys to school.
- Football strips are not allowed to be worn other than to the football clubs.
- We request that dogs are not brought into the playground during the school day, including drop off and pick up times.
- Our car park is for use of staff members only, unless otherwise authorised.
- We are a NUT FREE school. No products containing nuts are permitted for snack or packed lunches.

School Uniform Recycle Centre

Our school uniform recycle centre is running well and is busy! We have most items available. If we are short of items we will send them out when we get topped up. Please note we have brand new jackets available.

If you would like to request items please contact the office.

We are taking donations of school uniform in good condition. Please hand them in to reception.



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 22 nd December	Schools Close 2.30pm
Monday 8 th January	School re-opens
Monday 12 th February	School closed (February holiday)
Tuesday 13 th February	School closed – In-service Day
Wednesday 14 th February	School re-opens

Community
Notice Board

Advice and Support for Families

Dalmilling Primary School has the backing of an Advisor, from South Ayrshire Council's Information and Advice Hub.



Kim provides a free, confidential, and impartial, information and advice service in welfare benefits, money/debt advice to families.

Kim can support in areas such as:-

- Checking your entitlement and supporting you in making claims
- Advice regarding Free School Meals, School Clothing Grant, Scottish Child Payment and any other eligible grants

If you would like to speak with Kim, she's available in our school on a Wednesday afternoon between 2pm – 4pm.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend during these times you can contact Kim directly using the following link [Digital referral form - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](#) (when using this link please select **Yes** to 'Would you like access to any other services?' and type **FAO Kim and the school name**) or by calling 0300 123 0900.

Click [here](#) to follow the Information and Advice Hub on Facebook

