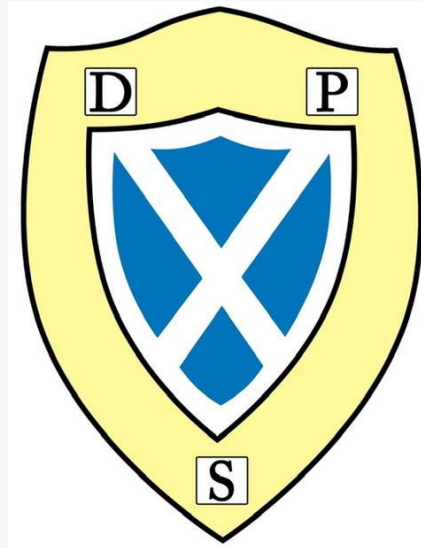




# Dalmilling Primary School

## Family Update

### March 2024



*Our Vision:*

*Inspire, Engage and Succeed Together*

*Our Core Value:*

*At Dalmilling We Care*

# A Note from Mrs Thomson

Dear Parents/Carers,

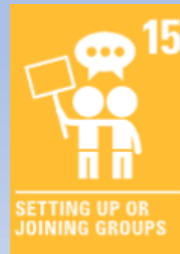
February has been another busy month with lots going on such as the launch of the Beat the Street Initiative, Class Assemblies with parents as the audience and Children's Mental Health Week. This month's newsletter has a range of information and updates including:

- Pupil Voice – You Said! We did!
- Plans for World Book Day and Red Nose Day
- Community Noticeboard
- Dates for your Diary

A huge thank you for your donations to the Rag Bag scheme that were collected last week. This week we were also given a certificate from Ayrshire Rotary Club for Walk for Water where the Ayr cluster primary schools raised £454 in total. This will allow Water Aid to purchase water pumps for those across the world who can't access clean water.

As always if you have any questions or would like to speak to your child's teacher or one of the Leadership Team please contact the office.

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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# DALMILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

## IMPROVEMENT PLAN: 2023-2024

*Inspire, Engage and Succeed Together*

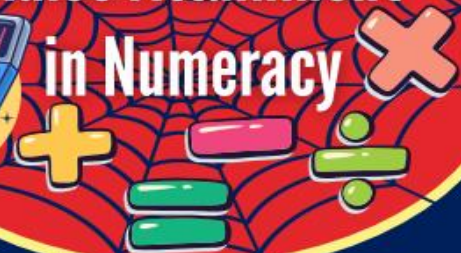
*At Dalmilling We Care*

### IN SESSION 2023 2024 WE AIM TO

Raise Attainment  
in Literacy



Raise Attainment  
in Numeracy



Embed Children's Rights  
across the school



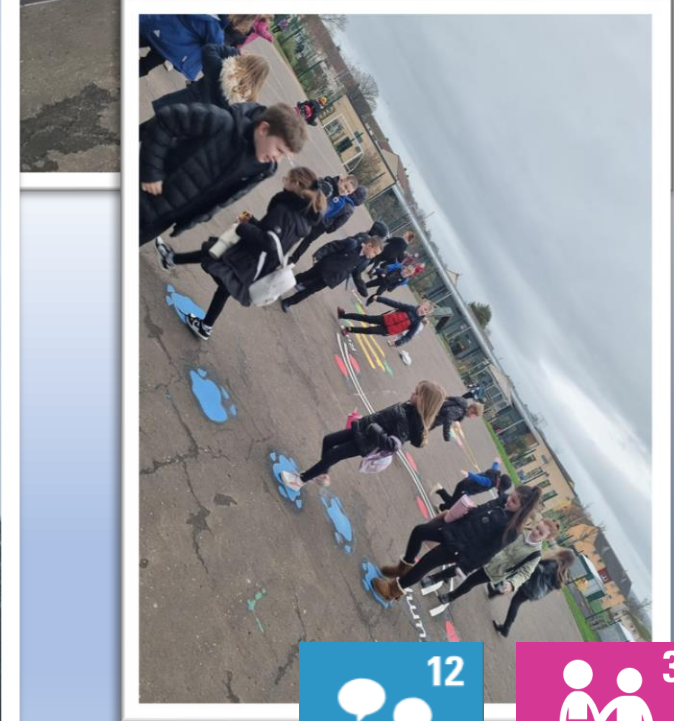
Improve Health  
and Wellbeing





# Pupil Voice! You Said! We Did!

We have recently been doing some pupil voice activities at our assembly. Some children asked for improvements to be made to the playgrounds. Our House Captains chose playground games to be painted and we also got a new permanent basketball net!



# World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024



## Dress as a Word!

Children will be invited to come dressed as a word e.g. SPARKLY (wear a sparkly top) or SHADOW (wear all black). Instead of Star of the Week next week, teachers will be asked to pick the most creative representation of a word for assembly.

## Choose a Story!

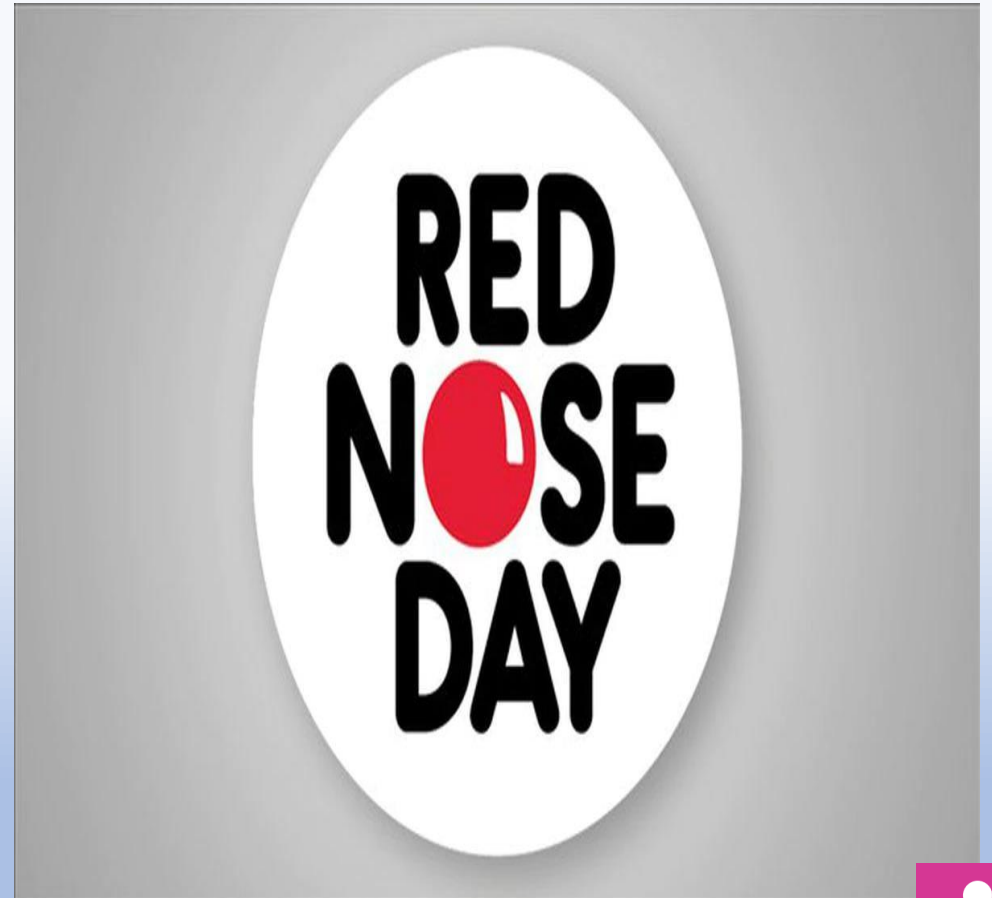
All teachers have chosen a book to read to the children. Children will have the opportunity to pick which story they hear.

Children can also bring their favourite book to school to share. All children will receive a World Book Day Book and take part in classroom activities throughout the day.



# Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day this year on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Pupils are invited to dress down for this day and they will take part in activities within their own classes.





# Outdoor Learning

We have been developing the use of the outdoors to develop numeracy and maths skills. This has included using the raised beds at the allotment to problem solve the area of the beds. Children were also splatting chalk numbers in the playground with water filled syringes. They then worked out subtraction calculations. The children are benefitting from learning whilst getting fresh air at the same time. Pupils will now work on a follow up lesson outdoors with their class teachers.



# Class Assemblies

We will be having some class assemblies this term where pupils will be showcasing some of their learning from the classroom. Parents are welcome to attend for your child's assembly. They will be at 2pm in the Gym Hall unless otherwise stated.

| Date  | Class                 |
|---|-----------------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024                  | P2T                   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024                 | P3/4A                 |
| 22 <sup>rd</sup> March 2024                 | P2/3D                 |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 9.30am (Church) | P4C                   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024                   | P1M                   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024                  | P1/2R                 |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024                  | All ELF classes       |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 (9.30am)         | P7's Leavers Assembly |

# School Highlights

Our football team participated in a football festival in February! They represented the school positively and had a great time!



A huge well done to our football team who had a great result against Annbank in the Mackie Cup where they won 4-3. They are now through to the next round against Glenburn!



Some of our staff have been learning to use Makaton as part of our Communication Friendly Environment Work.

They all achieved the Level 1 certificate!



Our P7M class have now visited UWS and Somerset Park as part of their project focussed on building resilience and strengthening community links.



Our anti-racism group has been working alongside the Iris Ayr on a film making project!



# School Highlights



Our P2T class has been enjoying their gymnastics block with Dundonald Gymnastics. They have been working on the balance beam.



Our P5 children have enjoyed some cooking with their parents as part of the Food for Thought project.



P5CT have been learning to Code using Scratch on the computers in our ICT suite.



Our upper school has had coaches from Ayr Rugby delivering fun rugby sessions.



Mrs Little has been working outdoors with our children using everyday objects to complete some maths problems.



Our children have helped to plant trees at Dalmillig Golf Course with the help of the South Ayrshire Ranger Service!



# Beat the Street

## What is Beat the Street?

Beat the Street is a free, fun initiative that will see South Ayrshire transformed into a giant game!

See how far you can walk, cycle, run, scoot and wheel in just 6 weeks. There are great challenges to enjoy and prizes up for grabs.

The game will run until Wednesday 27th March 2024.



# Active Schools

I'm Jade – The new Active Schools Coordinator for Ayr Academy cluster. You will often see me around the school, I'm not shy please say Hello!

My aim is to increase opportunities for children in Dalmillig Primary to be more active, more often by way of creating opportunities for children to be more active at lunchtime and after school, competitive & fun sport events, leadership programmes and working to break down barriers for children to access sport and physical activity opportunities in the local community. I work with some amazing local sports clubs, secondary pupils and students from UWS & Ayrshire college who can all support your school.

You are welcome to contact me on 07442968397 or [jade.davis@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:jade.davis@south-ayrshire.gov.uk) if you have any questions or ways in which I can help.

We already have some amazing volunteers in the school, without them some of the programmes offered would not be possible – Thank you all! The more volunteers we have, the more opportunities we can provide for the pupils. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering please let me know (Training is provided if required).



# Active Schools Update

- All Primary 7s have worked hard and now completed junior coaching academy, their next step on the leadership pathway is to deliver playground games to the younger pupils. Well done Primary 7's!
- Primary 6 pupils have been continuing to work hard on a Thursday with Jade & Ayr Academy Sports Leaders learning handball skills. The leaders are really enjoying coming out and working in Dalmilling. Some will be selected for the Active Schools handball competition.
- Pupils who attended the after-school netball club were invited to attend a netball competition at the Citadel where they displayed courage, determination and teamwork across a tough few games.
- Primary 5,6 & 7 have had Ayr rugby club in delivering non-contact rugby for 4 weeks and information will be sent home soon regarding Ayr Rugby Club Easter Holiday Programme where we will have a number of free places available ([jade.davis@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:jade.davis@south-ayrshire.gov.uk) – for more information if required in the meantime).
- Pupils have been using the walking bus to and from Ayr Academy to attend Community Handball Classes there in partnership with Ayrshire college which has been a great success.
- Community football at Whitletts is still running on a Wednesday 4.30-5.30 – Hot food is provided. It has been great to see some Dalmilling pupils there – It is open to anyone wishing to attend P4+, not only those who are currently involved in Football at Dalmilling.
- Pupils attended Ayr Cluster Football Festival at Whitletts Pitch they braved the rain all day & showed great sportsmanship.





# 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.



| Date for your diary             | Event                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March  | P3FR attending the Music Festival |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March  | World Book Day                    |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March   | Red Nose Day                      |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March | School Closes for Easter Holidays |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April   | School Re-opens                   |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May    | In-service Day                    |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May      | School Closed                     |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May     | School Closed                     |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May     | School Closed                     |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June     | P7's Dolphin House                |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June  | Parents Evening and Summer Fair   |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June    | School Closes at 1pm for Summer   |

**Community**  
**Notice Board**

# Teddy Bear Tots Ayr

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY FUN DAY

FREE  
EVENT

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH  
12PM - 3PM

## Dalmilling Church Ayr

Join us to celebrate 10 years of Teddy Bear Tots  
Food, Inflatables, crafts, games, face painting, temporary tattoos, visit  
from the Easter Bunny and much more.....

North Ayr The Giffner Project  
Community. Together



Destination  
South Ayrshire



As part of our active communities programme we have FREE sessions available through North Ayr Community Sport Hub. Please book in advance by visiting [activesouthayrshire.co.uk](http://activesouthayrshire.co.uk) or scan the QR...



## **MONDAY**

4pm - 5pm **Handball (P5-7)** - Ayr Academy

**FREE**

## **TUESDAY**

4.30pm - 5.15pm **Dance (P1- P7)** - Ayr Academy

## **WEDNESDAY**

4.30pm - 5.30m **Football ( P5- P7)** - Whitletts Vics Pitch - Free Hot Food

3pm - 4pm **Table Tennis (S1 - S6)** - Ayr Academy

4pm - 6pm **Table Tennis (Open Session)** - Ayr Academy

**FREE**



# COMMUNITY FOOTBALL



FREE FUN FOOTBALL!

SFA QUALIFIED  
COACHES



*EVERY WEDNESDAY  
4.30PM - 5.30PM  
@ NEW VOLNTARY PARK*

*HOT FOOD PROVIDED*



**VICS IN THE  
COMMUNITY**



# Dalmilling Parent Council Needs your HELP

Gifts

Toiletries

Do you have any unwanted gifts laying around from Christmas or birthdays? Or Easter, Halloween or Christmas decorations you no longer use. If the answer is YES and you are willing to donate, we will gladly take them.

New Clothes

**We need**

Books

**YOU!**

Toys

Beauty



If you are able to donate, please leave at the school office or if you are needing someone to collect from the house, this can be organised. Please contact the school on 01292 612736

Any help is much appreciated 😊



UEFA  
**PLAY  
MAKERS**

Inspired by  
**Disney**

Learn football through play and Disney storytelling.

A new programme to inspire Girls aged 5-8 years  
Ayr United FC, Belmont Academy, KA7 3SN  
Every Friday, 6pm-7pm  
Starts Friday 8th March 2024  
[football@aufa.org.uk](mailto:football@aufa.org.uk)



✨ ✨ **DALMILLING PRIMARY** ✨ ✨

**PARENT AND CHILD  
TOGETHER  
CATCH UP CLUB**

**CRAFTS, GAMES, STORIES  
& ART**

**Starting  
Tuesday 5th March**

**3.05pm-4pm**

**For P1M**

**P1/2R, P2T &**

**P2/3D**

**We ask that all parents/carers  
attending, collect their child as  
usual at 3pm & make their way to  
the P1 door.**

**All children must be  
accompanied by a parent/carers**



**THRIVING  
COMMUNITIES**







THRIVING COMMUNITIES

# Time with me PLC

FUN ACTIVITIES  
WITH YOUR  
CHILD



**DALMILLING  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

STARTING WEDNESDAY  
28TH FEBRUARY  
9:30am -10:30am  
For 3 weeks

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE TEAR OFF SLIP BELOW**



**NAME OF PARENT/CARER;**

**NAME OF CHILD:**

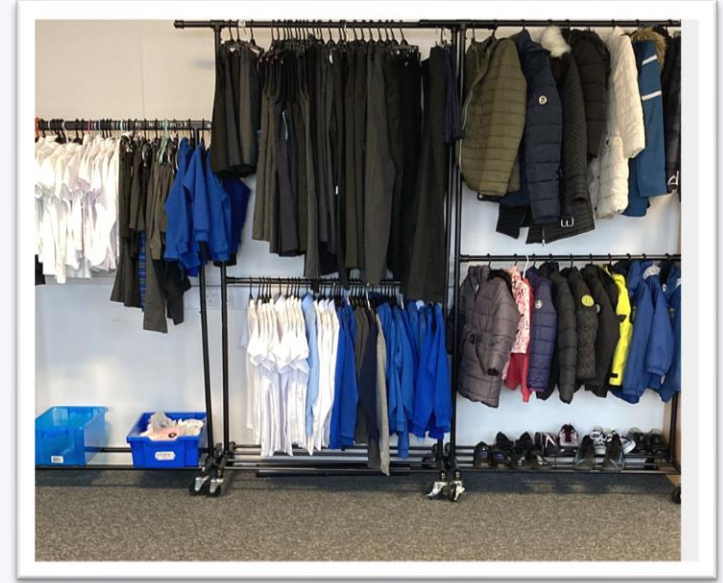
**CONTACT NUMBER:**

# 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.



# Ayrshire Cancer Support Children and Young People Service

Ayrshire Cancer Support Children and Young People Service offers free therapeutic support on a one-to-one and group basis for children and young people aged 5 to 25 who are affected by their own cancer diagnosis or that of a significant person in their life, or who have been bereaved as a result of cancer.

This provides a safe space for children and young people to explore and share their feelings and support them to develop helpful coping strategies. Services are offered in a kind, caring and compassionate way and have children and young people's wellbeing at the heart of everything they do.

Staff are happy to provide support to families and schools and can plan that based on individual need; please contact Gill Birrell, Service Lead, to discuss at [cyp@ayrshirecs.org](mailto:cyp@ayrshirecs.org).

Requests for support can be made by a professional or by the family or young person, if they are 12+ years, and have capacity, by calling 01563 538008 or via our website [www.ayrshirecs.org/services](http://www.ayrshirecs.org/services).



**AYRSHIRE<sup>®</sup>  
CANCER  
SUPPORT**  
We're here for you

## ASN Family Support Network ... Upcoming events

**Wed 31 Jan 2024 Ayr Grammar Primary**

**6.30 - 8pm** "Supporting your child with Literacy Difficulties"

*Holly McBlane from South Ayrshire Reads*

To book contact [Fiona.priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

**Tue 20 Feb 2024 Ayr Grammar Primary**

**6.30 - 8pm** "Supporting young people with ADHD" *Tanya Tenant from Tanya Tenant Autism Training and Consultancy*

To book contact [Fiona.priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

**Wed 24 April 2024 in Walker Halls, Troon**

**1-5pm;** this year's theme is "**Transitions**"

Over 40 charities and third sector organisations offering support and advice.

Keynote speakers including Tanya Tenant on "Transitions from Secondary Education"

**No need to pre-book for this event**

Further information from

[fiona.priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Or ASN Website [www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/asn](http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/asn)



**ASN**  
Family Support

Offering support, advice  
and friendship for any  
parents and carers of young  
people with Additional  
Support Needs (ASN)  
living in South Ayrshire



**BEST INTERESTS  
OF THE CHILD**

# 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



**Check your child has  
had two doses of the  
MMR vaccine.**



**Healthier  
Scotland**  
Scottish  
Government





**Be alert to the  
symptoms of measles.**

**Public Health  
Scotland** 



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