



Dalmilling Primary School Newsletter August 2024

Our Vision:

Inspire, Engage and Succeed Together

Our Core Value:

We Care



A Note from Mrs Thomson

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to our pupils, staff and parents. I hope that you have had a good Summer holiday. It is wonderful to be back at school and to see the pupils looking so smart in their school uniforms. A special welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils who already have settled in well. Just a reminder that our free Breakfast Club is on from 8.30am every day.

This month's newsletter includes:

- Attendance at School
- Parent Portal Information
- Communication Update
- Information about Meet the Teacher
- Key dates



We have introduced a monthly Coffee and Chat time with Parents and the Leadership Team. This is an informal meeting to discuss improvements and gather the voice of our Parents. All parents are welcome. We hope to have an unforgettable year this year and look forward to working in partnership with you. As always, if you would like to get in touch to discuss any aspects of your child's learning or experiences, please do so.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Thomson

Attendance At School

At Dalmilling Primary, we want to see every learner every day. Check out this inspiring video about our commitment to providing every learner with the opportunity to succeed!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nA0ngdDEtg&pp=ygUWc291dGggYXlyc2hpcmUgY291bmNpbA%3D%3D>

*#EveryLearnerEveryDay
#SouthAyrshireCouncil*

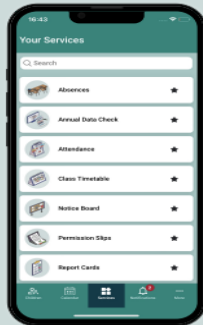


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1. Log in to Parentsportal using **'my account'**. If you already have a mygovscot **'my account'** click the link to **Sign In**. If you don't have a mygovscot **'my account'** click the link to register for this in the first instance, and then sign In.
2. Once registered you will be prompted to **'Link Your Child'** where you can provide details relating to your child. Once the details are matched you will be sent a security code to either your mobile number or email address registered with the school. The security code is to provide additional security before your child's record is linked. Your request will then be sent the school for approval and you will be notified of the decision to approve the link on your email.
3. The details added must match the information held within the school or a match may not be found. If anyone has any issues, please contact the office who will be able to provide assistance.

OR visit <https://parentsportal.scot/home/>

Communication with Parents

We recently sought the views of parents and staff on the use of Learning Journals as a communication tool with parents. It has been decided that we will stop the use of Learning Journals and communicate with our parents through:

- Monthly Class Newsletter including key dates, photos, highlights (Paper Copy)
- Key Dates to be sent out for the year (Paper Copy)
- Monthly Whole School Newsletter (Email)
- Termly Parent events for parents to visit the class or share learning
- Weekly home activities linked to class work with option for parents to write feedback
- Parents to contact the office if they wish to speak to the class teacher

Building Updates – Before and After!



BRING & BADGE IT



Bring & Badge is a new idea that allows us to purchase our own school badges to put on unbadged uniforms. This idea has been developed by the Micah Project in Troon.

If you have any school uniform items that you would like badged, please bring them to the office. It cost £2 per item.

Wednesday 11th September Meet The Teacher

We are having a Meet the Teacher event at 2.30pm on Wednesday 11th September.

This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, see their new class and to find out about what your child will be learning about this term.



Parent Council

Our Parent Council AGM is on Wednesday 4th September at 3.15pm. You are welcome to attend and join the work of the Parent Council.

They have an easy fundraising account whereby when you shop with big brands online they make a donation to the Parent Council. Please see the link below to register:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dalmillingps/>



Our Leadership Team

Mrs Thomson
Head Teacher



Mrs Shields
Depute Head Teacher
Overseeing P2, P4, P6T, P7



Mrs McTaggart
Depute Head Teacher
Overseeing P1, P3, P5, P6C,



Mr Robinson
Principal Teacher



Miss McFarlane
Principal Teacher



Our Reading Accreditation



As part of our work towards our Reading Schools Accreditation we are looking at improving our reading culture and reading spaces within the school.

We have new furniture in our Library Area that our pupils have been enjoying during their reading times.

Rag Bag Collection Thursday 12th September

You can help us raise funds for our school with textile recycling. Please bring any items as below into school before Thursday 12th September.



Is your child a Young Carer?

Could they be eligible for more support and opportunities to activities?

A young carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a family member, friend or member of your community, regularly and on a long-term basis. You might help someone get dressed in the morning, or get their shopping each week, or you might provide emotional support.

If you think your child is a Young Carer or you would like more information about this, please contact Mrs McTaggart via the school office.

These are just some of the activities/support Young Carers had opportunities to last year.

Funding opportunities

Dolphin House

**Family
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1:1 tutoring

**Little Art
School**

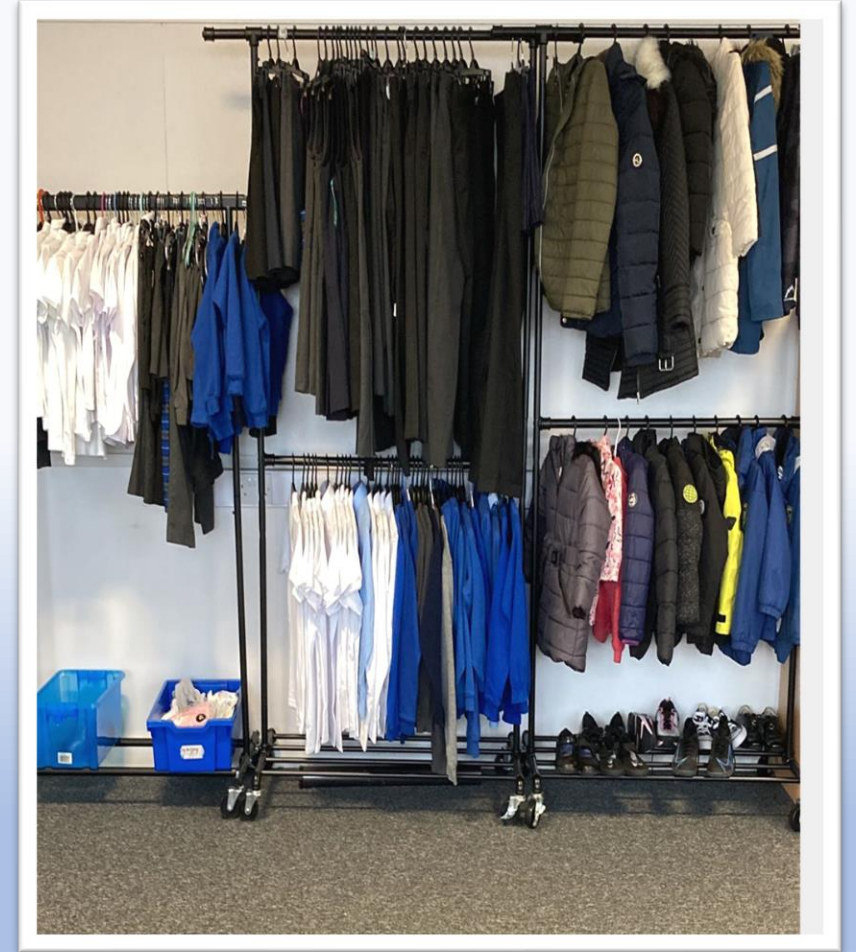
Bushcraft

**and so much
more!**

School Uniform Requests

We have plenty of school uniform items available.

If you would like to request items, please contact the office and we will send them home with your child.





Important Reminders

Please remember:

- Our car park is for use of staff members only, unless otherwise authorised.
- Dogs are not allowed in the playground during the school day and at drop off and pick up times.
- Parents should only enter the school through the reception door.
- School uniform should be labelled with your child's name.
- We are a NUT FREE school. No products containing nuts are permitted for snack or packed lunches.
- We are a cash free school. If you need to register for Ipayimpact, please contact the school.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 11 th September	Meet the Teacher 2.30pm
Thursday 12 th September	Rag Bag Collection
Tuesday 17 th and Wednesday 18 th September	School Photos
Thursday 19 th September	Fundraising Event
Friday 20 th and Monday 23 rd September	School closed
Thursday 26 th September	9am Coffee and Chat - Parents/Leadership Team
Friday 11 th October	School Closes for October Break
Monday 21 st October	In-Service Day
Tuesday 22 nd October	Schools Reopen to Pupils
Thursday 24 th October	Family Movie Night

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PRESS STATEMENT & SOCIAL MEDIA

Airshow STEM Week – Free STEM family drop-in sessions at Prestwick Airport

As the 2024 International Ayr Show – Festival of Flight fast approaches we're getting ready to kick things off with STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)!

Around 800 S2 pupils from South Ayrshire schools are being given the chance to take part in a week-long programme of activities at Prestwick Airport focussing on STEM between Monday 2 and Friday 5 September.

On top of this, we're also offering families the opportunity to come along to one of our free STEM drop-in sessions on Wednesday 4 September. Here they will be able to experience what the school pupils enjoyed during the week.

These sessions will feature many aerospace companies, delivering a range of activities. They include an aerospace quiz to find out how much you know about the aerospace industry and where you may be amazed by some of the answers!

There will be drone and flight simulator challenges, aircraft hydraulic and wiring challenges, along with other engineering and code challenges. You will also be able to experience some of the amazing technology in virtual reality and meet with aerospace company experts themselves to find out what they do and what job opportunities are possible at Prestwick and beyond.

Two sessions will run in the airport's Aviator Suite. The first from 6pm – 7pm and the second from 7pm – 8pm.

Thanks to the generosity of Prestwick Airport, parking for these sessions will also be free. All you need to do is bring your parking ticket into the event and staff will authorise it.

Places on the sessions are limited so book now at <https://buff.ly/4dGPA1W>

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

It's important that children and young people have access to information about mental health and wellbeing, and services that can help them when they need it.

South Ayrshire Council has a dedicated website with links to all the support services available in South Ayrshire.

[South Ayrshire Community Mental Health Support](http://southayrshirecmhw.co.uk)
 [\(southayrshirecmhw.co.uk\)](http://southayrshirecmhw.co.uk)



Ayr United After School Club P2-P6

Ayr United Football Academy (AUFA) is running an after-school sports club at Dalmilling Primary School

Dalmilling Primary is on Tuesday and Thursday from 3.00 – 5.30pm! Children can play football, multi sports, take part in fun activities as well as receiving a healthy snack (fruit) and a children's cereal bar. Please ensure your child brings a refillable water bottle or their own drink/water for the session.

This year we are looking for all participants to sign up through our ClassForKids system; please see details below:

<https://ayr-united-football-academy.classforkids.io/info/328>

If your child has attended previously and is on ClassForKids email your child's name, date of birth and school to john.sargent@aufa.org.uk and we will add the child to the register.





Does your family need a **computer?**

Currys are working with the Digital Poverty Alliance to get free technology to those who need it.



If you live in one of these areas and your family doesn't have access to a computer, you can apply through us to have us send you one - not as a loan or rental, it's for your family, for good.



- Staffordshire (Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire Moorlands, Stafford, East Staffordshire, Newcastle under Lyme, Lichfield, South Staffordshire, Cannock Chase local authorities), England.
- West Cumbria (Cumberland local authority), England.
- Ayrshire (North Ayrshire, East Ayrshire, South Ayrshire local authorities), Scotland.
- Norfolk Coast (Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, North Norfolk, Great Yarmouth local authorities), England.
- Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend, Wales
- Lincolnshire Coast (North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire, East Lindsey, Boston and South Holland local authorities), England.
- Northern Ireland.

Next Steps

If you're the parent/care giver of a child (4-16) who doesn't have access to a suitable device and you live in one of the above areas you can:

Go to digitalpovertyalliance.org/tech4families/

Visit a local Currys store or, text 0784445476 to receive a form by post.

Scan me:



*Please note: while we want to help every family that applies, we know we won't be able to support every request. Even if your family is eligible, it doesn't guarantee we'll be able to provide a computer in every instance.

The Digital Poverty Alliance is an initiative of the Learning Foundation, Registered Charity in England and Wales: 1086306, Registered Company in England and Wales: 2678344.

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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.

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.



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