

Dalmilling Primary School Family Update October/November



Our Vision:

Inspire, Engage and Succeed
Together

Our Core Value:

We Care



A Note from Mrs Thomson

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good October holiday. As the school year progresses, we are excited to share updates and highlights about what has been happening at Dalmilling along with any general updates, upcoming events and tips to support your child's learning and well-being.



It's with mixed emotions that I announce some staffing news. Mrs McTaggart will be leaving us at the end of November to embark on a new role as Depute Head Teacher at Ayr Grammar Primary. Mrs McTaggart has been a valued member of the Dalmilling team for 12 years. Throughout her journey with us, she has made an immeasurable impact with her dedication, building strong relationships with our children and families, and always going above and beyond in her work. While we are truly saddened to see her go, we know that Ayr Grammar Primary is incredibly fortunate to gain her talents. We'll miss her, but we wish her all the best as she steps into this exciting new chapter. In the coming weeks, we'll be planning a special celebration to show our appreciation for her hard work and commitment at Dalmilling. Please join us in wishing her every success in her new role. We know that Mrs McTaggart has worked closely with many of you, and I would like to reassure you that you will continue to be supported.

Jane, our Lollipop lady, will be retiring at the end of October. I would like to say a huge thank you to Jane for the role she has played in keeping our children safe when crossing the road and her hard work and commitment to the Dalmilling community. Jane is currently absent from work but will be visiting us at some point for a special assembly to allow us to show our gratitude to her for her years of service.

As always, if you would like to discuss anything, please get in touch. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Thomson





Literacy

- Raise attainment in Reading, Writing and Talking for Listening.
- Robust assessment and moderation processes in place.
 Increased engagement with parents.
- > Increased frequency of writing activity throughout the school.
- > Approaches to teaching reading further developed across
 the school
 - > Improved engagement in reading for pleasure.
- Create a communication friendly environment consistently throughout the school.
- Implement and measure the impact of interventions for pupils with additional support needs.
 - Continue to develop Adaptive Learning and Teaching approaches.
 - All pupils are supported in the preparation for transition across key stages and year groups.



Improvement Plan

OUR VISION



We Care

At Dalmilling we strive to be:

Ready Respectful Safe





Numeracy

- > Raise attainment in Numeracy and Maths.
- Robust assessment and moderation processes in place.
- Further develop and enhance the pedagogical knowledge and professional skills of staff.
- Embed Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract approaches to numeracy lessons.
- Implement and measure impact of interventions for pupils with additional support needs.
 - Increased engagement with parents.
- Develop mental calculation strategies and problem solving skills linked to real life contexts.
- All pupils are supported in the preparation for transition across key stages and year groups.



Health & Wellbeing

- > Embed Children's rights through Rights Respecting Schools.
- Implement and measure the impact of interventions across the school.
- > Empower and inspire children to think about and share their views resulting in positive change.
 - Staff will develop an awareness and understanding of The Promise.
 - Develop the health and wellbeing curriculum.
 Further develop nurturing approaches.
 - Increased engagement with parents.
 - Communication friendly environments will be consistent throughout the school.
 - Promote positive attendance.
 - All pupils are supported in the preparation for transition across key stages and year groups.

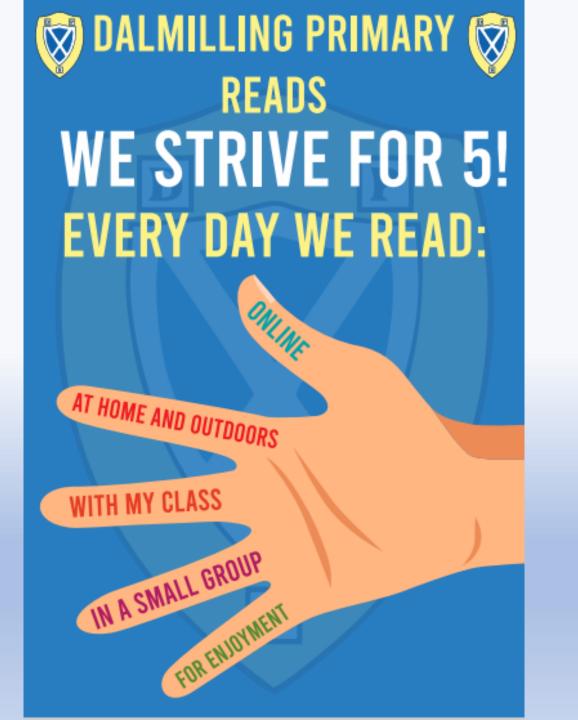






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PARENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

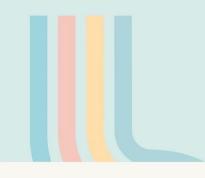
WELCOME

The parent council at Dalmilling
Primary have decided to put a
monthly newsletter together to
allow us to give everyone an
update of any upcoming
fundraising activities as well as
provide updates on any
fundraising which has taken place
in the last month and to let you all
know where the fundraising has
been spent or is intended to be
spent on.

The new school year seen the parent council come together with members taking on their new roles as well as the introduction of new members. We are always looking for new members and if any parent or guardian would like to join us then please join us at our meetings which take place within the school on the first Wednesday of the month. These meetings are used to plan key areas of fundraising and to generate ideas on how the fundraising can benefit all the pupils and the school. We want to make this a year to remember for all pupils.



30/10/24 ~ HALLOWEEN DISCO P1-3 ~ 4.30-6.15 P4-7 ~ 6.30-8.15



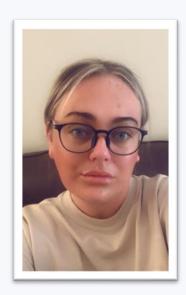
September Update

The whole school took part in a competition to design a Halloween poster for the upcoming disco.

Vinnie Kelly and Cole McConnell were the lucky winners and their posters are now on display throughout the school.

Halloween disco tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from the office, Caitlin Lawrie or Laura Scott.

Caitlin, our chairperson, has recently met with house captains from Primary 7 who have expressed their wishes to work alongside the parent council to generate ways of fundraising which can contribute to improving the school playgrounds and the equipment within each playground. We are keen to help and information on upcoming fundraising events to support this will be announced in due course.



Parent Council Chair: Caitlin Lawrie



Dalmilling Primary Parent Council

1 mutual friend

Dalmilling primary School Parent Council. Working together with Staff, Parents & pupils.





Every Learner Evey Day!



At Dalmilling Primary, we want to see every learner every day.

We have now started a Walking Bus to school. If you would like your child to be included in the bus route, please let us know.

#EveryLearnerEveryDay #SouthAyrshireCouncil

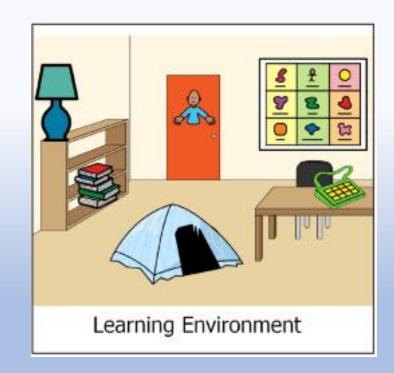




South Ayrshire Communication Friendly Environments

 We are delighted to share that we were recently awarded our South Ayrshire Communication Friendly Environment badge – and are only the second school in South Ayrshire to achieve this.

 Our hard work into creating calm, nurturing and inclusive classrooms was recognised by the team who visited us. They commented on how welcomed they felt by pupils and staff.



Halloween!

On Thursday 31st October our P7 children will be having a Halloween Fayre, where they will have the opportunity to take part in Halloween games and activities. Class teachers have also planned some Halloween themed activities.

Children should wear school uniform for the day of Halloween.



Children in Need

On Friday 15th November we will be supporting Children in Need.

Pupils are invited to dress down or dress with a Children in Need theme and bring a donation. We will have a special assembly and activities in classes for Children in Need.

Remembrance

Our Primary 7 pupils will be going round the school over the coming week with poppies for The Scottish Poppy Appeal, who provide support for current and former members of the Armed Forces as well as their families. This support is in recognition of their sacrifices and service. A small donation would be appreciated.









Scottish Book Week – 18th November

To celebrate Scottish Book Week, we will be hosting an event for P1-P3 where P1 will receive a Book Bug bag and P2 and P3 will receive their Read, Write, Count bags. The event will be a short overview of the resources within the bag and an opportunity for you to explore them further with your child.



The dates for this event are:

P1 18th November at 2.15pm

P2 19th November at 2.15pm

P3 20th November at 2.15pm





DALMILLING PRIMARY





For parents/carers of pupils with a neurodiverse diagnosis and those awaiting assessment.

NEST - EMPOWERING AYRSHIRE'S NEURODIVERSE COMMUNITIES

Invited guest Claire Flannigan from NEST will be joining us for a chat and coffee about what NEST can offer

Fri 1st Nov 10am

Thu 21st Nov

10am

SPOTTY ZEBRAS - A GROUP WITH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Ciara MacDonald from Spotty Zebras will be joining us to let us know what is available and how to access their service

COPING WITH CHRISTMAS

Join us for chat and coffee around this subject and others.

Thu 28th Nov 10am



MORE INFO:

MISS MCFARLANE, DALMILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Dally Colour Run



It was fantastic to see the return of our annual fundraiser with a difference. We have raised an amazing £2162.65!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated, supported and donated money.



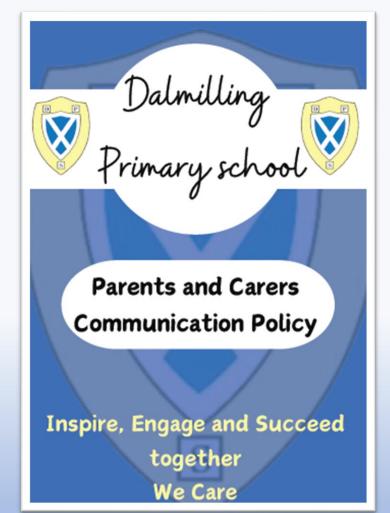
Coffee and Chat

We have had a further 2 Coffee and Chat meetings with our parents. We have had a good turnout so far and we would encourage you to come along and join us for a coffee.

This month we discussed:

- Feedback on Homework and Class Newsletters
- Improving Communication
- Parent Questionnaires Feedback





Family Movie Night

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our family movie night on Thursday night. We had nearly 100 people who attended!





Thank you to the Parent Council who organised the snack bar and tea and coffee.

The next movie night will be Thursday 19th December at 6pm.





Highlights



Primary 7 are working alongside Thriving Communities and the Gaiety on a Pantomime Project developing their performance and communication skills.



other schools.

Our handball club recently attended

success playing competitively with

an event where they had huge

Our athletics club recently attended an athletics day where they were able to participate in a range of athletics events.

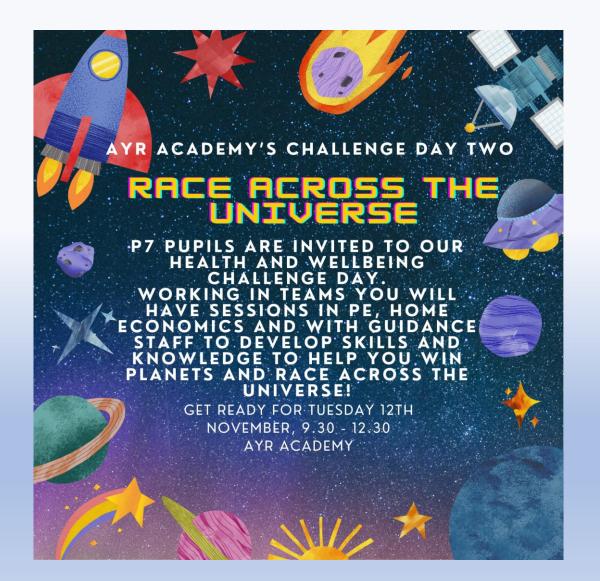


Primary 7 enjoyed their first challenge day where they participated in a range of activities. These visits across the year support the transition to Ayr Academy.



P4-7s participated in the National Poetry
Day Guinness World Record Attempt to
beat the record for the Largest Poetry
Lesson — this might be worthy of the
newsletter! We're still to hear whether
we broke the record or not, but the poem
that we co-created with Laura Mucha can
be found here: What Do You Think
Counts? - The Children's Poetry Archive

P7 Links with Ayr Academy



Ayr Academy **Transition Newsletter**

October 2024

Issue 2

Welcome to issue two of Ayr Academy's Transition Newsletter. Challenge Day One on the 8th October was a great success! Primary pupils took part in activities across our Creative and Expressive Arts departments and had a brilliant day. In a survey pupils reported that they enjoyed their learning and scored the day as 8.4 out of 10. Music Technology introduced pupils to Audacity, skills that primary staff are already planning to utilise for assemblies. Music taught ukulele, Art sessions taught our values at Ayr Academy through line drawing. In drama young people enthusiastically participated in acting based workshops- despite what it looks like, no one was injured during the day! **DHT Transitions** We are looking forward to seeing Primary 7 pupils again in November for Challenge Day Two!

Learners with Additional Support Needs

Primary schools share staged intervention information with Ayr Academy prior to young people joining us in August. The transition meetings for young people with ASN have already begun and Ms Dunstall attends these meetings at primary schools. We use staged intervention information to make sure staff at Ayr Academy are aware of individual pupil needs. Ayr Academy Pupil Support staff work with departments across the school to ensure young people receive relevant interventions including support for dyslexic learners and LIAM (Let's Introduce Anxiety Management). We have a number of resources to assist our young people with ASN including our Pupil Support Base and Communication Class to support learners with neuro divergent needs. Enhanced Transition is available for young people who require additional time/provisions to support their transition into Ayr Academy. These sessions began for some pupils prior to Challenge Day One. Primary staff will liaise with families where young people require Enhanced Transition. This programme varies upon individual needs. Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any queries about your child's transition.

Claire.Dunstall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Creative & Expressive Arts Challenge Day 1







Ms Dunstall











UPDATE! Challenge Day Two is changing date to 12th November to allow all P7's from our cluster primaries to attend.

For Challenge Day Two you will be invited to 'Race Across the Universe' for our Health and Wellbeing sessions in PE, PSE and Home Economics. Keep your eyes peeled for the invitation containing further information...



'WE ARE AYR'



P6,P7,S1 & S2 FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVENT

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2024 5:00PM - 7:30PM

> Hot Drinks and food

Information Stalls

Wellbeing activities

Games

Curricular Departments

Karaoke

Photobooth

School Lunch Samples

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Supporting Your Child at Home - Reading

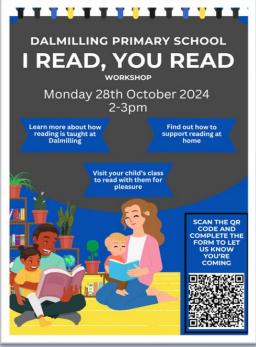
Thank you to everyone who came to our "I Read, You Read" event. Miss Campbell talked to parents and carers about our approaches to teaching reading. All parents have been sent an information pack giving information about these approaches.

Here are a few tips to help you with your child's learning at home:

- Create a Homework Routine: Set aside a quiet, distraction-free time and space for your child to complete their homework. Consistency helps build good habits.
- Encourage Reading Every Day: Whether it's a book, a magazine, or even a comic strip, reading daily improves literacy skills and comprehension. Take turns reading aloud or ask your child to summarise what they've read.
- Talk About Their Day: Show interest in your child's school day by asking specific questions like, "What was your favourite part of today?"











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<u>Important Reminders</u>

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.



Our After School Clubs

Day	Club
Monday	P2-P3 Dance Club Thriving Communities Parent and Child
Tuesday	Ayr United Club
Wednesday	Ayr Seaforth Running Club Football training
Thursday	Ayr United Club P6/7 Basketball Club
Friday	P4-P7 Dance Club

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 28 th October	I Read, You Read Workshop
Wednesday 30 th October	Halloween Discos (PM)
Thursday 31st October	Halloween Spooktacular Event
Wednesday 6 th November	Parent Council Meeting 2pm
Thursday 7 th November	Outdoor Learning Day
Friday 8 th November	P7M Parents Remembrance Assembly 2pm
Monday 11 th November	Anti-bullying week
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Monday 18 th November	P1 Book Bug Workshop 2.15pm, Road Safety Week
Tuesday 19 th November	P2 Read, Write, Count Workshop 2.15pm
Wednesday 20 th November	P3 Read, Write, Count Workshop 2.15pm
Thursday 21st November	Parent Coffee and Chat 9am-10am Family Engagement Event Ayr Academy P6 and P7 5pm
Friday 22nd November	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 28 th November	Parents Evening and Winter Fair

School and Community **Notice Board**

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=ygUWc 291dGggYXlyc2hpcmUgY291bmNpbA%3D%3D

#EveryLearnerEveryDay #SouthAyrshireCouncil









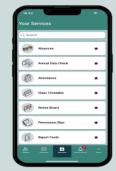


parentsportal.scot

Get the App!







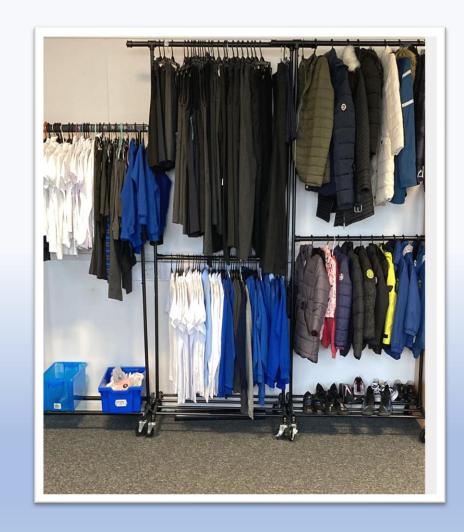


- 1. Log in to Parentsportal using 'my account'. If you already have a mygovscot 'my account' click the link to Sign In. If you don't have a mygovscot 'my account' click the link to register for this in the first instance, and then sign In.
- 2. Once registered you will be prompted to 'Link Your Child' 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.

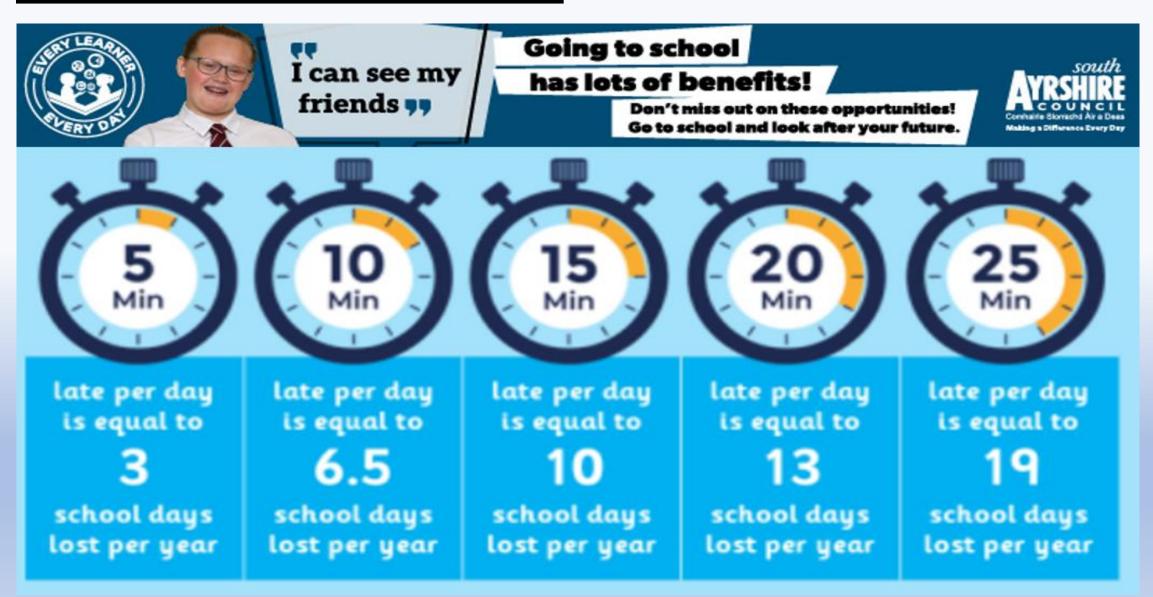
School Uniform Requests

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.



Please Be On Time!



Advice and Support for Families

Dalmilling Primary has the continued backing from South Ayrshire Council's Information and Advice Hub.





Laura and Nicola will provide a free, confidential, and impartial, information and advice service in welfare benefits, money/debt advice to families.

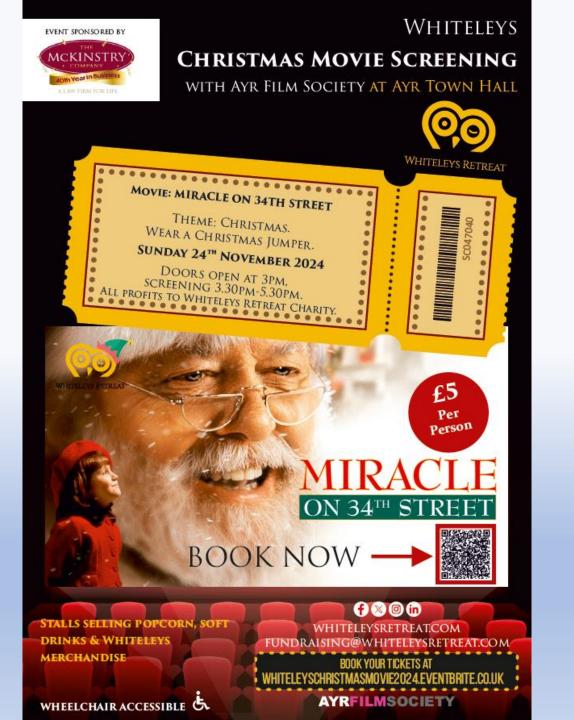
They will be able to support in areas such as:-

- 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
- Budgeting and money advice

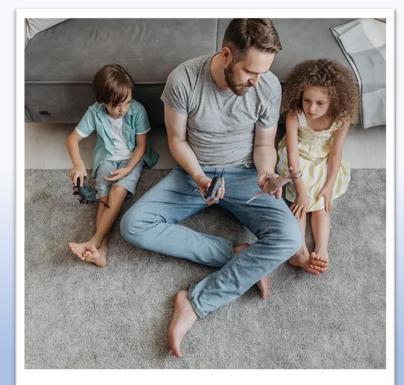
If you would like to speak with Laura or Nicola, they will be available from 2pm-4pm on Wednesday 23rd October, Wednesday 6th November, Wednesday 20th November, Wednesday 4th December and Wednesday 18th December.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend during these times you can contact the Hub 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 Community Team and Dalmilling Primary**) or by calling 0300 123 0900.









Supporting Your Autistic Child's Communication Development

Wed, 30 Oct | Ayr Rugby Club

If you would like to book on to this event please visit:

https://www.nest.scot/workshops

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 (southayrshirecmhw.co.uk)



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.

Funding opportunities

> **Dolphin** House

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

> **Family** residentials



1:1 tutoring

School

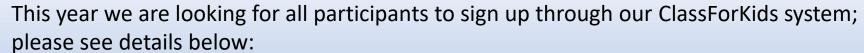
Bushcraft

Little Art and so much more!

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.



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.





Our Connexions Team offers a single point of access in South Ayrshire for young people looking for support with their own alcohol or drug use and whole family support for anyone affected by someone else's alcohol and drug use.

What do we offer?

A range of support and activities based on your needs and aspirations including:

- · Individual and group work activities and support.
- Social and fun family activities.
- Peer based support (from individuals who have had similar experiences).
- Interactive information and advice on drugs and alcohol, keeping yourself and friends safe and where to go for help.
- Support to access specialist services and wider community support.
- Support at a time, and in a place, suitable for you.
- Opportunities to help us develop our activities and support.

Is Connexions for me?

We can offer support for you if you are:

- · A family member affected by someone else's alcohol or drug use.
- · A child or young person affected by someone else's alcohol or drug use.
- A young person up to the age of 26yrs affected by your own alcohol or drug use.

How do I access support?

You can contact us directly via the email or telephone number below or ask your support worker to make the referral for you.



connexions@barnardos.org.uk



6 01292 773162

What happens next?

When we receive your referral one of our team will be in touch with you by phone to arrange a suitable time and place to meet to discuss the support you would like to offer and how we can work together.

The ConneXions Team is a collaborative model between















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
- Lincoinshire Coast (North Lincoinshire, North East Lincoinshire, East Lindsey, Boston and South Holland local authorities), England.
- · Northern Ireland.

Next Steps

If you're the parent/care giver of a child (4-15) 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 wan'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 Foverty Alliance is an initiative of the Learning Foundation, Registered Charity in England and Wales 188306, Registered Company in England and Wales 3078344.









Developmental Language Disorder

What is DLD?

- DLD stands for Developmental Language Disorder. Having DLD means that you have significant, ongoing difficulties understanding and/ or using spoken language.
- There is no known cause of DLD which can make it hard to explain. DLD is not caused by emotional difficulties or limited exposure to language.

Signs of DLD in children

- They may not talk as much and find it difficult to express themselves verbally.
- Their language may sound immature for their age.
- They may struggle to find words.
- They may not understand or remember what has been said.
- Older children may have difficulties with reading and writing.

For more information go to: www.nhsaaa.net
Other useful websites: www.radld.org www.naplic.org.uk

Working together to achieve the healthiest life possible for everyone in Ayrshire and Arran







<u>Ayrshire Cancer Support Children and Young People Service</u>

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.



Get wee people chatting



The helpline is available every Tuesday between 2pm and 4pm by calling 07833095374. A virtual drop-in appointment can be arranged for a Thursday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm by calling or texting 07833095374 to arrange an appointment.



@weepeoplechat



South Ayrshire Childrens Speech & Language Therapy



@ayrshireSLT





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











Be alert to the symptoms of measles.







