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Dalsarf Primary School

Newsletter – October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Equity – Participatory Budget

Thank you to everyone who voted. The most popular choice to spend 5% of our Pupil Equity Funding was to purchase playground and outdoor learning equipment for P1-3 and P4-7 play areas. We look forward to taking photographs of the new resources and watch the children enjoy playing with them.



	Option 1 Playground equipment	Option 2 Outdoor learning equipment	Option 3 Mix of playground and outdoor learning equipment for P1-3 and P4-7.
Pupils R1	3	2	12
Pupils R2	2	2	17
Pupils R3	1	1	19
Pupils R4	0	13	6
Staff	0	0	6
Parents	3	3	19
Total	9/102	21/102	79/102
%	8.8%	20.5%	77.4%

Hallowe'en Discos

Our Parent Council are organising two Hallowe'en discos on Thursday 26th October.

1. P1-3 6.00-7.00pm
2. P4-7 7.15-8.30pm



Tickets for our Hallowe'en discos will be on sale again on Wednesday 25th October if you would still like to buy one. Tickets cost £3.50 which will include entry and a snack, and drink. Thank you to 'Dead Glam' for sponsoring the DJ and to the local shop for providing the snacks and drinks.

A reminder, in the interests of health and safety, all children should be signed in/out of both discos. Please sign in outside the office, drop your child off in the gym hall and exit via the community door. When collecting your child, sign them out at the same place outside the office, collect them from the hall and make your way out through the community door. This will ensure a one way system to avoid congestion at the front door. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter as your child's safety is of paramount importance to us.

The Parent Council have requested children bring their own water bottles for the hydration station. Each child will receive points for their House.

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Pre-loved Uniforms

Thank you to some of our Parent Council members who recently came into school to help sort the pre-loved uniforms. We have a variety of items which are hanging on the rail inside the bubble at the front door, these are free to take. If you have any old, wearable school uniforms your child/children have outgrown, please hand them into the school office.



The Parent Council are also looking for any unused Hallowe'en costumes or accessories you may have. Please hand in to the office where they can be displayed in the bubble. Thank you for your support in helping to reduce the cost of the school day.

Parent Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to assist with the school's activities or are interested in running an afterschool club, please contact the office to complete the PVG paperwork.



Beat the Street

Beat the Street is back! All children were issued with a Clydesdale map and encouraged to download the app to create your own account and register their card to start a player profile. Then you are ready to start your journey by finding your nearest beat box (there is one located next to the school). Hover your card at the contactless Beat Box until it beeps and flashes. You can collect points and win extra points and prizes by visiting 2 Beat boxes within an hour. Thank you to Ainsley and Emilia, our JRSO's for promoting this fun and rewarding challenge! Beat the Street is running from 20th September to 1st November.



Parent Portal

Please sign up to Parent Portal if you haven't already done as this will help keep you up to date with your Child's school journey and will help reduce our carbon footprint going paperless.



The Parents Portal allows you to have direct communication with the school, to view your child's attendance, view your child's report cards, update your child's details, and give online permission for excursions/after school clubs. These are just a few good reasons to download the app.

If you experience any problems gaining access to the new app or link your child to your account, please contact the school office on 01698 882680. Thank you.

Showcases

Our class showcases will be on the following dates this session:

- Room 4 – Wednesday 22nd November at 2pm
- Room 2 – Tuesday 28th November at 2pm
- Room 1- Friday 8th March at 2pm
- Room 3 – Wednesday 6th March at 2pm – Amended date.



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Christmas Fayre

We are planning to have a Christmas Fayre in the school on Thursday 30th November, 4.30-6.30pm with stalls selling a variety of goods, a raffle, teas and coffee, a visit to Santa and class Christmas crafts which the children will be selling as part of their learning in Enterprise. Stalls can be hired for £15 and tickets will go on sale on Monday 6th November for £3 which includes entry, tea/coffee and festive treat.



Vision and Values

As previously intimated in our August newsletter we have been reviewing our Vision, Values, aims and motto.

Pupils

Vision, Values and Aims Review What do you think?	Yes	No
1. Do you know what the schools' vision is?	16 = 24%	65 – 80%
2. Do you know what the schools' values are?	66 81%	15 18%
3. Do you know what the schools' aims are?	0 0%	81 100%
4. What is the school, Motto?	70 86%	11 14%

Staff

Vision, Values and Aims Review What do you think?	Yes	No
1. Do you know what the schools' vision is?	9 100%	0 0%
2. Do you know what the schools' values are?	9 100%	0 0%
3. Do you know what the schools' aims are?	9 100%	0 0%
4. What is the school Motto?	9 100%	0 0%

Parents

Vision, Values and Aims Review What do you think?	Yes	No
1. Is our vision ambitious and does it focus on improvements?	13 100%	0 0%
2. Do you think the School values are still relevant?	13 100%	0 0%
3. Are school aims ambitious and do they focus on improvements?	13 100%	0 0%
4. Do you think the school Motto needs improved?	0 100%	13 100%

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Outcome of Review

Vision – Too tricky to remember. Our new vision is

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Values – Pupils voted to drop 'Honesty' as this is something we should always do.

Pupils voted for '**determination**' to replace honesty.

Aims – Considered relevant so unchanged.

Motto - Considered relevant so unchanged.

Thank you to everyone who replied to our survey, your support is very much appreciated.



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Next week we will be welcoming 'Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education' into our school and we look forward to sharing our learning journey with them. Having spoken to the lead inspector, I also know he is looking forward to meeting and working with your children.

Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner.

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Head Teacher

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Dates for Your Diary



October 2023

- ❖ Monday 23rd – Breakfast Club re-opens at 8.15am
- ❖ Monday 23rd – School re-opens at 9.00am
- ❖ Wednesday 25th – P6 Swimming L9, 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 26th – Hallowe'en Discos. P1-3 at 6-7pm, P4-7 at 7.15pm-8.30pm
- ❖ Monday 30th – HMle visit

November 2023

- ❖ Wednesday 1st – P6 Swimming L10, 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 8th – P6 Swimming L11, 1pm
- ❖ Friday 10th – Flu Immunisations P1-7
- ❖ Monday 13th – In-Service Day 3 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Wednesday 15th – P6 Swimming L12, 1pm (Last week of swimming)
- ❖ Wednesday 22nd – P6/7 Showcase,
- ❖ Tuesday 28th – P3/4 Showcase,
- ❖ Thursday 30th – Christmas Fayre, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

December 2023

- ❖ Thursday 14th – Nativity (afternoon) at 1.30pm
- ❖ Friday 15th – Nativity (morning) at 9.45am
- ❖ Tuesday 19th – P1/2/3 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 20th – P4/5 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 21st P6/7 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Friday 22nd – Close at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays

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