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Dalserf Primary School

Newsletter – January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

P7 Residential Visit Inverclyde

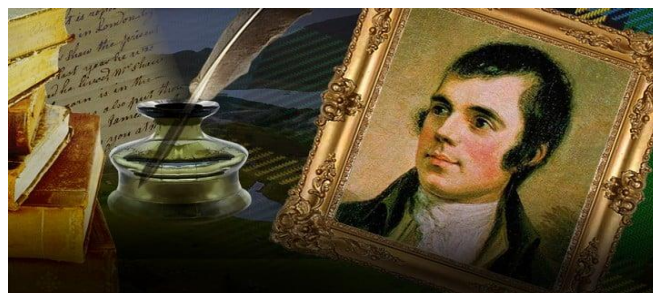
We had a fantastic time playing rugby, lacrosse, handball and team building and inclusion games as well as taking part in health and fitness, scaling the climbing wall, archery and den building. At night we took part in a murder mystery evening and movie and ice-cream to wind down. We had the opportunity to spend two hours in the gymnastics arena trying out the facilities such as rings, trampoline, bars and springboard used by the British Olympic Team. It was such a great experience but we were glad to get home for a nap!



A big thank you to Mrs Middleton and Mrs Taylor for accompanying the children on their visit.

A Scottish Celebration

Our classes have been learning about Robert Burns at assemblies and as part of their Interdisciplinary topic on Scotland and Scots language since returning to school this term. On Friday 31st January the whole school came together for 'A Scottish Celebration' to commemorate the life of our famous poet by singing songs and children who wished to recite poems in Scots.



There was a hearty start from Room 1 with 'Ye Cannae shove yer Granny aff a bus' followed by '3 Crows' from Room 2 and Harrison's recital of 'Mince and Tatties'. Room 3 then took to the floor with Annabel, Ella and Harris giving a fabulous account of 'The Auld broon troot' and humorous song, 'Johnny's Lost his Jaurie' which had us all in suspense and stitches until the end. Last but by no means least Room 4 entertained us with a variety of old and new poems beginning with Harris and Jack's recital of 'Fireworks aff the Castle', Lucy with 'A dug a dug', Hollie and 'The boy in the train' and Emilia reciting 'When Granda got the Internet.' The celebration was then brought to a close by everyone joining together to sing 'Auld Lang Syne'.

Well done to all the children who learned a Scottish poem and song. You did a grand job! Some photographs of the assembly will be uploaded to the news tab of the school app next week.

Primary 1 Enrolment

Registration for children beginning school in August 2025 has taken place this month. If you are aware of anyone who has yet to register, please ask them to contact the school office on 01698 882680.



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After School Clubs

We have a variety of afterschool clubs running or beginning this term. Please see below:

Tuesdays – Room 1 (P1/2) Multi-Sports (Keith, Active Schools Co-ordinator).
Room 2 (P3/4) to follow after Room 1 block. Dates TBC.

Up and coming Clubs. More information to follow

- P6/7 Coding (Miss Kelly)
- P6/7 Dance (Mrs Middleton)
- P4/5 Knitting (Mrs Taylor)
- P4/5 STEM (Mrs Speirs)
- P1-3 Reading (Miss Tariq)



Music Tuition

The Youth Music Initiative with Mr Steven Johnstone has re-started on Wednesdays for P4. In P6/7, Mr Stephen Burns' snare drum tuition continues on Thursdays, as well as the chanter group with Mr Hamish Drennan.



Showcases

Showcases for your child's class are listed below. Please enter the school gates and go to your child's outside classroom door where you will be invited in when the children are ready.

Room 3 – Thursday 27th February at 2.00-2.45pm.
Room 4 - Wednesday 5th March at 2.00 -2.45pm
Room 1 - Wednesday 12th March at 2.00 -2.45pm
Room 2 - Thursday 3rd April at 2.00 -2.45pm



Dress Down Days

Please see below for a reminder of dress down days for this session.

- ❖ 14th February- Holiday (Casual/ No charge)
- ❖ 6th March- World Book Day (Optional up/down/ No charge)
- ❖ 14th March– Red Nose Day (Crazy hair day /Donation for charity)
- ❖ 4th April- Holiday (Casual/ No charge)
- ❖ 22nd May- Teddy Bears Picnic/Sunflower Walk. (Casual/ Donation for charity)
- ❖ 25th June- Last day of term/Holiday. (Casual/ No charge)



Monthly Mantra, Right and Wellbeing Indicator of the Month

At assembly we have been discussing the importance of the 'Mantra of the Month' for January which is 'Feedback is a gift – accept it' as well as how to keep 'Active' for our Wellbeing Indicator. Our UNCRC Right of the month is 17, 'I have the right to get information in lots of ways, so long as it's safe' also generated lots of examples and how to keep safe.



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Attendance

As you are aware, children's attendance is monitored across the school. You can now check your child's attendance on the Parents Portal platform. Please see information below which highlights the importance of attending school. If your child has a high number of absences, we will contact you to inform you as your child will be at risk of under achievement.

Above 95%	95% or less	90% or less	85% or less	80% or less
Well done!	Slight Concern	Concerning	Risk of Under achievement	Severe risk of Under achievement
High attendance leads to improved and high achievement which means greater success!	The same as 9 school days missed. (Nearly 2 weeks)	The same as 19 school days missed. (Almost 4 weeks)	The same as 27 school days missed. (Just less than 6 weeks)	The same as 36 school days missed. (Just less than 8 weeks)

If your child is going to be absent from school, please telephone the office on 01698 882680 to speak to our Team Leader, Mrs Douglas in the first instance. Alternatively, leave a message on the answering machine or email the office on office@dalsersf-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk and your information will be recorded or concern/request will be passed on to the appropriate staff member.

As you can appreciate the office receives a high volume of messages via email, voicemail, or telephone before 9am and 3pm so please be patient and we will endeavour to respond as soon as we can.

For your information, we have a new telephone answering system in place:

1. Press 1 to report a child's absence.
2. Press 2 to speak to someone in the school office.

Please note as we have reduced support staff on Thursdays and Fridays so staff may be supervising in the canteen or playground. If the telephone line is unobtainable, please leave a message on the answering machine and someone will return your call. This will also be the case from time to time throughout the day when staff are attending children who require medical assistance or assisting elsewhere in the school. Thank you in advance for your patience with this matter.

Parent Consultations

Our Parent/Teacher Consultations will take place in the school Gym Hall as normal on Thursday 20th March. Bookings will be made on the Parent Portal as previously for our October Parent Consultations. A reminder of the booking procedure will be shared when appointments go live in March. The scholastics book fayre will also be available during this week for those who wish to purchase a new novel or picture book for their child to encourage reading for pleasure at home.



Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner

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Head Teacher

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Dates for Your Diary

January 2025

- ❖ Monday 6th – Happy New Year welcome back! Breakfast club at 8.15am.
- ❖ Monday 27th – P7 Residential visit to Sport Scotland, Inverclyde Day 1
- ❖ Tuesday 28th – P7 Residential visit to Sport Scotland, Inverclyde Day 2
- ❖ Tuesday 28th - Room 1 Afterschool Multi-sports session 1
- ❖ Wednesday 29th – P7 Residential visit to Sport Scotland, Inverclyde Day 3

February 2025

- ❖ Tuesday 4th - Room 1 Afterschool Multi-sports session 2
- ❖ Tuesday 11th - Room 1 Afterschool Multi-sports session 3
- ❖ Wednesday 12th – P7 Netball 3
- ❖ Friday 14th – Dress Down Day (DDD-No charge)
- ❖ Monday 17th – February Holiday
- ❖ Tuesday 18th - February Holiday
- ❖ Wednesday 19th – In-Service Day (Staff only, children do not attend)
- ❖ Tuesday 25th - Room 1 Afterschool Multi-sports session 4
- ❖ Thursday 27th – R3 Showcase 2.00-2.45pm

March 2025

- ❖ Wednesday 5th – R4 Showcase 2.00-2.45pm
- ❖ Thursday 6th – World Book Day, Optional Dress up/ Down Day
- ❖ Tuesday 11th – P6/7 Football Festival 4
- ❖ Wednesday 12th – R1 Showcase 2.00-2.45pm
- ❖ Friday 14th – Red Nose/Crazy Hair Day DDD for charity.
- ❖ Thursday 20th – Parents ' Evening 3.15-7.00pm/ Scholastic Book Fayre

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April 2025

- ❖ Thursday 3rd – R2 Showcase 2.00-2.45pm.
- ❖ Friday 4th – Dress Down Day. School closes at 2.30pm for Easter Holidays.
- ❖ Monday 21st –School closed – Easter Monday Holiday.
- ❖ Tuesday 22nd – Welcome back! School re-opens. Breakfast club at 8.15am
- ❖ Tuesday 29th - P6/7 Football Festival 5

May 2025

- ❖ Thursday 1st – In-Service Day 5 (Staff only, children do not attend)
- ❖ Monday 5th – May Day Holiday
- ❖ Wednesday 7th – Hamilton Dance Festival. Arrangements TBC.
- ❖ Tuesday 13th – P1 Induction Day 1 at 9.30am
- ❖ Tuesday 20th – P1 Induction Day 2 at 9.30am. 11.00am Parents lunch.
- ❖ Thursday 22nd – DDD. Room 1 Teddy Bears Picnic/ R2, R3 & R4 Sunflower Walk
- ❖ Friday 23rd – May weekend Holiday
- ❖ Monday 26th – May weekend Holiday
- ❖ Wednesday 28th – P7 Larkhall Academy Transition Day 1 Visit
- ❖ Thursday 29th – P7 Larkhall Academy Transition Day 2 Visit
- ❖ Thursday 29th – P7 Larkhall Academy Information Evening at 6.00-7.00pm

June 2025

- ❖ Wednesday 4th – Sports Day 9.30am
- ❖ Wednesday 11th – P7's Leaver's and Summer Celebration
- ❖ Friday 13th – Dalserf's Got Talent
- ❖ Wednesday 18th – P7 Leavers Treat
- ❖ Wednesday 25th - Dress Down Day (no charge)

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- ❖ Wednesday 25th – All parent/carers welcome to wish our leavers all the best as Primary 7 leave school for the last time. Good Luck!
- ❖ Wednesday 25th – Schools closes at 1pm for Summer Holidays

August 2025

- ❖ Tuesday 12th – In-Service Day 1 (Staff only, children do not attend)
- ❖ Wednesday 13th - In-Service Day 2 (Staff only, children do not attend)
- ❖ Thursday 14th – Pupils return to school. Breakfast club at 8.15am