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Dalserf Primary School

Newsletter – January/February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing

Miss Rachel Welsh is currently covering P3/4 (Room 2) for Mrs Murray's maternity leave and Miss Rachel Black is covering Mrs Gayle Cunningham's class commitments until her return.



Parent Council

The Parent Council organised Valentine's discos on Thursday 15th February for P1-3 and P4-7. The children, parents and staff had a fabulous time!



Our next Parent Council meeting will be in the staffroom on Wednesday 6th March.

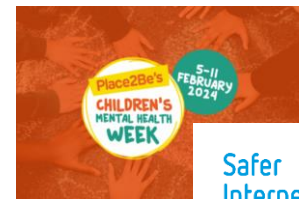
New Football Kits

A huge thank you to Strachan's Butchers who sponsored our new football kits and to Claire Park from our Parent Council for ordering and organising the delivery of them. The football team looked fabulous at their recent football festival event.



Children's Mental Health Week and Internet Safety Week

Thank you to Mrs Speirs and Mrs Barber for promoting these important areas across the school and during assembly. I have enjoyed looking at all the photographs and hearing from the children what they have been learning about.



Safer Internet Day 2024 Tuesday 6 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

After School Clubs

We have a variety of afterschool clubs running this term and next. Please see below for more detail:

Tuesdays – P5/6/7 Dance Club (Mrs Middleton)

Wednesdays – Room 2 Multi-Sports (Keith, Active Schools Co-ordinator – after Easter)

Thursdays – Room 3 - Hockey (Mrs Speirs and Miss Welsh)

Fridays – Room 4 – Football (Keith, Active Schools Co-ordinator)



Music Tuition

The Youth Music Initiative with Mr Steven Johnstone has re-started on Wednesdays for P4/5. In P6/7, Mr Stephen Burns' snare drum tuition continues on Wednesdays, as well as the chanter group with Miss Hazel Whyte.



Showcases

A reminder we have two class showcases this month. 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 – Wednesday 6th March at 2pm.

Room 1- Friday 8th March at 2pm



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Dress Down Days

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

- ❖ 9th February- Holiday (Casual/ Donation for school funds)
- ❖ 7th March- World Book Day (Optional up/down/ No charge)
- ❖ 15th March– Red Nose Day (Crazy hair day /Donation for charity)
- ❖ 29th March- Holiday (Casual/Donation for school funds)

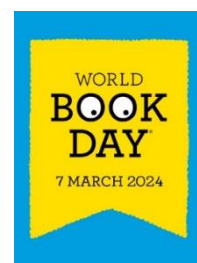


Playground

At the beginning of Term 2 we started a trial of all the classes having a day in the Muga at break and lunch times. This is working well so we are continuing this rota moving forward. Those children not in the Muga have the opportunity to play in different parts of the playground and we have cordoned off a space for children to scooter but please remember to bring a helmet too!

World Book Day

World Book Day this year will fall on Thursday 7th March. Children have the option to dress up or dress down and can choose to come to school in casual clothes or dressed as a character from a book. Your child will be given a £1 book token which can be used at a variety of shops to buy special World Book Day books which cost £1 or towards the cost of another book. More details can be found on the voucher or on the World Book Day website.



South Lanarkshire Council have also organised a Themed Day Menu inspired by some of our favourite books and authors to coincide with celebrating the day. Please see choices below:

Blue meal – Charlotte and Wilbur's chicken goujons with chips

(Charlotte's web – E.B White)

Red meal – George's Marvellous Creamy Tomato Pasta

(George's Marvellous Medicine – Roald Dahl)

Green meal – The Hobbit's Ham roll

(The Hobbit - J.R.R Tolkien)

All served with the Lion and Witches selection of vegetables

(The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S Lewis)

Dessert – Zog's Chocolate Tiffin

(Zog – Julia Donaldson)

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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, Miss Graham in the first instance. Alternatively, leave a message on the answering machine or email the office on office@dalserf-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.

Please note as we have limited staff on Thursdays and Fridays, please leave a message on the answering machine. This will also be the case from time to time throughout the day when the Team Leader is attending children who require medical assistance. Thank you in advance for your patience with this matter.

Pre-loved Uniforms

If you have any old, wearable school uniforms your child/children have outgrown, please hand them into the school office. We have a selection of sizes on the uniform rail inside the bubble at the office as well as some footwear. Please come in, have a browse, and help yourself to anything which is of use to you. Thank you for your support in helping to reduce the cost of the school day.



Parent Consultations

Our Parent/Teacher Consultations will take place in the school Gym Hall on Thursday 14th March. Bookings this year will be made on the Parent Portal so please sign up for this if you have not already done so. More information to follow.



Parent Volunteers

Please contact Miss Graham in the office to complete the appropriate PVG paperwork if you would like to volunteer to assist with the school's activities or are interested in running an afterschool club. You will need three proofs of identification: Passport/Driver's license, utility bill and birth certificate. Can you also let us know when you are available and what you are interested in helping with. Eg school trips, residential visits, helping in school, running a lunch time or after school club, etc.

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Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner

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Head Teacher

Dates for Your Diary

January 2024

- ❖ Monday 8th – Welcome back! School re-opens. Breakfast club at 8.15am.
- ❖ Tuesday 16th – Judo Taster sessions, all classes
- ❖ Thursday 18th - Room 1 Afterschool Multi-sports session 1

February 2024

- ❖ Thursday 1st - Room 1 Afterschool Multi-sports session 2
- ❖ Thursday 7th – P6/7 Football Festival
- ❖ Friday 9th - Room 1 Afterschool Multi-sports session 3
- ❖ Friday 9th – Dress Down Day
- ❖ Monday 12th – February Holiday
- ❖ Tuesday 13th - February Holiday
- ❖ Wednesday 14th – In-Service Day (Staff only, children do not attend)
- ❖ Thursday 15th – Valentine's Discos
- ❖ Friday 16th – P6/7 After school Football session 1
- ❖ Tuesday 20th – P5/6/7 Dance Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Thursday 22nd – Room 3 Hockey Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Friday 23rd – P6/7 After school Football session 2
- ❖ Tuesday 27th – P5/6/7 Dance Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Thursday 29th – Room 3 Hockey Club 3-4pm

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- ❖ Friday 1st – P6/7 After school Football session 3
- ❖ Monday 4th – P7 Residential visit to Sport Scotland, Inverclyde Day 1
- ❖ Tuesday 5th – P7 Residential visit to Sport Scotland, Inverclyde Day 2
- ❖ Wednesday 6th – P7 Residential visit to Sport Scotland, Inverclyde Day 3
- ❖ Wednesday 6th – P6 Football Festival
- ❖ Thursday 7th – World Book Day, Dress Down Day
- ❖ Thursday 7th – Room 3 Hockey Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Friday 8th – P6/7 After school Football session 4
- ❖ Tuesday 12th – P5/6/7 Dance Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Thursday 14th – Parents ' Evening 3-7pm
- ❖ Friday 15th – Red Nose/Crazy Hair Day
- ❖ Tuesday 19th – P5/6/7 Dance Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Thursday 21st – Room 3 Hockey Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Tuesday 26th – P5/6/7 Dance Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Wednesday 27th – Easter Service at Dalserf Parish Church, 10am. All welcome!
- ❖ Thursday 28th – Dress Down Day. School closes at 2.30pm for Easter Holidays.
- ❖ Friday 29th – Good Friday (Holiday)

April 2024

- ❖ Monday 15th – Welcome back! School re-opens. Breakfast club at 8.15am
- ❖ Tuesday 16th – P5/6/7 Dance Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Wednesday 17th - Room 2 Multi-sports 3-3.45pm
- ❖ Tuesday 23rd – P5/6/7 Dance Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Wednesday 24th - Room 2 Multi-sports 3-3.45pm
- ❖ Tuesday 30th – P5/6/7 Dance Club 3-4pm

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May 2024

- ❖ Wednesday 1st – Hamilton Dance Festival (More information to follow)
- ❖ Thursday 2nd – In-Service Day (Staff only, children do not attend)
- ❖ Monday 6th – May Day Holiday
- ❖ Wednesday 8th - Room 2 Multi-sports 3-3.45pm
- ❖ Wednesday 15th - Room 2 Multi-sports 3-3.45pm
- ❖ Friday 24th – May weekend Holiday
- ❖ Monday 27th – May weekend Holiday

June 2024

- ❖ Wednesday 12th – P1-6 Step Up Day
- ❖ Wednesday 19th – P7's Leaver's and Summer Celebration
- ❖ Wednesday 26th – Dress Down Day (no charge)
- ❖ Wednesday 26th – All parent/carers welcome to wish our leavers all the best as Primary 7 leave school for the last time. Good Luck!
- ❖ Wednesday 26th – Schools closes at 1pm for the Summer Holiday

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