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Dalsersh Primary School

Newsletter – March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Big Walk Wheel

From 16th – 27th March, our school will be taking part in Big Walk and Wheel, a national campaign encouraging active travel to school. Pupils are invited to walk, cycle, or scoot to school whenever possible. Children can also park and stride if this is more suitable. Each day, the number of active journeys will be recorded for each class as we aim to achieve a high level of participation. The campaign promotes healthy, active travel and helps reduce car journeys to help protect our environment. Please remember to be safe and follow all road safety rules to and from school. We can't wait to get started!



Miss Church and Road Safety Pupil Leadership Team

Amazonia Visit

Room 2 had a fantastic time on their recent school trip to Amazonia. The pupils loved seeing all the amazing rainforest animals up close and especially enjoyed the opportunity to hold and learn about some of them. They look forward to sharing all their knowledge with their parents and carers during Room 2's showcase on Thursday 26th of March. The children represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit. They were curious, respectful, and asked lots of thoughtful questions. The zookeeper even complimented the class on how inquisitive their questions were!



Mrs Kelly-Kerr and Room 2

Sensory Room

The official opening ceremony of our sensory room took place on Thursday 12th March by Linda Gardner, QLO South Lanarkshire Council and one of our parents from our Attachment Group, Mrs Cowie. The whole school voted using a dotmocracy system to choose a name for our room which is now known as 'The Aquarium.' All children in the school have access to the room and are delighted with the soft furnishings and lighting. The Aquarium will be open at Parents' evening if you would like to view it.



You + Me (Multiply)

We would like to extend a big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent You+Me (Multiply) Workshops. Your enthusiasm, participation, and support made the sessions a great success. Working together helps us build confidence and enjoyment in maths for our pupils, both in the classroom and at home. Thank you again for taking the time to join us and for your continued support.



Mrs Kelly-Kerr

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Parent Consultations

Our Parent/Teacher Consultations will take place in the school Gym Hall as usual on Thursday 19th March. Thank you to everyone who has managed to book an appointment, we all look forward to seeing you. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be available if you wish to purchase a new novel or picture book for your child to encourage reading for pleasure at home.



Red Nose and Crazy Hair Dress Down Day

We will be dressing down to support Red Nose/ Crazy Hair on Friday 20th March. If you would like to make a donation to Red Nose Day, please click on the link below. Many thanks.



<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>

Easter Service

On Wednesday 25th March we will be visiting Dalsarf Parish Church to welcome Spring and celebrate Easter at our annual Service with Rev. Fiona Anderson. Please come and join us if you can!



Showcases

Our next two Showcases 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. We look forward to seeing you and sharing what the children have been learning about this term.



Room 2 - Thursday 26th March at 2pm
Room 1 – Tuesday 31st March at 2pm

Monthly Mantra, Right and Wellbeing Indicator of the Month

At assembly we have been discussing the importance of the 'Mantra of the Month' for March which is 'Mistakes are opportunities to learn' as well as how to be 'Responsible' for our Wellbeing Indicator. Our UNCRC Right of the month is: I have the right to have my own thoughts and beliefs and to choose my religion, with my parents' guidance.

MARCH'S MANTRA

Mistakes are opportunities for learning.



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Hamilton Primary Schools Dance Festival

SLLC's Active Schools annual dance showcase is on Wednesday 6th May at Hamilton Townhouse. Children from P6 and P7 have started rehearsing their routine during a lunchtime club on Tuesdays to get ready for the showcase. There are 31 schools performing in this year's showcase. Thank you to Miss Church for choreographing and putting the girls through their steps, they will be amazing. Good luck girls!



If your child has expressed an interest in attending the lunchtime club, Mrs Morrow will have contacted you via Parents Portal to share information regarding the purchase of tickets. Please check for further information.

Popinjay Cup/ Sports Day

Last session was the last year Active Schools were able to organise the Popinjay Cup football tournament due to a change in legislation in the SFA. However, I am delighted to report a parent at one of our neighbouring schools, Underbank PS has volunteered to organise the event for us this session and Rosebank Garden Centre has kindly agreed to sponsor the event.



The only date available at the John Cumming Stadium, Carlisle was Wednesday 27th May which clashed with our Sports Day. However, as this competition has been running since 1977 and we have been the winning recipients for the last 3 years, I am sure you will understand we are keen to attend the event so have re-scheduled our sports day to Friday 8th May at 10am.

Dress Down Days

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

- ❖ 20th March – Red Nose Day/Crazy Hair Day (optional donation for charity)
- ❖ 2nd April- Holiday
- ❖ 21st May- Teddy Bears Picnic/Sunflower Walk. (optional donation for charity)
- ❖ 25th June- Last day of term/Holiday



Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner

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Head Teacher

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Dates for Your Diary

March 2026

- ❖ Thursday 19th – Parents ' Evening 3.15-7.00pm/ Scholastic Book Fair
- ❖ Friday 20th – Red Nose/Crazy Hair Day (DDD for charity).
- ❖ Thursday 26th – COS4 Event (selected pupils)
- ❖ Thursday 26th – R2 Showcase 2.00-2.45pm
- ❖ Tuesday 31st – R1 Showcase 2.00-2.45pm

April 2026

- ❖ Friday 2nd – School closes at 2.30pm for Easter Holiday
- ❖ Monday 20th – School re-opens at 9.00am (8.15am Breakfast Club)
- ❖ Tuesday 28th – Football 4

May 2026

- ❖ Monday 4th – May Day Holiday
- ❖ Tuesday 5th – P1 Transition Day 1, 9.30 -10.30am
- ❖ Wednesday 6th – Hamilton Dance Festival (5pm-6pm)
- ❖ Thursday 7th – In-Service Day 5 (Staff only, children do not attend)
- ❖ Friday 8th - Sports Day at 10am (Football Pitch)
- ❖ Tuesday 12th – P1 Transition Day 2, 9.30 -12.00pm (Lunch at 11.30am)
- ❖ Thursday 14th – P6/7 Track & Field Event 10.00am
- ❖ Tuesday 19th – Football 5
- ❖ Thursday 21st – P1 & P6/7 Buddies, Teddy Bear's Picnic 1.30 -2.30pm
- ❖ Thursday 21st – P1 Transition Day 3, 1.30 -2.30pm
- ❖ Friday 22nd & Monday 25th – May Weekend Holiday

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- ❖ Wednesday 27th – Popinjay Cup (John Cumming Stadium am, Time TBC)
- ❖ Thursday 28th – P7/S1 Transition Day 1
- ❖ Friday 29th - P7/S1 Transition Day 2

June 2026

- ❖ Thursday 4th – P7 Leaver's and Summer Celebration
- ❖ Tuesday 9th – Robert Wilson Tournament (Time TBC)
- ❖ Thursday 18th – P7 Leaver's Treat
- ❖ Monday 22nd – Dalsarf's Got Talent
- ❖ Tuesday 23rd – Movie Day
- ❖ Thursday 25th – School closes at 1.00pm for Summer Holidays & P7 Farewell.

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