



November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since returning after the October break we have been very busy. I would like to update you with some information and achievements from this term. There has been a lot happening in our busy school community.

Our annual Hallowe'en party took place on the first day of the new term with pupils from P1 to P7 enjoying an evening of spooky fun and games hosted by Miss Low. We would all like to thank Mrs Smith for her wonderful hall decorations, organization of prizes and food and drink.

At the beginning of term P5 to P7 pupils took part in an Interfaith Road show where the children learned about Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Baha' and Buddhism, as well understanding the role that Police Scotland have in tackling hate crime.

P7 visited the Poppy Factory as part of their World War 2 learning. They visited the working factory and learned how poppies are being made more sustainably.

P4 and P5 took part in a bridge building workshop as part of the Roseburn to Union canal link project. Balfour Beatty came in to work with both classes who had lots of creative fun during the session.

Our nursery and P1 classes have just finished a wonderful early level Diwali learning and celebration week. We enjoyed a family learning event which included performances of stories, song and dance from pupils and their parents, as well as food tasting in the classes. Across the school all classes have been learning about this festival and our P5/6 pupils presented a Diwali assembly to the whole school which included a wonderful dance performance from pupils in P5 to P7.

In P1 and P2 the children have begun working on their Nativity Show. This year our show is called 'Christmas Counts' and already the P1 and P2 pupils are singing confidently and rehearsing their lines for the big day.

In P2 Mrs Harris Toner has been working with our two new babies Ammar and Angus on our Roots of Empathy project. The children will enjoy watching both babies grow

and develop across the year and build on their understanding of empathy, relationships, and attachment.

Our P1 and P2 classes have been enjoying Wonder of Music and Scots singing through a partnership with Creative Scotland. As part of the same project our P4, P5 and P5/6 classes have been learning to play the ukulele.

All P4 pupils have started curricular swimming lessons at Dalry Swimming Pool, and many are already developing confidence and skill in the water.

During Book week Scotland P2a, P2b and P3/4 classes all enjoyed a trip to Fountainbridge library to meet an author and listen to stories. All the parents from P1 to P3 were invited into school for a book gifting event in classes. The event was well attended and enjoyed by pupils and parents alike.

Masterclasses have restarted in P3 to P7. Our talented staff and volunteers are offering our pupils a wide range of skills-based opportunities which include chess, basketball, art, baking, yoga, bridge, coding, model building and Chinese crafts.

Alden in P6 recently was listed as one of the twelve winners of a worldwide maths competition and also had success in a recent chess competition. Well done, Alden!

Remember to keep checking the website for up-to-date information and news.

<https://dalryprimaryschool.com/dalry-news/>

Unfortunately, Mrs Armstrong, our school administrator, continues to be off work unwell. We ask you to be patient with Mrs Lockey, Miss Kelly, Mrs Mason and I as we try to manage any office queries in her absence.

### Important Reminders

- Please ensure that your child arrives at school in good time to line up in the playground. Children who arrive late cannot be admitted until after 9AM to allow our younger classes in the narrow lower corridor the time they need to unpack and get into class.
- Please try to provide your child with a small healthy snack for breaktime.
- Please try to send your child to school with fresh water daily.
- Please label all your child's clothing and belongings with their name and class. This makes returning lost property much easier for everyone.
- Please can you ensure that only stud earrings are worn at school and false nails are removed as they are unsafe during PE lessons.
- Chewing gum is not permitted in school.

### **Dates for your diary**

Antibullying week 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November

Road Safety week 27<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> December

Christmas Craft and Enterprise Day in classes Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Whole school cinema trip Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
P1 and P2 Nativity Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30AM  
P5, P5/6, P6 and P7 Christmas Party Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
P3, P3/4 and P4 Christmas Party Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
P2 Christmas Party Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Nursery Christmas Party Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December AM  
P1 Christmas Party Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December PM  
End of term Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

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