



January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! We have had a busy start to 2024 and have welcomed many new families to both the main school and to the nursery.

At the start of the week the children all enjoyed a very special Scots Assembly which was led by 'The Sorries'. They played some traditional Scottish music and songs, and we also had some singing and Scot's poetry performed by our P6 and P7 pupils. We are looking forward to our second Scottish Assembly next week when the other classes will perform their songs and poems to the rest of the school.

P4 to P7 also enjoyed Bodhran drumming workshops with Douglas and Marty from 'The Sorries' where they learned techniques and Bodhran drumming skills.

P1 and P2 will be working with Ceilidh Crew n Co on Scots music workshops which will end with a performance of 'A Jaunt Roond Auld Reekie' to some of our older pupils.

Our 2024 Masterclass programme will start on Friday and our pupils from P3 to P7 have chosen their first class from a wide selection of skills-based classes offered by our staff and volunteers. This term we are offering the choice of Chinese Crafts, Fit n Fun, local walks, art, Microbits, chess, baking, Spanish, K'nex construction, Bridge and traditional board games.

This term the children will all benefit from a Scots focus week and an Internet Safety focus week. Mrs Laidler will be hosting an internet safety event for parents and carers to support you to ensure that your child is safe whilst online. This will be held in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 4-5PM in school and a separate letter will be sent out in due course.

Throughout this term we will have opportunities for classes to take part in workshops and lessons with a variety of local Sports clubs. This will include ruby with Murrayfield Wanderers, Football with Hearts of Midlothian football club, Tai Chi with Chi and Tea and cricket with A Chance to Shine, through Cricket Scotland.

P3/4 and P4 will be working in partnership with students from Edinburgh Napier University this term on a project called 'Little Inventors'. This will allow our pupils to work on a science, technology, engineering, maths and arts project.

Please remember to log in regularly to our school website to see what is happening around our school and in our community. Mr. Booth is working hard to keep the information available vibrant and up to date.

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

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

**PLEASE TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS IN THEIR LINE IN THE MORNING TO MINIMISE IMPACT ON THE OFFICE STAFF, AND SUPPORT ALL OF OUR CHILDREN TO HAVE A POSITIVE START TO THEIR SCHOOL DAY.**

### **Dates for your diary**

22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January – Scots Focus Weeks

30<sup>th</sup> January – Equalities Focus Week

5<sup>th</sup> February – Internet Safety Focus Week

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Parent/Carer Internet Safety Event with Mrs Laidler 4-5PM

12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. February – half term break (School resumes on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February P5/6, P6 and P7 Scottish Opera Performance at St Brides Community Centre

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Parents Consultations

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March– End of term

Mrs Honeyman  
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