

4th October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Reminder – School Week Consultation Survey

The Education Department will be presenting their proposal to the Committee in November regarding changes to the school week. Parental engagement is important and they really need your input to gather views across the authority, so that they have gathered views from all stakeholders:

Please complete the parent and carer questionnaire, available until 11 October at [Parent/Carer Questionnaire \(office.com\)](https://parentcarerquestionnaire.office.com)



School Values – Self-Belief

One of our school values was demonstrated in full force this week when the boys and girls competed in a Boccia tournament – one of the most inclusive sports that we are learning about that helps build your self-belief to do your best, whatever your ability.

Please see the engagement with our Partners, Active Schools, and the report that they shared on social media to raise the awareness of #trysomethingnew

Well done to the players and a BIG thank you to Hayley (Active Schools) and Courtney (D&G Disability Sports player) for being our coaches and referees for the matches.



Nithsdale Active Schoo...

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It was the turn of the pupils at Caerlaverock Primary today to take part a Boccia Tournament in partnership with [Dumfries & Galloway Disability Sport](#) boccia player, Courtney. It was another busy morning with lots of games being played, all with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. A big thank you to Courtney for helping run the tournament, and to Dave, Chair of DGDS, for popping along to share his insight into Disability Sport. Well done to all the pupils involved! 🏀

[#trysomethingnew](#) [#disabilitysport](#)
[#dgactiveschools](#)

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Bikeability for upper primary

The children have all enjoyed and embraced the experience on learning to ride their bikes with confidence. We would like to thank the Jen and Ian for coming into school to support the training and teaching these valuable road safety bike riding skills.

Bike riding to school: **Important**

Please ride your bike to the Main Gate, dismount and walk your bike to the bike rack. The Staff Car Park gate is out of bounds for bikers / scooters because this is a risk to the children when staff are reversing and parking in this area. We want all children and parents to be safe. Thank you.



Traffic Survey linked to gathering data:



Last week pupils from p1-3 and p4-7 took a walk into the village to conduct a survey as part of their learning about Information Handling. The children decided what information they wanted to collect then created their own frequency tables before setting out. Once they had gathered their data we then came back to school where the children displayed their data using bar graphs and pie charts both drawn and electronic. This was a lovely opportunity to get into our community to benefit our learning and the children had a great time!



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Caerlaverock News



Tuesday 8 th October	P7 – Operation Safety – transport provided. Snack / Lunch required
Wednesday 9 th October	P1-7 – Photographs School uniform required P1-7 – Flu vaccinations – for those who requested
Thursday 10 th October	School visit from our Quality Improvement Officer Mrs Jess Burnett to meet with Mrs Scriven and Mrs Thomson
Term Two	28 th October – Friday 20 th December
Thursday 31st October	Halloween Activities and Party in school - Children can come dressed in their costume or change at lunchtime. - Costume is not compulsory and happy masks only please!
Friday 1 st November	Family Learning for our Parental Engagement and Involvement - P1-3 parents = 11.30am – 12.30pm - P4-7 parents = 2pm – 3pm

Message from the team - Dear parents / carers

We are Dumfries and Galloway Outdoor and Woodland Learning Group (DGOWL CIC) - a social enterprise dedicated to delivering, improving and expanding outdoor learning throughout the region. We have been contracted by Multiply to deliver outdoor numeracy sessions for parents and carers in schools, nurseries and similar settings throughout D&G. We hope that you will be able to make it along to the session which we will be leading with your child on:

Please note that the session will go ahead whatever the weather - so make sure that both you and your child come with outdoor clothing appropriate to the weather such as a jacket, boots (wellies), and waterproofs. We will have a few spare adult-sized waterproofs with us for you to borrow if required.

The aim is for us to show you some fun activities to do with your child/ren, which you can do yourselves afterwards in your local park, woods, beach, garden etc. After the session, parents will be given a 'Just Add Play' tin which includes some useful equipment (e.g. a dice, mirror), activity cards and booklet. We are looking forward to meeting you!

Last day of term is Friday 11th October. We wish you all an enjoyable 2 week October break and welcome you back to school on Monday 28th October. Thank you, as always, for your continued support this term.

Pictured to the right is the whole school village walk when the children went exploring their local community to explore and investigate the use of 'Forces' linked to their IDL topic – and of course, the playpark is a perfect place to find this source of physics in full-swing (literally!)

*Kind regards,
Mrs Scriven and Caerlaverock Staff*



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