

# Dunscore Primary Newsletter

28 November 2024

## *Learning Conversations*

The Learning Conversations will now take place on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** from **3.15 – 5.30pm** and recommence from 6.00 – 7.30pm and not the Wednesday as previously noted in our August Newsletter. Letters to invite parents to participate will be sent out after the October break.

## *School Blog*

Please keep a regular eye on our School Blog as news and photos and will be added throughout the term by our Technicians pupil group.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/dunscore/>

## *D&G Outdoor and Woodland Learning Group*

We have been chosen to take part in a fully funded maths outdoor learning session which is inviting you to come in and work with your child and learn more about maths activities in an outdoor setting. We hope that you will be able to make it along to the session at Dunscore Primary School which we will be leading with your child. Some of you have already responded back to confirm whether you are able or unable to attend. If you have yet to confirm, could you please do so as soon as possible. The Sessions will be held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** as follows:

- 9.00 – 10.00am – P1/2 session
- 10.15 – 11.15am – P3/4 session
- 11.30 – 12.30pm – P5-7 session
- 1.30 – 2.30pm – Pre-school session

There will also be an Afterschool session from **3:15pm-4.00pm** - for any parents who are unable to attend during the school day. You will be joining with your child's class to take part in the activities. This 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. There will be a few spare adult-sized waterproofs for you to borrow if required. You will be shown 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.

## *Parent Council Meeting / AGM*

The next Parent Council Meeting and AGM will be held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30pm** in the school. Children are welcome to facilitate attendance, and a link can be sent out to those who wish to attend online. Any agenda items welcome.

## *Halloween Hoolie*

Following discussion in our pupil forums, on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October** in the afternoon, we intend to hold a "Halloween Hoolie" party for all pupils in the school. We will be playing lots of fun Halloween themed games, there will be a disco and some spooky Halloween treats as well.

Pupils can bring a costume to get changed into after lunch, but please make sure that this is in a labelled bag. Dressing up is entirely optional, please do not go to any expense.

## Diary

### October

- 11<sup>th</sup>** Last day of school at 3.05pm
- 14<sup>th</sup>** Start of October holidays
- 28<sup>th</sup>** Children return for the start of Term 2 at 8.55am
- 30<sup>th</sup>** P1 & P7 Dental Inspections at 2.15pm.
- 31<sup>st</sup>** Halloween Hoolie from 1.30 – 3.00pm

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup>** Pupil Forum Session (1.30 – 3.00pm)
- 6<sup>th</sup>** D&G Outdoor Woodland and Learning Group with whole school
- 11<sup>th</sup>** Parent Council Meeting at 6.30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup>** Learning Conversations – info to follow at a later date
- 29<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Family Fun Night Fundraiser from 6.00 – 8.00pm

### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Pupil Forum Session (1.30 – 3.00pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup>** School Nativity (The Fleece Force) – info to follow at a later date.
- 20<sup>th</sup>** Last Day of school at 3.05pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** Start of Christmas holidays

### January

- 6<sup>th</sup>** Staff Training Day
- 7<sup>th</sup>** Pupils return for start of Term 3 at 8.55am
- 13<sup>th</sup>** Pupil Forum Session (1.30 – 3.00pm)

## *School Nativity*

This year our nativity will be held on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** and is called "The Fleece Force". Parts and more details will be given out at the start of Term Two.

## *6 Week Singing Session*

The Parent Council have kindly funded 6 weeks of singing with Claudia Wood. She got the best out of the children's voices for the School's 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration Song. We are grateful for the additional opportunity for all classes to have these sessions next term.

## *Afterschool Football Club*

Mr Martin has very kindly agreed to continue to undertake the Afterschool Football Club. Over the winter, as the nights start to draw in, the likelihood is that the football will be held indoors. Again this will be open to pupils from **P4-P7** and will run between **3.10 - 4.10pm** on following dates:

- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

If at any time this afterschool club is unable to go ahead, we will message parents to let them know that this has been cancelled and that their child/children will need to be collected from school at the normal time of 3.05pm.

## *Polite Reminder - Beginning and End of School Day*

Could you please ensure your children do not arrive at school before 8.35am as there is no playground supervision before this time. School commences at 8.55am and finishes at 3.05pm.

## *School Transport*

For those whose children use school transport, could you please inform the driver if for any reason your child is not going home on the transport.

## *School Uniform*

Misplaced clothing will be placed in the lost property box which is situated in the main corridor. Mrs Milligan will be collecting the items to wash and will be hanging them on a rail which will be displayed for purchasing on the evening of the Learning Conversations in November.

## *Water Bottles*

Could all parents please make sure that your child/children are supplied with their own water bottles. There is a water machine in the main corridor for refills. If they have not got a water bottle, we are unable to supply them with plastic cups as we do not keep a supply within the school.

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## **Contact Us**

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Please note, our office hours are:

Monday to Thursday – 08.45am to 12.50pm and 1.20pm to 3.20pm

Outwith office hours and on Friday's telephone calls will automatically be diverted to Moniaive.