

Drongan Primary and Early Childhood Centre Newsletter

October 2022



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Dear parent / carer,

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school and ECC after the October holiday. As always, this will be a very busy and enjoyable term with lots going on in the school and ECC between now and Christmas. Please take note of the dates for your diary and we will also issue reminders nearer the time of events.

Staffing

I would like to congratulate Miss McLean who has successfully been appointed to a new full-time and permanent post elsewhere in the authority.

We will be sad to see Miss McLean leave us, I would like to thank her for the commitment she has shown to Drongan while she has been here and wish her well in her new post.

I am in the process of appointing a replacement who

will teach P2/3 on a Thursday and Friday.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Clark to Drongan Primary as a new Classroom Assistant.

Parents' Evenings



It was lovely to see everyone during the recent parents' evenings and it was nice to be able to have face-to-face meetings.

We are delighted with the engagement of parents and carers and look forward to providing you with further opportunities to visit the school and be part of your child's learning.

Go Purple Day



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Go Purple Day in aid of the Ayrshire Hospice. We raised over £600, which is incredible.



Halloween Disco



The Parent Council are kindly organising a Halloween Disco for pupils in the school hall on Tuesday 25th October. The Primary 1, 2 and 3 disco will run from 6.00pm - 7.00pm and the Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 disco will be from 7.15pm - 8.15pm. A suggested donation of £1 to the Parent Council / school would be appreciated.

Flu Immunisation

Flu immunisation will take place in the school on Monday 28th November for those pupils who have been granted permission. Letter to follow with more information.

Children in Need



Children in Need will take place on Friday 18th November this year. Further information will

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follow detailing how the school will mark this event.

We Will Remember



We will once again be supporting The Scottish Poppy Appeal this year. Poppies will soon be available for children in school for a small donation.

School Photographs



We are in the process of arranging a date for the photographer to visit the school for family and individual photos. We will keep you informed when a date is confirmed.

Christmas Fayre 2022

Following on from the success of previous years, Drongan Primary School are delighted to be organising a Christmas Fayre once again. It will be held at Drongan Primary School on **Wednesday 7th December 2022 from 6:30pm - 9:00pm.**

We are organising lots of stalls and activities, such as a raffle, bottle stall, sweetie crafts, Santa's Grotto, book stall,

stationery stall and many more fun and enjoyable stalls/activities. Our choir will also be performing on the night.

Entry to the event is free for everyone, **but please note children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.**

On **Friday 28th October** we having a **dress down day** (see app message/letter) to help get our fayre donations off and running.

On the run up to the fayre we are taking orders for Santa Letters, Calendars and Reindeer Food; as well as selling tickets for the 'Giant Teddy Raffle' and 'Guess the Teddy's Name/Birthday', which are always extremely popular.

Order forms and full information can be found on the letters issued before the holiday and on the app.

We are also looking to invite any parents, carers or people from our wider community to **have a stall at our fayre** and show off their talents to the local community. Please contact the school if you are interested.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of Drongan Primary School. We really hope you can make it along on the night to support our fundraising event. More information will follow on the school app as the date approaches.

Harvest Collection



A huge thank you to everyone who donated food for our Harvest collection. This has been donated to The Helping Hands Food Provision.



Pantomime



The whole school outing to the Gaiety Theatre in Ayr to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' will take place on Wednesday 6th December. A letter detailing the cost and times will be issued with the balance to be paid on parent pay. The buses will leave the school at 9.15am and return at lunchtime.

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Christmas Service

Our Christmas Service will take place in the school hall on Friday 16th December at 9.30am. We welcome all parents / carers, relatives and members of the community to join us at the service.



Christmas Shows

We are delighted to be able to reintroduce our Christmas shows this year.

We will be presenting a P1 - 3 Nativity and a P4 - 7 pantomime. P1 - 3 will perform 'Bethlehem Bake Off' and P4 - 7 will perform 'Aladdin Trouble'.

More information will follow providing details of dates, times of shows and cost of tickets.

Class Assemblies

During this term P5a and P6 will present their class assemblies. P5a will present their assembly on 28th October and P6 on 25th November. They will present their assembly to the whole school at 9.30am and to parents, carers and community members at 2.00pm on these dates.

Mrs Shields has kindly offered to provide tea, coffee and shortbread following the class assemblies.

We welcome you along to support the children as they share their learning.

Curriculum Development

In the past we have had parents in the school to speak about their profession. If you have any expertise in any curricular area that you think would benefit the learning experiences of our children, please contact the school. We have developed good links with local businesses and organisations as we try to educate children about the world of work, any help or input would be appreciated.

Wider Achievements

As always, we have enjoyed celebrating the achievements of our pupils out with school at our 'Celebrating Success' Assemblies on a Friday. Please remember to send trophies, certificates, medals or any other news of your children's achievement in to school on a Friday morning to be shared at assembly. They will also have their photograph taken for our display.

Christmas Parties



Friday 16th December - ECC
Monday 19th December - P1 & P2
Tuesday 20th December - P2/3, P3 and P4
Wednesday 21st December - P5, P6
Thursday 22nd December - P7

All parties will take place in the afternoons of these dates.

Please note that there will be no charge for Christmas parties.

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner for the children will be held on **Thursday 8th December**. Further information will be shared about the menu and cost nearer the time.

Choir & Carol Singing

Mrs Mitchell and her choir are looking forward to practising together. The Choir will be performing at the school Christmas Fayre and at various places/events within the community.



School & ECC Holidays

The school will close for the Christmas break on Friday 23rd December at 2.30pm and re-opens for pupils on Monday 9th January.

Thank You

Yours sincerely
Mr S Maddocks
Head Teacher

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Dates for Your Diary

October

Tuesday 25th - Halloween Disco
Friday 25th - P5a Class Assembly
Friday 25th - Dress Down Day / Fancy Dress



November

Friday 18th - Children In Need
Friday 25th - P6 Class Assembly
Monday 28th - Flu Immunisation

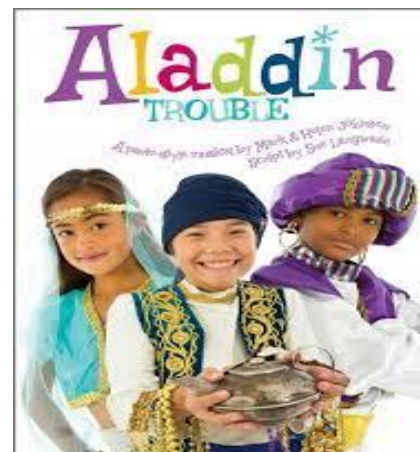


December

Friday 2nd - Dental Checks
Tuesday 6th - Panto Visit
Wednesday 7th - Christmas Fayre
Thursday 8th - Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 13th (PM) - P1 - 3 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 14th (AM) - P1 - 3 Nativity Performance
Thursday 15th - P4 - 7 Pantomime Performance
(PM and Evening)
Friday 16th - Christmas Service
Friday 16th - ECC Party
Monday 19th - P1 and 2 Party (P2s from P2/3 will come along for special visitor)
Tuesday 20th - P2/3, 3 and 4 Party
Wednesday 21st - P5 and 6 Party
Thursday 22nd - P7 Party



Friday 23rd - School Closes at 2.30pm



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Drongan Primary School and Early Childhood Centre Vision, Values and Aims

Vision

In Drongan Primary School and Early Childhood Centre our vision for all is:

To have a sense of belonging and pride in our local community where everyone is valued and we work together to be the best that we can be.

Values

Within our school, ECC and local community, the values that we feel are important to instil in all are:



Teamwork

Mutual respect

Trust

Inclusion

Self-belief

Resilience



Aims

In Drongan Primary School and Early Childhood Centre our aim is to develop the **four capacities** outlined in Curriculum for Excellence in all of our pupils to prepare them for future life.

We will encourage our children to be:

Confident individuals by promoting self-worth, ambition and resilience

Responsible citizens by promoting diversity, communication skills and confidence

Effective contributors by promoting community spirit, enjoyment and participation

Successful learners by promoting skills development, challenge and engagement in learning