

Drongan Primary and Early Childhood Centre Newsletter

January 2024

I would like to wish all of our parents, carers, children and the Drongan community a very Happy New Year!



Dear parent / carer,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school / nursery over the last few days.

I would once again like to thank everyone for the support that you showed during what was another very busy and enjoyable Christmas programme.

Primary 1 Enrolment / Transition

P1 Registration takes place during the week Monday 8th January 2024 until Friday 12th January 2024.

To register please complete the P1 Registration form at <http://eastayrshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

To register your child you will require to upload a copy of your child's birth certificate and two proofs of your residence in the catchment area in the form of a Council Tax Notice or Utility Bill. Should you require a copy of your child's birth certificate for Registration, this can be obtained at www.certificates.scot

Our Nursery children will have the opportunity to visit Primary 1 classes in small groups between now and Easter. Further information regarding transition events in Term 4 will be shared nearer the time.

S1 Registration

Our Primary 7 children will be due to transfer from primary to secondary education at the beginning of the new school session (August 2024).

Please complete the online P7 transfer application at <http://eastayrshi.re/p7transfer> no later than Wednesday 24 January 2024.

Secondary school hand books are available at: <https://eastayrshi.re/SchoolHandbooks>

Child Protection

Please note that Mr Maddocks HT is the Child Protection Officer for both Drongan Primary School and the Early Childhood Centre. Should you have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of a child then please contact the school or ECC and ask to speak to Mr Maddocks. In Mr Maddocks absence, Mr McFadzean DHT would be the staff member to speak to.

Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday 30th January at 7.00pm. All parents and carers of Drongan Primary School pupils are welcome to attend and we would appreciate your support.

Please get in touch if you would be interested in supporting the Parent Council and we will pass your details to the relevant people.

Home Lunches

While we encourage our children to stay in school and have a school dinner or packed lunch, we understand that some children prefer to be a home lunch. For health and safety reasons, please send a letter in to school with your child to let us know which days they will be leaving the school at lunchtime. If you are sending a letter with a list of dates, please only do so for the current week.

Children's Mental Health week



Children's Mental Health Week runs from 29th January this year. Children will take part in a variety of activities to help raise awareness of mental health, further information will follow. There will be a 'Let's Connect' wellbeing afternoon on Wednesday 31st January that parents and carers will be invited to attend, more information on this will follow.

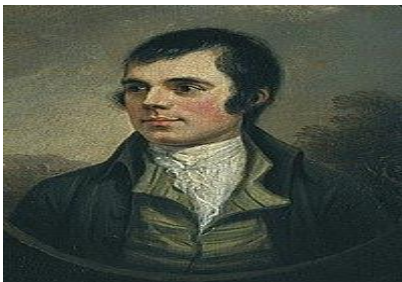
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We will continue to promote the rights of the child through our 'Right of the Month' focus. These will be shared on the blog.

Scots Verse / Burns Recitation Competition



We are looking forward to holding our annual Burns / Scots Verse competition, which will take place on Wednesday 7th February.

All classes will be allocated with a poem to focus on. Children are expected to do their best to learn their allocated or chosen poem as part of their homework. Class teachers will also introduce the poems and work together with the children in class to develop their knowledge and confidence. Scots Verse and Burns together with Listening and Talking is part of the curriculum in Literacy and is also an important part of our national and local heritage. As a school we are keen to educate our children about the important heritage and local history with regards to Scots verse and Robert Burns. We fully appreciate that some children are more confident

than others when it comes to this sort of thing but encourage all children to do their best.

Two children will be chosen from each class to perform in the final in front of a judging panel where a class winner for every class will be chosen. An overall P1 – 3 winner and P4 – 7 winner will also be announced on the day of the competition.

We are pleased to be able to invite parents / carers along to the event on 7th February. Parents / carers of finalists will be notified if their child is chosen as one of the class finalists.

The Scottish Poppy Appeal



Thank you for your support of The Scottish Poppy Appeal. We managed to raise £55 for this charity through the sales of poppies back in November.

P7 Residential

Our P7s are looking forward to the residential visit to Dumfries House on **Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th April 2024**. The final balance of £100 is due to be paid by Friday 29th March 2024. ParentPay accounts have been set up to pay in instalments if required.

We will provide more information about the activities and what the children are required to bring towards the end of term.

Should you have any questions about the residential, please contact Mr McFadzean at the

school.

Class Assemblies

It has been lovely to welcome parents and carers into the school for our class assemblies. The children have loved sharing their learning with you, please see dates for diary page for class assemblies this term.

Christmas Fundraising



The Christmas Fundraising activities in school were a real hit with the children and wider community.

We would like to start by saying a huge thank you to our pupils, parents and wider community for supporting us with these events and activities. It was great welcoming the community in to the school for our Christmas Fayre once again.

The activities raised over £3300 for the school fund, an incredible amount. Thank you once again to all of the local businesses and organisations for your contributions and support.

Wider Achievements



Wider achievements continue to be celebrated at our whole

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school assembly on a Thursday.

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 with their class. They will also have their photograph taken for our display.

World Book Day

Once again we will be celebrating World Book Day, this year on Wednesday 7th March. The children will be given the chance to take home one of the books on offer, as well as take part in other activities. More information will follow nearer the time.



Communication



The Safer Schools Scotland app will continue to be our main form of communication

with parents and carers. Once downloaded, you will need to create an account. You will be asked to select your school and add in the **Parent/Carer code**, which for Drongan PS is **1383**. You are also able to add in additional schools if you have the need.

You can also find a lot of information about the school on our Glow Blog / website and we also have a Twitter feed to provide more regular updates as well as celebrating good practice and children's achievements. If you are on Twitter please follow us @DronganPS. I have also put a link to the Glow Blog, which we have developed over the last couple of years. The blog can also be found by simply searching '[Drongan Primary School blog](#)' in Google.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/dronganpsecc2016/>



Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place on Friday 22nd March at

9.30am. All parents, carers and community members are welcome to join us.

Parking and Road Safety

It has again been brought to my attentions that there have been issues with on street parking as well as unsafe driving almost resulting in serious accidents. Please park with consideration during pick up and drop off and take care when driving during these busy times to ensure everyone's safety.

School & ECC Holidays

The school will close for the February break on Thursday 8th February at 3.00pm and reopens for pupils on Wednesday 14th February.

The school will close for the Easter break on Thursday 28th March at 2.30pm and re-open to pupils on Monday 15th April.

Thank You

Yours sincerely
Mr S Maddocks
Head Teacher

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Dates for your diary: January – April

Mon 8th –
Fri 12th Jan:
Fri 26th Jan:
Mon 29th Jan:
Tues 30th Jan:
Wed 31st Jan:

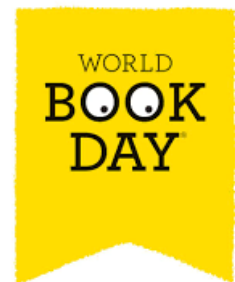
P1 and S1 Enrolment

P1/2 class assembly
Children’s Mental Health Week
Parent Council Meeting
‘Let’s Connect’ Parent Afternoon



Fri 2nd Feb:
Wed 7th Feb:
Thu 8th Feb:
Fri 9th Feb:
Mon 12th Feb:
Tue 13th Feb:
Fri 23rd Feb:

P3 class assembly
Burns / Scots Verse Competition Final
Primary 6 / 7 Burns’ Supper
Holiday
Holiday
In-service Day
P1 Class Assembly



Wed 6th March: Parents’ Evening
Thurs 7th March: World Book Day
Fri 15th March: P4 class assembly
Fri 22nd March: Easter Service, 9.30am
Wed 27th March: P3/4 class assembly
Thurs 28th March: School closes 2.30pm



Mon 17th April: School reopens



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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