

# Drongan Primary and Early Childhood Centre Newsletter

April 2024



Dear parent / carer,

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter, it has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school and nursery this week. We look forward to what is always a very busy and enjoyable term for the children.

## Primary 1 Transition

We look forward to welcoming our new Primary 1 children in August. I know that this is an exciting but also an emotional and anxious time for both children and parents / carers. We have planned a number of activities and events to support your child's transition to Primary 1 and have informed parents / carers of dates of these events. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Times for some of the events will be provided soon.

## Primary 7 Transition

Our Primary 7 pupils will have the opportunity to visit Robert Burns Academy (RBA) on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June as part of their transition programme. We will keep you informed of any other events involving P7 – S1 transition.

## Class Structure 2024-25

As always you will be informed of your child's / children's class and teacher for next session in June at some point.

Information will be provided on the app and by letter to confirm class structure as well as your child's class and teacher for next session.

## Whole School Trip

We are looking forward to going on our whole school trip to Heads of Ayr Farm Park.

This will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Details of cost will be provided as soon as possible.

## Primary 7 Residential

Our Primary 7 children are looking forward to a visit to Inverclyde from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May. As always there is a lot of excitement about the residential visit and I am sure the children will have a great time.

## Parent Council Meeting

There will be a Parent Council meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

It was lovely to see some new faces at the last meeting and we will always welcome more parents to attend.

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

## Burns / Scots Verse

It is safe to say that the Burns / Scots Verse celebrations have

been a huge success this year. The standard of the competition and also the P6-7 Burns Supper was outstanding and we are so proud of everyone who tried so hard to learn and recite their poems. Well done to all of the class winners.

We also had success in the Ayrshire Competition with Kate in P7 coming 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the P6-7 instrumental category, and Lillie Green won the P6-7 vocal competition.



We also attended the inaugural Barony Burns competition at Robert Burns Academy and won two out of the three categories. Jessica in P7 and Mitchell in P3 both won their category. Well done!

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Our class winners, singers and highland dancers also entertained at Rowantree Court, which was a very enjoyable afternoon. Well done to everyone who has performed at these events.

## Children's Mental Health Week / Dress to Express

This was another successful and enjoyable week in Drongan Primary. Thank you to Mrs Bradley and the RRS Committee for putting this together, the feedback from parents / carers and pupils was very positive once again.

## Football

Both our school football team and our newly formed girls' football team have had some games and are doing well. The girls have progressed to the last 16 in the Ayrshire Cup and both teams will compete in the McWilliam Cup in Term 4.



## P7 Enterprise Project: 'Leavers' Legacy'

Primary 7 will once again be taking part in their enterprise topic this term.

More information about the activities will be sent out by P7 shortly, but we once again look forward to the showing their enterprise skills to raise some invaluable funds. As we have done in the last couple of years, funds raised through this topic will go towards next session's Primary 7 residential.

## Wider Achievements



Our Wider Achievements display is filling up nicely. 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.

## Communication



The Safer Schools Scotland app continues to be our main form of communication with parents and carers. You can also find a lot of information about the school on our Glow Blog / website. I have put a link to the Glow Blog, which can also be found by simply searching '[Drongan Glow Blog](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/dronganpsecc2016/)' in Google.

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## School & ECC Holidays

Please see the 'Dates for Your Diary' on following page for dates of holidays between now and the end of term.

## Thank You

*Yours sincerely*  
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## Dates for your diary: April – June

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April:**

**P7 Residential Visit to Dumfries House**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May:**

**P5a visit to Dumfries House**

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May:**

**P5b visit to Dumfries House**

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May:**

**P5a Class Assembly**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May:**

**Holiday**

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> May:**

**P6 Danger Detectives at Dean Park, Kilmarnock**

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May:**

**P1 Transition Active Schools Parent Workshop (AM)**

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May:**

**P1 Transition Parent Information / Lunch Event 10.30am**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:**

**P2 Class Assembly**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May:**

**Holiday**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May:**

**In-service Day**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May:**

**Sports' Day (AM)**

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Whole School Trip to Heads of Ayr Farm Park**

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June:**

**P7 Induction Day at Robert Burns Academy**

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June:**

**P7 Induction Day at Robert Burns Academy**

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Prize Giving**

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June:**

**P7 Leavers' Assembly**

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Whole School Fun Day**

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June:**

**School Closes at 1.00pm**



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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