



Drongan Primary and Early Childhood Centre Newsletter

August 2024

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to welcome you all to the new session and hope that you had a lovely summer. The new Primary 1s are already settling in well and our returning children are enjoying getting to know their new teachers. I would also like to express a warm welcome to all parents and carers of our new Primary 1s.

Partnership with Parents

We look forward to welcoming you into the school during the session for various events and activities. Please keep an eye on the app where there will be information about parent events. I have also attached important dates for your diary for this term, up to the October holiday.

Vision, values and aims

As a school and ECC community we have agreed our shared

vision, values and aims. These have since been reviewed and it was agreed that they are still relevant. It is our responsibility to promote the shared vision, values and aims on a daily basis to ensure that our children feel valued and are encouraged to be the best that they can be. We will continue to promote our values of **teamwork, mutual-respect, trust, inclusion, self-belief** and **resilience** as we work through the session.

Please see attached sheet which details of our shared vision, values and aims.

School Gates / Perimeter Fence

For the safety of all children, please remember to close the gates when entering and leaving the playgrounds. The perimeter fence and gates are there to protect the children. Please close the gates using the high slip bolts.

School Uniform

May I take this opportunity to say how smart all of our pupils look in their return to school in their uniforms. We are proud of the fact that all of our children wear school uniform and thank you for your ongoing support with this. Please ensure that every item of clothing is clearly named to ensure that we can identify lost items.

We have collected a lot of used but in very good condition school uniform over the years. This is now being kept in the Community Centre and is available for parents to access there. Please feel free to have a look and take anything that you think could be used.

We will continue to accept any donations of used school uniform, jackets and sportswear that could be used for PE.

Staffing

I am delighted to welcome Miss Schendel to Drongan Primary School this session. Miss Schendel will teach Primary 6b.

Breakfast Club

We look forward to opening our Breakfast Club. This will continue to run from 8.30am, as before there will be a cost of 50p per child / family.

Head / Depute Boys and Girls

Well done to all of our new school leaders. Our Heads and Deputes, together with the House Captains and Vice Captains will play an important role in wider school life this year.

Our P7 pupils have already been supporting around the school through various jobs and doing so very responsibly.

Physical Education

Please see below for days that classes will have PE at Drongan PS this session:

Primary 1 – Wednesday & Thursday

Primary 1/2 – Wednesday & Thursday

Primary 2/3 – Monday & Wednesday

Primary 3 – Monday & Wednesday

Primary 4 – Monday & Thursday



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Primary 4/5 – Monday & Thursday

Primary 5 – Tuesday & Thursday

Primary 6a – Tuesday & Friday

Primary 6b – Tuesday & Friday

Primary 7a – Tuesday & Friday

Primary 7b – Tuesday & Friday

Parent Council

All parents are members of the parent forum and are welcome to attend the Parent Council AGM. This is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 3rd September at 7.00pm. New members are always made most welcome, as we continue to encourage parental involvement in the life of the school.

We will remind you of this date nearer the time and let you know how to get involved.

New School / Community Garden



We are absolutely delighted with the results of our new school and community garden. We have worked in collaboration with Drongan Grassroots, J.R. Garden Solutions and our pupils to design and create our new garden.

I would like to thank Drongan Grassroots for working with us on this project and look forward to using this first class facility.

This will be an excellent opportunity for both the school and community moving forward.

I would also like to thank Sheena Gemmell and the Parent Council for the work that was undertaken in securing funding through the Participatory Budget Funding. This money also contributed towards the garden. We look forward to using the garden.



Safer Schools Scotland App

Our main form of communication with parents / carers is via our school app. Please download the 'Safer Schools Scotland' and select Drongan Primary School. The code for parents / carers to gain access is **1383**.



School Improvement Plan Priorities

Thank you very much to those of you who participated in our consultation process by completing the Glow Form questionnaire before the summer. We have also consulted as a staff and also with our

children, other partners and community links.

I will upload the school improvement plan to the school website over the coming weeks.

Rights Respecting Schools



We are proud to be a gold accredited Rights Respecting School. We will continue to good work in this initiative to maintain our gold standard.

The right of the month for September is Article 28 – Right to Education – Global Goal 4 – Quality Education. This will be promoted in classes and across the school.

Class Assemblies

We will inform you of when your class assembly will be using the school app nearer the time.

Pupil Committees

Last session we introduced our pupil committee afternoons, which were very successful. This provides pupils with the opportunity to express their views and contribute to the life of the school. We look forward to continuing this work using the pupil committee afternoons as well as assemblies.

Homework



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Thank you to those of you who engaged with the consultation process around homework last session. It was good to have the opportunity to feedback to you on this. We will issue further information about homework over the next couple of weeks.

Wider Achievements in Drongan Primary and ECC

It is always really nice to hear about children's achievements out of school. This can range from achievements at clubs or organisations that they go to, or anything else that you feel as being relevant including children contributing to their local community or helping someone out.

If your child has achieved outside of school please encourage them to inform their teacher and bring any certificates, medals, awards or trophies to school on Friday to share at assembly.

Children will have their photograph taken and will be displayed on our 'Wider Achievement' wall.



Parental and Community Involvement and Engagement

If you would like to be added to our list of parent helpers please notify Mrs Gibson or Mrs Tait in our office. This can include

helping with school outings, events in the school and supporting the staff and pupils in the school.

We are keen for any parents, carers or relatives who would like to support in classes or academically to get in touch.

In the primary school we are also looking for parents, grandparents and other family members with specific areas of knowledge or expertise gained through either your area of work, a hobby or a personal life experience. Please inform the school if you feel that you would be able to support the delivery of an aspect of the curriculum in any way.

Bikes and scooters

As always we continue to encourage our pupils to walk to school or ECC or travel by bike or scooter. For the safety of all of our pupils in the Primary School and ECC please encourage children to wear helmets and to dismount their bike/scooters when they enter the school grounds.

Dogs in Playground

Please refrain from bringing your dogs into the school playgrounds. Some children are intimidated by dogs and they are not permitted in the playground.

Home Lunches

In Drongan Primary School we encourage children to have lunch in the school, whether that be a school dinner or a packed lunch. If your child is going to be a

home lunch, please ensure that you send a letter with your child to notify the school.

It is vital that letters are specific about what day/s your child will be a home lunch to ensure that we know when you have given permission for them to leave the school grounds at lunch time.

If a child says that they are a home lunch but do not have written permission, they will not be allowed to leave the school grounds. The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. Please note that when a child is a home lunch, the school cannot be responsible for their safety once they have left the school grounds.

Letters, data checks and photograph permission

Please ensure that all letters, data checks and photograph permission is completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

A message has been shared on the school app with links to the consent forms that must be completed for all children.

Attendance / Late Coming

In line with EAC policy we monitor children's attendance and late coming regularly. Please note that we expect children to be in school and ready to learn for 9.00am.

We are keen to continue the improvement in attendance percentages this session and will work with you to support your child attending school.



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As stated earlier in the newsletter, please contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your child's education or wellbeing. We will endeavour

to work together with you to address any issues that may arise.

Yours sincerely

Sean Maddocks
Head Teacher



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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



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Dates for your Diary: September – October 2024

September

Tuesday 3 rd September	Parent Council Meeting / AGM
Friday 20 th September	Holiday
Monday 23 rd September	Holiday
Wednesday 25 th September	Parent Open Afternoon

October

Monday 2 nd October	Harvest collection for foodbank will be taken
Wednesday 9 th October	Parents' Evening
Friday 11 th October	Harvest service
Friday 11 th October	School closes, 3.00pm
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Holiday
Monday 23 rd October	In-service Day
Friday 25 th October	Halloween Activities