

Drongan Primary and Early Childhood Centre Newsletter

October 2024



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

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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.

Parents' Evenings



It was lovely to see everyone during the recent parents' evenings before the October break.

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.

Ayrshire Hospice
Go Purple Day

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Making today matter

Thank you for all of your support and donations for our Go Purple Day on Friday 11th October. All of our activities on the day helped us to raise **£550** for the Ayrshire Hospice. An incredible amount of money. Thank you.

Book Fair



Thanks to your support at our Autumn Book Fair, we managed to earn **£945** in free resources from Scholastic.

The Book Fair was really popular once again, and it is incredible that our pupils will also benefit from these additional resources. Thank you.

Halloween

Children are invited to come to school in their Halloween costumes on **Wednesday 30th October** and will enjoy

Halloween activities in their class.



The Parent Council are kindly organising a Halloween Disco for pupils in the school hall on Wednesday 30th October.

The Primary 1, 2, 3 and 4 disco will run from 6.00pm – 7.00pm and the Primary 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.

Children in Need



Children in Need will take place on Friday 15th November this year. There will be a themed lunch and children will have the opportunities to participate in Children in Need related activities in their class.

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.

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School Photographs



The photographer is booked for individual and siblings photos on Wednesday 6th November. Further information will follow regarding this.

Christmas Fayre

Drongan Primary School are delighted to be organising our Christmas Fayre once again. It will be held at Drongan Primary School on **Tuesday 3rd December from 6:00pm – 8.30pm.**

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 **Wednesday 30th October** we are having a Halloween themed **dress up / down day** (see app message/letter) to help get our fayre donations off and running.

We are currently collecting donations for the second hand toy and book stalls. If you are having a clear out and have toys/books in good condition,

these can be handed in at the office.

Any donations for the bottle stall, raffle or hampers are also more than welcome.

On the run up to the fayre we are taking orders for Calendars and Reindeer Food; as well as selling tickets for the Giant Teddy Raffle, Guess the Teddy's Name/Birthday and Guess the number of sweets in the jar, 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 Mrs Tait at 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.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/dronganpsecc2016/school-information/christmas-fundraising/>

Harvest Collection



A huge thank you to everyone who donated food for our Harvest collection. This has been donated to the local Food Provision.



Thank you also to Sheena Gemmell for her donation of vegetables for our Harvest table.

We enjoyed listening to the school choir, as well as our poetry readers.



Christmas Service

Our Christmas Service will take place in the school hall on Thursday 19th December at 9.30am. We welcome all parents / carers, relatives and members of the community to join us at the service.

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Christmas Shows

We will once again be presenting a P1 – 3 Nativity and a P4 – 7 pantomime.

P1 – 3 will perform 'Secret Angels' and P4 -7 will perform 'Cinderella Rockerfella'. More information will follow providing details of dates, times of shows and cost of tickets.

Class Assemblies

During this term P5 and P4 will present their class assemblies.

They will present their assembly to the whole school at 9.30am and to parents, carers and community members at 2.00pm on the dates shown in 'Dates for Your Diary' section.

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.

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



Tuesday 17th December –
All P1 - 3

Wednesday 18th December –
P4 – 5

Thursday 19th December –
P6 - & 7

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 **Monday 16th December.** Further information will be shared about the menu and cost nearer the time.

Panto

Unfortunately, due to availability, there will be no visit to the Gaiety Theatre pantomime this year. We have been assured that we will be able to book this again for next year.

Choir & Carol Singing

Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Sommerville and the 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 20th December at 2.30pm and re-opens for pupils on Monday 6th January.

Thank You

***Yours sincerely
Mr S Maddocks
Head Teacher***

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Dates for Your Diary

October

Wednesday 30th -

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Thursday 31st -

Halloween Activities

Halloween Disco

P5 Class Assembly



November

Wednesday 13th -

Friday 15th -

Friday 28th -

Photographer in school

Children in Need

P4 Class Assembly



December

Tuesday 3rd -

Tuesday 10th (PM) -

Wednesday 11th (AM) -

Thursday 12th -
(PM and Evening)

Monday 16th -

Tuesday 17th -

Wednesday 18th -

Thursday 19th -

Thursday 19th -

Christmas Fayre

P1 – 3 Nativity Performance

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P4 – 7 Show Performance

Christmas Lunch

P1, P1/2, P2/3 & P3 Party

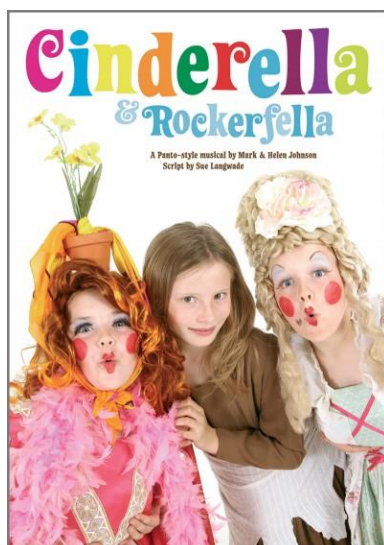
P4, P4/5 & P5 Party

P6 & P7 Party

Christmas Service

Friday 20th -

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