

Drongan Primary and Early Childhood Centre Newsletter

October 2025



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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 your support and donations for our Go Purple Day at our Harvest Service. This, together with staff donations, helped us to raise **£201** for the Ayrshire Hospice. Thank you.

Rainbow Run



We want to say a huge thank you for your support of our Rainbow Run, which raised £3500 for the Young Lives vs Cancer Charity.

The event wouldn't have been possible without the Parent Helpers, some of whom ended up with more paint on them than the children did!

We would also like to thank all the local businesses and other contributors who made donations to help us cover the costs of running the event.

A huge well done and thank you to Mrs Bradley for organising the event. We know the money raised will have a positive impact for lots of children.

Please click the link to view pictures from our Rainbow Run in aid of Young Lives vs Cancer!

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/JJa5RGarjO7JztBd?ref=Link>

Book Fair



Thanks to your support at our Autumn Book Fair, we managed to earn **£664.95** 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 will enjoy Halloween activities in their class on Friday 31st October. There will be no fancy dress during the school day for Halloween.



The school are organising a Halloween Disco with the support of the Parent Council for pupils on Thursday 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.

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Rights Respecting School Outright Campaign



As part of our Rights Respecting Schools journey, the whole school will be taking part in UNICEF's Outright Campaign this term. This will focus on International Aid with all classes taking part in activities that will help them learn more about what this is and why it is needed.

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 (once I was reminded that they were

performing), as well as our poetry readers.

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 won't be collecting funds in school, but if you would like to donate, you can do at <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>.

We Will Remember



We will once again be supporting The Scottish Poppy Appeal this year. Poppies will be available from Monday 3rd November for children in school to make a small donation.

School Photographs



The photographer is booked for individual and siblings' photos on Wednesday 29th October.

We will arrange for children to be photographed together with their siblings in the ECC.

Class Assemblies

During this term P4 and P5 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 Thursday.

Please remember to send trophies, certificates, medals or any other news of your children's achievement in to school on a Thursday morning to be shared at assembly.

They will also have their photograph taken for our display.

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Panto



Our P1 – 4 children will visit the pantomime, 'Aladdie', at The Gaiety Theatre on the morning of Tuesday 25th November, and the P5 – 7 children on Wednesday 26th November.

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 2nd December from 6:00pm – 8.00pm.**

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.

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 7th November** we are having a Silent Disco in school (see app message/letters issued this

week) 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, Reindeer Food and Hot Chocolate Cones; 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 this week and, on the app/blog.

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/>

Christmas Parties



Tuesday 16th December –
All P1 - 2

Wednesday 17th December –
All P3 - 4

Thursday 18th December –
All P5 - 7

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

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

Christmas Service

Our Christmas Service will take place in the school hall on **Wednesday 17th December at 9.30am.** We welcome all parents / carers, relatives and members of the community to join us at the service.



Christmas Shows

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

P1 – 3 will perform 'Knock Knock – The Nativity' and P4 - 7 will perform 'The Drongan Express'.

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

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Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner for the children will be held on **Monday 15th December**. Further information will be shared about the menu and cost nearer the time.

Choir & Carol Singing

Mrs Sommerville and the choir are looking forward to opens for pupils on Monday 5th January.

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 19th December at 2.30pm and re-open on Monday January 5th.

Thank You

Yours sincerely

***Mr S Maddocks
Head Teacher***

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Dates for Your Diary

October

Wednesday 29th -
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Thursday 30th -
Friday 31st -

P4 Class Assembly
Photographer in school
Halloween Disco
Halloween Activities (No costumes)



November

Friday 7th -
Wednesday 12th -
Friday 14th -
Tuesday 18th -
Wednesday 19th -
Tuesday 25th -
Wednesday 26th -
Wednesday 26th -

Sponsored Silent Disco (bottle stall/raffle donations)
P5 Class Assembly
Children in Need
Parent Council Meeting
P1 and 7 Dental Inspections
Pantomime Visit, AM (P1 – 4)
Pantomime Visit, AM (P5 – 7)
P1 – 4 Flu Immunisations



December

Tuesday 2nd -
Wednesday 3rd -
Tuesday 9th (PM) -
Wednesday 10th (AM) -
Thursday 11th -
(PM and Evening)
Monday 15th -
Tuesday 16th -
Wednesday 17th -
Wednesday 17th -
Thursday 18th -

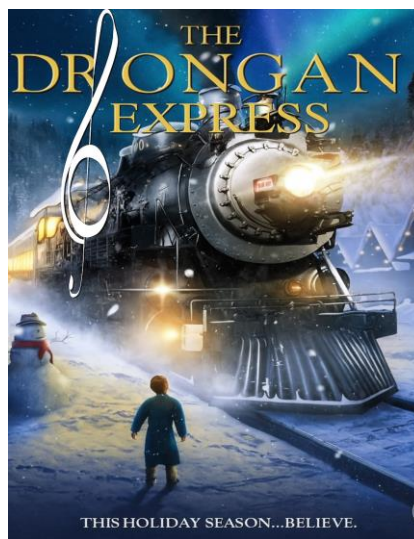
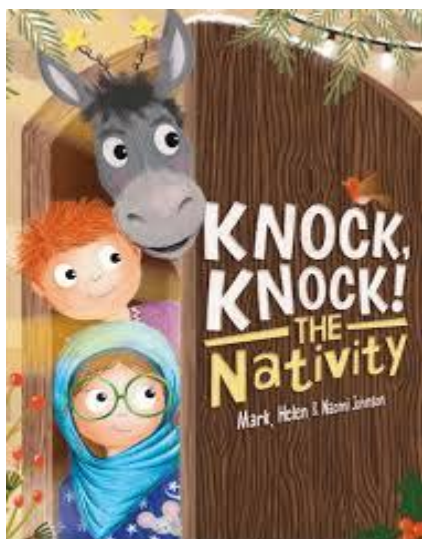
Christmas Fayre 6.00pm
P5 – 7 Flu Immunisations
P1 – 3 Nativity Performance
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P4 – 7 Show Performance

Christmas Lunch
P1 - P2 Xmas Party
Christmas Service 9.30am
P3 - P4 Xmas Party
P5 - P7 Xmas Party



Friday 19th -

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