

Drongan Primary and Early Childhood Centre Newsletter

April 2026



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. Transition visits with the infant teachers have already been taking place and will continue throughout this term. We also have planned a number of other 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 Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th May as part of their transition programme. There are also two further Parent/Carer & Pupil twilight 'Taster Sessions' on Wednesday 6th May (Maths) and Wednesday 13th May (Social Subjects). There is also

a P7 Parent Information Evening on Monday 25th May at RBA. More information will be posted about these sessions soon. We will keep you informed of any other events involving P7 – S1 transition.

Class Structure 2026-27

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

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 24th June. Further information and costs will be provided as soon as possible.



Primary 7 Residential

Our Primary 7 children are looking forward to a visit to Dumfries House from 28th April to 1st 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 18th May at 7pm on Zoom.

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

Once again, the Burns / Scots Verse celebrations were a great success, with so much talent on display. As always, the standard of the competition and the P6-7 Burns Supper were outstanding. Well done to all of the class winners. We are very proud of our pupils who have gone on to represent the school in the Barony and Ayrshire Burns Competitions as well!



Prizegiving

We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our pupils for the 2025/26 school session through our Prizegiving service. One of the awards we present is the 'Schaw Kirk Caring Award'. Nominations are sent in by parents/carers or a member of the community, where they nominate a child/pupil who has stood out for being kind/helpful/hardworking for either their family or the wider community.

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If you would like to nominate a pupil, please scan the QR code.



Let's Connect Afternoon

Thank you to Mrs Bradley and the RRS Committee for putting on another successful afternoon for our parents/carers to come in to the school and take part in activities with their children. The feedback was very positive once again.

Football

Both our boys' and girls' football teams were very busy last term and although not all of the results went our way, both teams did find success.

The boys were successful in winning the Bill Shankly cup, with the team being commended on their sportsmanship throughout. The girls won the Ayrshire League fourth tier final at Rugby Park and were delighted to get the chance to go onto the pitch for photos afterwards.

Thanks to Mr McClure, Mrs Sommerville and Miss Finnigan for their continued support of the teams and all of our parents and families for aiding with transport to games.



School Garden

The Outdoor Committee, and lots of other willing helpers, have been busy in the school garden, preparing it for planting this term. They have already got potatoes, carrots and onions in the ground and have plans for lots more fruits and vegetables.

The daffodils that were planted around the school have been on show with the nice weather and we will be adding more for next year.



Litter Pick

We will be holding a whole school community litter pick on Tuesday 12th May. Parents are welcome to come along and support this event. More information with times for each class will be posted nearer the time.

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, some of the funds raised through this topic will go towards next session's Primary 7 residential. However, this year we will also be putting some of the funds towards a 'legacy' for our P7s to leave behind. This might be in the form of a bench or picnic table in each of our playgrounds. More information will follow.

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 Wednesday morning to be shared with their class. They will also have their photograph taken for our display.

P5 Swimming Lessons

A huge thank you to the 9CC Group for providing funding for all of our Primary 5 pupils to attend a six-week block of swimming lessons at the Citadel in Ayr. Thanks also must go to our Parent Council for organising this funding. The

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children thoroughly enjoyed their block of swimming and the funding will continue next session for another group of P5s to get this experience.



Inclusion and STEM Week

We are looking forward to providing our children with the opportunity to explore Inclusion and STEM activities during these focus weeks.

During Inclusion Week, children will learn about Dyslexia, Autism, ADHD and other learning differences and how these can impact us. There will also be a Parent Open Afternoon.

STEM Week will give the children the chance to learn all about science and engineering, as well as explore new resources and activities.

Global Intergenerational Week

On Monday 30th March, the Pupil Council proudly celebrated Global Intergenerational Week with a visit to Rowantree Court. This special occasion provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to build positive relationships, share skills, and strengthen our ongoing community partnership work.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed spending time together—

especially playing dominoes, sharing stories, and making new friends. It was a meaningful and memorable experience for pupils and residents alike, and a fantastic example of the power of intergenerational connections.

We look forward to further visits this term.



'Megan's Space' & 'Grow Together'

At Parents' Evening, we were joined by representatives from the charity 'Megan's Space' and East Ayrshire whole family wellbeing fund service, 'Grow Together'.

Megan's Space provides essential support, advocacy and therapeutic services to young people who are unable to access the help they need through traditional routes whether due to cost, access or perceived taboo.

Grow Together is a free, family focussed service in East Ayrshire, designed to support children, young people and families who may need extra help, even if they are not in crisis. The service emphasises listening, understanding and providing practical support without judgement or pressure, helping families grow stronger together.

We look forward to working with both services to support children and families. Look out for Parent Information sessions in term four!

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' in Google. The access code is: 1383.

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



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

May

Tues 28th April:	P7 Residential Visit to Dumfries House
Mon 4th May:	Holiday
Wed 6th May:	P3 Class Assembly (2pm for Parents/Carers)
Thurs 7th May:	In-service day
Tues 12th May:	Whole School Community Litter Pick
Wed 13th May:	P4 Spring Festival of Farming at Dumfries House
Wed 13th May:	P1 Transition Active Schools Parent Workshop (AM)
Mon 18th May:	Inclusion Week at Drongan PS
Wed 20th May:	Parent Open Afternoon (1:30pm - Inclusion Week)
Mon 18th May:	Parent Council Meeting (7pm on Zoom)
Tues 19th May:	P6 STEM Event at Robert Burns Academy
Wed 20th May:	P1 Transition Parent Information / Lunch Event 10.30am
Mon 25th May:	P7 Parent information evening at Robert Burns Academy
Wed 27th May:	P3 & P4 Oral Health Workshops
Wed 27th May:	P7 Induction Day at Robert Burns Academy
Wed 27th May:	P6 Class Assembly (2pm for Parents/Carers)
Thurs 28th May:	P7 Induction Day at Robert Burns Academy

June

Tues 2nd June:	Sports Day (1.00pm start)
Mon 8th June:	STEM Week at Drongan PS
Wed 17th June:	Prizegiving Service
Wed 17th June:	Bump Up Afternoon at Drongan PS
Fri 19th June:	P7 Leavers' Assembly (1:45pm for Parents/Carers)
Mon 22nd June:	P7 Leavers' Party at Drongan (1:00-4:00pm)
Tues 23rd June:	House Reward Trip to Doon Valley Railway
Wed 24th June:	Whole School Trip to Heads of Ayr Farm Park
Fri 26th June:	School Closes at 1.00pm

Please note that dates and times may be subject to change.

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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