



# Dargavel Primary School



## Newsletter – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Hi everyone,

Please take a few minutes to read over what is coming up over the next couple of weeks. As always, if you would like to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office on 0300 300 1481 or email [dargavelenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:dargavelenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

Enjoy the rest of your weekend.

Gerry Carlton – Head Teacher

### Staffing Update

Mrs Hendriks has suffered two very close family bereavements and will be absent from work for the foreseeable future. The P4B class will be taught by Ms Ashley Gray.

Mrs Alison Fell who is one of our clerical assistants leaves Dargavel today to take up a new post within the council. We wish her well in her new post. Alison's replacement, Grace Caulfield will take up post over the next couple of weeks.

### Health Week

We are very excited for 2023's Health Week which starts on Monday. The children will be participating in a variety of activities which will support their physical and mental wellbeing. Please ensure your child wears relaxed uniform all next week (dress down day on Friday). They should also wear a jacket with a hood as some of the activities will take place outdoors. Please also ensure the children bring a water bottle. Thank you to all our volunteers and organisations who are supporting this event and a special thank you to Louise Chisholm, DHT, for planning the week.

### Right of the Fortnight

Our next Right of the Fortnight is:

Article 31 - I have the right to relax and play

Classes will be focusing on this right and what it means to them both when at school and at home.

Please continue to discuss the rights with your children.



### Clubs

We are delighted to be able to offer 14 clubs this term. A huge thanks to our staff for giving up their time to provide these opportunities. Please click on the link below to sign your child up.

We understand that there was an issue with the link when it went live during the week. This has now been resolved. Apologies for the inconvenience.

<https://oneren-dargavel.class4kids.co.uk>

## Parent Council

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Parent Council for their continued support and hard work over the past few months. They have been working tirelessly to ensure they get the best outcome for the whole school community. The next Parent Forum meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> April.

### Class Photographs

Tempest Photography will be taking class photos on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Children should come to school wearing smart uniform.

### Car Park

Can I please ask that parents/ carers only use the car park for drop off and pick up. More and more cars are parking in spaces, including the blue badge spaces and also on the driveway which is a health and safety issue. We understand that Arrochar Drive is very busy, however, the car park is becoming very unsafe.

Thank you for co-operation.

### Have Your Say

If you would like to make a comment or suggestion about anything school related, please click on the link below. We always want to hear your views and act upon them where possible.

<https://forms.office.com/e/fev9tVpAxu>

**SAFETY FIRST**

### Have Your Say - Feedback

Question 1: A parent asked about the possibility of a chess club being started for pupils.

Answer: 1 We are currently looking into this and have made contact with a local resident who may be able run a club. We will keep you posted on this.

Question 2: A parent enquired about children wearing their jackets in the lunch hall whilst having their lunch and that this is not common practice in any other areas of life.

Answer 2: Children come to the lunch hall with their jackets on. This is so they can go straight outside once they have finished their lunch. Children have the option to remove their jacket and either sit on it or have it on their lap. Unfortunately we can't have all the children going to their cloakroom during lunchtime as SLT and support staff are either in the lunch hall or in the playground.

Question 3: A parent enquired about the P5 trip being cancelled due to the strike action and would it be rescheduled?

Answer 3: The P5 trip was cancelled due to national strike action. The P5 classes will be attending Scottish opera in March. Further information to follow.

### Dress Down Day

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February is a dress down day. A donation of £1 is encouraged (paid via ParentPay)



Kindness



Respect



Acceptance



Growth