



Dargavel Primary School



Newsletter – 26th January 2024

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024. 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

Have a lovely weekend.

Gerry Carlton

Parking

Can we please ask parents/ carers to be respectful and safe when dropping off or collecting children by car. We are now receiving emails/ phone calls on a daily basis from local residents and from other parents/carers expressing their concerns regarding the dangerous parking and also the disrespectful behaviour of some adults. Please support the school in keeping our children safe and also by maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours.

The council's Road Safety Officer has been working with the JRSO group regularly to look at ways of improving the congestion around the school. An initiative which we have started is the Travel Tracker, which encourages and rewards active travel to school.

New School Consultation

Gerry Lyons, Head Of Education, would like to meet with parents/ carers regarding the plans for the new primary school. He will be hosting Consultation Cafes in Dargavel Primary on Tuesday 5th February at 9am and Wednesday 6th February at 2pm. There will also be an online session on Wednesday 6th at 7.30pm. A link for the online session will be sent out nearer the time.

Right of the Fortnight

Our first Right of the Fortnight for 2024 is:

Article 30

If you come from a minority group, because of your race, religion or language, you have the right to enjoy your own culture, practise your own religion, and use your own language.



THE UNITED NATIONS
CONVENTION
ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

This links very closely with the school's value of ACCEPTANCE.

Celtic Connections

P3 attended Celtic Connections this week and P4 will be attending next week. This is a great opportunity for the pupils to experience some Scottish music and to learn about the different sounds and instruments that makes Scottish music so unique.



Burns Assembly

Our Burns Assembly was a great success. Every class performed a Scottish poem, song or dance and we finished the assembly with a whole school sing-a-long. Have a look on Seesaw and Twitter for some of the highlights.



Health Week

Health Week takes place week beginning 19th February. If you or someone you know has any skills or expertise in physical or mental wellbeing that they could share with the children, please contact Mrs Chisholm. We will provide further information about Health Week nearer the time.

School dinners

Can you please ensure you discuss the school lunch options with your child. We are noticing a significant number of children not eating any of their lunch because they don't like the options. If this is the case, children should be provided with a packed lunch. The school day is too long for children to go without eating a proper meal. The link below will show you the school meal options.

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2880/Primary-school-lunch-menus>

Parents Portal

Please sign up to Parentsportal - <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schools/parentsportal>

This system is used to ensure the information we hold for you children in terms of name, address, emergency contacts and medical information is correct. This will also allow you to update any of this information throughout the year.

We also intend to use Parentsportal for you to book your parent/teacher meeting in May.

If you are having any issues signing up, please contact the school office on 0300 300 1481 or e-mail dargavelenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

February Weekend

Schools will be closed for the February weekend on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February. Staff return on Wednesday 14th for an Inservice Day and pupils return on Thursday 15th February.



Kindness



Respect



Acceptance



Growth