



# Dargavel Primary School



## Newsletter – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Hi everyone,

Please take a few minutes to read over what is coming up over the next couple of weeks. Please remember that the school is closed to pupils on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Inservice Day) 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)

Have a lovely weekend.

### Parking

I think this will be a long-standing item in every newsletter. Parking is still causing significant concern both around the school and in the car park. The school car park is for staff only. The drop off zone is for drop off and not for parking.

When parking around the school, please park legally and considerately. Parking across from the school in streets such as Kilmelford Drive is causing disruption to local residents, with some not able to get out of their driveways.

The police and wardens have been contacted and they will be out as often as they can.

We promote Kindness and Respect as our school values and if we expect our children to live by these values then we as adults need to model them. Unfortunately this is not the case when some drivers have been approached. Please try to be kind, people are just trying to keep the children safe.



### Children's Mental Health Week

The 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February is Children's Mental Health Week with the focus being 'My Voice Matters'. There are various resources that parents/ carers can access at home by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/childrens-mental-health-week/>



### Right of the Fortnight

#### Article 12



For children and young people to have opinions and for these opinions to be heard and taken seriously.

*This will be launched at Friday's assembly and discussed with children in classes.*



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### Internet Safety

Are you aware of everything your child is accessing online?

If your child has a device and uses social media, it's so important to know how best to support them to keep them safe. The following website is very useful for tips on location sharing, oversharing of personal information etc.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

### Relationships & Expectations

We launched our Relationships & Expectations Policy in January. You can access the full policy along with the blueprint and classroom plan on the school website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/dargavelprimaryschool/relationships-and-expectations/>

### P1 Weight and Height Checks

These will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

### Quality Improvement Visit

Julie Colquhoun, Education Manager and Jane Houston, Head Teacher, visited Dargavel Primary last Tuesday. They visited classes and met with pupils and staff. They were very impressed with what they observed and made the following comments:

*'Relationships, amongst all are a strength of the school. This results in a positive, nurturing ethos which you feel from the moment you walk into the school - office staff provide a warm and friendly welcome.'*

*'Teachers and children use digital technologies skilfully across the curriculum. This approach enhances and enriches children's learning successfully, enabling them to be independent learners.'*

*'Children in the early stages, including in the nurture class, learn through play successfully in well-planned, attractive environments.'*

*'All children reported at the focus group meeting that they enjoy learning at Dargavel.'*

We are delighted with the feedback. A big thank you to all of the staff for always working hard for the Dargavel children and families.

### New School Consultation

As part of the new school consultation, the council are hosting 4 Information Sessions and 2 Public Meetings. Further information can be found at

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/13742/Dargavel-school-consultation>

The first two Information Sessions are in Dargavel Primary on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm – 9pm (drop-in sessions on the hour – 6pm, 7pm & 8pm)

The first Public Meeting is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm – 9pm.

To book your slot, click on this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-dargavel-school-consultation-information-sessions-tickets-810047031477?aff=oddtcreator>



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