



Hi everyone,

It is hard to believe that we have almost reached the mid-term holiday; it only feels like we've just returned from the summer! Please note the school is closed on Friday 27th and Monday 30th September. Please take a few minutes to read over the newsletter to stay informed of what's going on at Dargavel. If you have any queries, please contact the school office on 0300 300 1481 or email dargavelenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk and a member of staff will get back to you.

Have a lovely long weekend.

Gerry Carlton

European Day of languages

Thursday 26th September is European Day of Languages. The whole school will be taking part in an online French lesson live from Paris. Please ask your child about what they learned and perhaps ask them to teach you some basic French. There are some great suggested activities at <https://www.discover-the-world.com/study-trips/blog/european-day-of-languages-activities/>



Maths Week Scotland

Maths Week Scotland is in full swing and all classes are taking part in various maths activities both in class and outdoors. The theme this year is 'Maths Tales'. The following link will take you to different resources you can use with your child at home - <https://mathsweek.scot/families>

As part of the children's maths homework this week, children have been given the task of doing a maths trail. It would be great to see as many families as possible getting involved with this, even if it is just a question a day completed.

We will also be holding a Maths Week Assembly this Thursday. Part of this will involve a Pupil vs Staff vs Parents maths quiz. Keep an eye on our X (Twitter) feed to find out who won.

Dance-A-Thon Success - THANK YOU!

We raised an incredible £6700 in the recent sponsored Dance-A-Thon. Your generosity and support are hugely appreciated and we will ensure the money is well spent on the current Dargavel pupils. A large proportion of the money will help subsidise the whole school pantomime trip.



World of Work Week: 7th – 10th October

If you or someone you know would be willing to speak to classes about your career, please contact Mrs Chisholm or complete the survey below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/HLNn3WhNQN>



At the Pavilion Theatre Glasgow

Whole School Pantomime Trip – The Pavilion, Glasgow

On Friday 6th December, we are taking the whole school on an exciting trip to the Pavilion Theatre to watch the Treasure Island pantomime. A trip of this nature is obviously costly and so the school and Parent Council are working together to keep the cost as low as possible. After a large donation from the Parent Council and the money raised from the Dance-A-Thon, we are hoping to charge each child approximately £5. This is a great price for what the children will experience.

Further information will be provided nearer the time and we will also be looking for some parent volunteers to help on the day....'Oh no you're not.... Oh yes we are!'



Halloween Disco – Thursday 24th October

The Parent Council will be hosting the Halloween Discos on Thursday 24th October. P1-3, 6.15pm – 7.15pm and P4-7, 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Entry is £1 per child. All children must be dropped off and collected by an adult. Further information regarding entrances and exits will be issued nearer the time.



Christmas Fair – Saturday 7th December

The Dargavel Primary Christmas Fair is always a great event and we're hoping for another special one this year. One of the more popular stalls on the day is the bottle stall. We will start receiving donations of bottles earlier this year to ensure we are well organised for the event. On Thursday 10th October and Friday 1st November we will have dress down days in exchange for bottle donations. These donations can be alcoholic, non-alcoholic, toiletries etc. Thank you for your support.

Homework

Homework can be a contentious topic in some households. Feedback from families has been very mixed, with some advising that homework can be done with ease whilst for others it causes stress which can result in arguments.

As a staff, we have decided what is an appropriate amount for each stage, including a mix of written, oral and digital. Teachers plan for this on a weekly basis and set the homework on Seesaw. The work can be completed on Seesaw or in the jotters provided.

The homework is differentiated to meet your child's needs.

For those families who would prefer to have more homework, there is a plethora of resources online which anyone can access.

If it is a struggle to get the homework completed, please speak to your child's teacher or contact a member of SLT. The last thing we want is for homework to become a burden.

The most important thing families can do with their children is to read to them every night. The evidence on the impact of this is quite staggering.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/blog/reading-children-so-powerful-so-simple-and-yet-so-misunderstood/>

https://education.gov.scot/media/qpjla5py/readingtips_primaryen.pdf

Key Dates for the Diary

September Weekend – Friday 27 th & Monday 30 th September (school reopens on Tuesday 1 st October)
October Holiday – Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th . Friday 11 th is an Inservice Day.
Parents' Night – Thursday 21 st November (3.15pm – 9pm)
St Andrew's Day Holiday – Monday 2 nd December
Whole School Pantomime Trip to The Pavilion – Friday 6 th December
Christmas Fair – Saturday 7 th December (AM)
Christmas Shows (including P1 Nativity) – Thursday 12 th & Friday 13 th December
Christmas Holidays – Monday 23 rd Dec – Friday 3 rd January (school reopens on Monday 6 th January)