



# Dargavel Primary School



## Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Hi everyone,

We are now well into Term 2 with lots to look forward to in November and of course all of the Christmas festivities in December. Pupil Progress Meetings take place in November; information on how to book your appointment can be found below. The newsletter also contains important dates for the term ahead.

Have a lovely weekend.

Gerry Carlton

### Thank You

Thank you to the parents and staff who helped at the Halloween Discos last Thursday. The children had a lot of fun. A special thank you to the Parent Council for organising the event.

Thank you for the bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre. We have received a fantastic amount. All of these will be used at the Christmas Fayre bottle stall to help raise money for the school.

The final dress down day is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. This is in exchange for bottles and chocolate (bars, biscuits, tubs etc) Thank you so much for your generosity.



Starting School!

Primary 1 Enrolment – August 2025

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P1 Registration is now live (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November)

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2025 and 28 February 2026 inclusive should be registered for education in their catchment school.

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/11957/Apply-for-a-place-at-school>

### Pupil Progress Meetings (Parents' Night) – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

The meetings take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Session 1: 3.15pm – 5.30pm and Session 2: 6.15pm – 8.30pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss your child's academic progress, their wellbeing and other factors such as attitude, motivation and friendship.

You can book your 8-minute appointment on the Parents Portal. This will go live from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. If you have still to sign up for Parents Portal, please do so as soon as possible. For help signing up, click on the following link or contact the school office on 0300 300 1481.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/dargavelprimaryschool/parents-portal/>



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## Children in Need Coffee Morning – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Parents/ Carers of P3 and P4 children are invited into the school for a Children in Need coffee morning at 9.30am on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

P3C & P3D have organised the event and will be singing to the parents/ carers at 10am. There might also be a special visit from Pudsey Bear.



## Children in Need Pyjama Day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

All children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. P3C and P3D will be collecting cash donations, with all money raised going to Children in Need. For those not wishing to wear pyjamas, it will be a non-uniform day.

## New School – Pupil Voice

The architects involved in the design of the new school will meet with a group of pupils on Wednesday morning. The children will get to have a say in things such as colour schemes, possible names, design of the playground etc. We will let parents/ carers know if your child is part of the consultation group.



## Pupil Voice Groups

Our new Pupil Voice Groups met for the first time last Friday and re-grouped again today. All P3-7 pupils are part of a group; with each group looking at a specific aspect of our school, for example, curriculum, ethos and inclusion. We want to know exactly what our pupils think of our school; what are the best bits and what could be improved. The findings will be shared with the school community in due course. Please ask your children what group they are in and what they discussed at the group.

Primary 1 and 2 also had their voices heard at their Pupil Voice assemblies.

## Pupil Leadership Committees

We will be launching the recruitment of our Pupil Leadership Committees at next week's assembly. The members of our committees have been the same for two years and it is now time for a refresh. The groups include Pupil Council, Eco, Digital, Literacy and Numeracy amongst others. Next Friday, children will come home with their manifesto homework. If they wish to join a group, they should complete their manifesto and hand it in on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. If your child doesn't want to join a group then they do not need to complete the task.

## Mrs Hood & Acting Principal Teacher Appointment

Mrs Hood, Principal Teacher and P5/6 Teacher starts her maternity leave on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We wish her well during her time off and look forward to meeting Baby Hood upon arrival.

Miss McAneny will be teaching the P5/6 class from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

After a successful interview process, Miss Rainey, current P2c teacher has been appointed as Acting Principal Teacher. Miss Rainey will continue to teach P2c, however, she will have a Tuesday out of class to fulfil her management remit. Mr Galloway will teach the P2c class on a Tuesday starting from next week.



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### Pantomime Trip – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

The whole school are going to the Pavilion Pantomime on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Each child should pay £5. This is now live on Parent Pay. The money should be paid by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. If you think you'll struggle to pay this, please contact Mr Carlton or one of the Depute Heads and we can discuss how we can support you.

For families with 3 or more children, a family discount will be applied, where only two children will need to be paid for.

Thank you to the Parent Council for subsidising a significant proportion of the cost.

We will be looking for some parent volunteers to help on the day. If you think you would be interested in helping, please contact the school office and we will be in touch.

### Christmas Concert and Nativities

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am: P1a Nativity and all other classes performing

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1.15pm: P1b Nativity and all other classes performing

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am: P1c Nativity and all other classes performing. The violinists will also perform.

The whole performance will last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Priority seats will be given to P1 parents in the first instance and then offered to other parents/ carers. No more than 2 tickets per child. A survey link to book tickets will be sent out soon.

