



Dargavel Primary School

Newsletter – 23rd May 2025



Hi everyone,

It's been a busy couple of weeks at Dargavel Primary and we have a lot more to look forward to over the next 5 weeks. Please keep up to date with future events by reading our newsletter.

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 great long weekend.

Gerry Carlton

Local Authority Review

The school had a local authority review (internal inspection) on the 7th and 8th May. We are delighted with the very positive outcome and are grateful to the pupils, staff and families who all played an important role in ensuring this outcome. I have included some of the highlights from the report below:

'The school ethos is firmly based on the vision and values, in particular, respect and kindness were evident in all interactions with the team. All children and staff demonstrate these embedded values towards each other, creating a very warm and welcoming environment.'

'Relationships between all are a formidable strength of the school.'

'In all classes, children were highly motivated and engaged in their learning. Teachers in all classes have established effective routines to support learning.'

'There is a strong ethos and culture of inclusion, participation and positive relationships across the school. All staff have created safe, nurturing, inclusive environments in which children learn. All staff provide a high level of care and have a strong focus on the welfare and wellbeing of all children.'

'All staff have appropriately high expectations of the children in their class.'

Pupil Progress Meetings

It was great to see so many parents/ carers attend the Pupil Progress appointments. There was approximately 97% attendance across the school which is an excellent turnout.

We hope you found the discussion with your child's teacher beneficial. If you would like to discuss anything in more detail with a member of SLT, please contact the school office and we can arrange a suitable time to meet.

Staffing

Mrs Duffy, P5b teacher has now commenced her maternity leave. Ms Son will teach the class for the foreseeable future. We wish Mrs Duffy well on the impending birth of her baby.

Mrs Chisholm is absent from work at the moment. Please contact Mr Carlton in her absence.

Respect at Work

Almost all of our parents/ carers speak respectfully to staff. However, on occasion, our staff can be spoken to in a way which leaves them feeling very uncomfortable. As with all Renfrewshire Council employees, school staff are committed to providing an efficient service and we deal with enquiries and requests quickly, fairly and politely. In turn, we expect our staff to be treated politely and with respect.

Can I also encourage parents/ carers to contact the school office if they have a concern about anything school related instead of putting it on the class WhatsApp groups. These groups are useful for sharing information but should not be used to discuss specific children or staff members. Thank you for support with this.



Sports Day takes place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th June 2025. We would love to invite families along to join in the fun. The table below indicates the time when you can watch your child participate in the competitive races.

Primary 1 - 3: Tuesday 10th June

9.10am - 10.20am: P2 participating in races

10.45am - 12noon: P1 participating in races

1.15pm - 3pm: P3 participating in races

Primary 4 - 7: Wednesday 11th June

9.10am - 10.40am: P5 participating in races

10.55am - 12noon: P4 participating in races

1pm - 3pm: P6 and P7 participating in races

Children should come to school in suitable clothing for Sports Day. They are welcome to wear a t-shirt in their house colour, however, this is not essential. Stags – yellow, Swans – blue, Otters -Green and Owls – Red. Please have a water bottle and apply sun cream to your child if the forecast is sunny.

The Parent Council, supported by P7 pupils, will be selling juice and treats to spectators, so please bring some change with you.

Fun Day – Thursday 26th June

To celebrate the end of the school session, we are hosting our annual Dargavel Fun Day on Thursday 26th June. There will be a range of fun activities, stalls, inflatables etc. Classes will enjoy these on the morning of the 26th. Families are then invited into the school at 1.15pm to enjoy the fun. There will be an ice-cream van, hot dogs, cakes, sweets etc for sale.

We will communicate further information nearer the time.



Classes for August 2025

We are currently working on creating the classes for next session. Due to the change in the class structure and maximum class sizes (P1 = 25, P2 & P3 = 30, P4-7 = 33), there will be changes to most classes. The children have been consulted on friendships and we will ensure that we take their views into account when creating the classes.

When the classes are finalised, parents/ carers will be notified by letter.

We will arrange a 'jump-up' session for your child to meet their new teacher and further transition activities will be planned to ensure your child feels confident about moving into their new class.



Health Week

Health Week will run from 2nd – 6th June. Children can come to school wearing relaxed uniform this week as they will be participating in various physical activities each day. Please ensure your child has a filled water bottle and sun cream applied before coming to school.

Dress Down Day

Friday 6th June is a dress down day for pupils. We ask for a £1 donation on Parent Pay. The money raised from this will go towards helping the school renew the Accelerated Reading scheme.

Parent Council

The Parent Council do a lot of great work for the school and we are grateful for the money they raise which helps benefit our pupils. Next session, they will be purchasing playground equipment and digital devices. They are also going to help subsidise some of the Accelerated Reader subscription cost.

In December, we took the whole school to the Pavilion Theatre for the pantomime. This was a brilliant trip which the children loved. As a result of the contributions from the Parent Council and the school fund, we only charged each child £5 for the trip. We would like to know what your thoughts are on doing the trip again in December 25, however, we would need to charge families more. The reason for the price increase is that we also want to spend funds on resources/ equipment for the pupils. Can you please take a few seconds to answer this very short survey so we know whether or not to consider a panto trip for December.

<https://forms.office.com/e/N4zkgUFQwd>

P7 Induction Days at Park Mains: Wednesday 28th May (PM only). Thursday 12th & Friday 13th June (all day)

P1 Trip to Finlaystone: Friday 30th May

P4 Trip to Dean Castle: Monday 2nd June

Health Week: 2nd – 6th June

Dress Down Day: Friday 6th June

Sports Days: Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th June

P5 Trip to Whitelees Wind Farm: Friday 13th June

P7 Residential: Monday 16th – Thursday 19th June

Summer Shorts & Shades Disco: Thursday 19th June

House Reward: Friday 20th June

P7 Leavers' Assembly (9.30am start) and Leavers' Dance (7pm start, photos from 6.30pm): Wednesday 25th June

Dargavel Fun Day (families welcome to attend from 1pm): Thursday 26th June

School closes for holidays: Friday 27th June at 1pm

