

Douglas Primary School & ELC

NEWSLETTER 2 - September 2023

SCHOOL NEWS



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PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our settling in Parent Consultations will take place on Wednesday 4th October.

Details regarding booking an appointment have already been sent out via the new Parents Portal. If you have not yet booked a time slot please log in to Parents Portal to do so. If you have any difficulty in accessing the portal please contact the school office.



COFFEE MORNING

Our Annual MacMillan Coffee Morning was scheduled for Thursday 28th September. However due to the strike action we have rescheduled the event for Thursday 12th October.

Any donations of home baking or shop bought cakes would be greatly received. Please hand these into the school office prior to the coffee morning commencing.

Please see a timetable below for the times that each class will be visiting the Coffee Morning should you wish to attend with your child.

- P1/2 9.30—9.50
- P2/3 9.50—10.10
- P3/4 10.10—10.30
- P5/6 & P6/7—10.45—11.05

ELC children can be collected at any point from the ELC main entrance and then returned to the playroom one you are ready to leave.



PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

In an effort to improve our Parental Engagement we have organised for each class to have a classroom visit this term for parents/carers to attend.

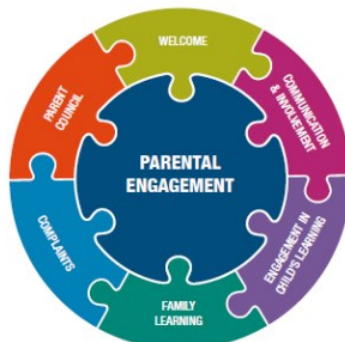
We hope that these visits will give you a greater insight into the learning and teaching that takes place in your child's classroom. It will also give your child the opportunity to showcase their learning and model how they work within the classroom environment.

All visits were listed in the termly calendar that was issued with the last newsletter and a paper copy was also sent home. Please see a reminder of the dates below:

- P5/6 Tuesday 3rd Oct 1.30pm
- P1/2 Tuesday 10th Oct 1.30pm
- P2/3 Tuesday 24th Oct 1.30pm
- P6/7 Tuesday 21st Nov 1.30pm
- P3/4 Tuesday 28th Nov 1.30pm

If you are unable to make your child's classroom visit then please feel free to send a member of your family or a friend to join in.

Additional parental engagement activities will be planned for term 2 and term 3.



MORNING DROP OFF

Now that the children have been at school for over a month can we please ask parents/carers to start to drop children off at the school gate in the morning and allow them to make their own way around to class. This will help reduce the volume of people within the grounds.

Mrs Armstrong or Mrs Gladstone will be outside the infant area from 8.45am and Mrs Hughes or Mr Scobbie will be at the school gate to see the children in safely.

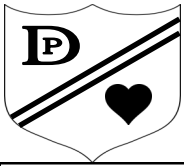
We understand that some P1 pupils might still find this daunting therefore P1 parents can walk their child around to the class to meet Mrs Armstrong or Mrs Gladstone if your child is upset. Can we please ask that all pupils in P2 and above now get dropped off at the school gate.

PLANNED WORKS

Funding has been granted for floodlighting within the MUGA pitch so that it can be let out for community use at night.

In order for the floodlighting to be fitted some work will need to take place within the school grounds. Work will commence during the October holiday and it is believed that it will take 6 weeks in total to complete.

The works will impact on the access to the MUGA pitch and also on the space within our playground directly in front of the pitch. Alternative access routes into classrooms and staggered playtimes and lunchtimes may be required. Further information regarding the plans will follow prior to the October week.



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PARENT COUNCIL

Our Parent Council are always keen to welcome new parents from both the school and ELC.

The group meet approximately once a month and support Mrs Hughes in the school and ELC's improvement journey and in organising a range of events for the children throughout the year.

They also work extremely hard on organising fundraising events and applying for funding in order to purchase resources and gifts for all the pupils.

If you would be interested in joining the Parent Council or have an matters that you would like raised at the meetings then please email the group at:

Douglas.Parent.Council@gmail.com

Date of next meeting:
Thursday 12th October 2-3pm

Recent feedback has highlighted that some parent/carers felt that they were not informed about the work of the Parent Council. In order to address this, minutes of each meeting will be shared on the school website and we will continue to have a dedicated section within each monthly newsletter.

Please also find below a link to the annual report of the Parent Council for session of 2022-2023.

[Parent Council Annual Report](#)

LUCKY NUMBERS CLUB

The Parent Council have decided to continue the successful Lucky Numbers club. Money raised from the Lucky Numbers Club is used to purchase a range of resources, run after school clubs and fund trips for all the children in the school & ELC.

LUCKY NUMBERS CLUB CONTINUED

Some parents have asked previously about supporting the cost of school trips or resources, by taking a lucky number you are doing that directly so please sign up today if you can.

£10 per Lucky Number with draws taking place from September through to June. You can purchase as many numbers as you wish and could win more than once in a year!

[Lucky Numbers Club Link](#)

HOMEWORK

We still have a number of children within the school who have not accepted an invite to join their Google Classroom.

Google Classroom is the platform that we use to share our weekly homework tasks and it also gives you an additional place to contact your child's teacher.

We issue homework in order to consolidate learning that is taking place in the classroom and to allow parents to engage with their child's learning. Within the infant stages reinforcement of phonics and reading is vital in supporting your child to become literate. We would therefore ask that you all engage with the Google Classroom platform.

Those children in middle and upper stages should be able to access Google Classroom independently and homework tasks are set at a level that should allow your child to complete them independently if required.

Homework remains a key focus at high school, therefore it is important that at primary school we are supporting our children to become independent in organising their time in order to complete homework tasks issued.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

A reminder of dates in the diary - dates in red are new ones that will not be on the Term 1 calendar, please add these to your paper copy of the calendar.

Tuesday 3rd October
P5/6 Parent/Carer Classroom
Visit 1.30pm

Wednesday 4th October
Parent Consultations

Tuesday 10th October
P1/2 Parent/Carer Classroom
Visit 1.30pm

Thursday 12th October
MacMillian Coffee Morning & SLC Themed Lunch Day - further details to follow

Week Beginning 16th October
October holiday week

Tuesday 24th October
P2/3 Parent/Carer Classroom
Visit 1.30pm

Tuesday 31st October
Halloween Fun Day - children can come to school dressed up or down

Monday 6th November
Photographer in (individual, family and class photos)

WELLBEING INDICATOR OF THE MONTH SAFE



GROWTH MINDSET MOTO OF THE MONTH

Everyone can learn!