



Douglas Primary School & ELC

NEWSLETTER 3 - Oct 2023

SCHOOL NEWS



Be Safe—Be Happy—Be All You Can Be!

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PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent/carer consultations prior to the October holiday week. It was lovely to see you all and be able to provide feedback on how your child has settled into their new class.

If you were unable to make your appointment but would still like to discuss your child's progress with their teacher then please contact the school office and we will make alternative arrangements for you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

We have booked Tempest for school photographs on Monday 6th November.

Individual, sibling and class photographs will be taken on the day for all pupils, however there is no obligation for you to purchase any of the prints.



HALLOWEEN FUN DAY

We will be having a Halloween Fun Day on Monday 31st October. Pupils can come to school in costume or dressed down if they would prefer to. Can I please ask that props such as guns or swords are kept at home.

Each class will have a range of Halloween Activities for the day and the Parent Council have kindly donated goodie bags for each child.



ATTENDANCE

We monitor the attendance of all children within the school on a monthly basis. At present we have a significant increase in the number of children who are falling below the minimum 90% attendance rate that SLC are aiming for all schools to achieve.

Letters will be issued to parents in the coming weeks for those children that have been highlighted as a cause for concern.

I understand that illness can not be avoided but for some children a pattern of non-attendance is clear after weekends/holidays.

Every day that your child is absent they are missing out on the learning and teaching that takes place in the classroom. Prolonged periods or patterns of absence ultimately lead to gaps developing within your child's education. Please support us in ensuring that this does not happen to your child.

WOW—Walk on Wednesdays

Our JRSO officers Finlay and Cole are keen to encourage the children of Douglas Primary and ELC to try to walk, scoot or cycle more to school. They are launching a 'Walk on Wednesday' Campaign where we are asking all children to try to walk, scoot or cycle to school or for part of the journey.

Totals for each class will be kept in school and the class with the most children walking by the end of this term will receive a prize.

HOUSE CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS

We delighted to announce that our House Captains and Vice Captains for the session 2023-2024 are as follows:

Addison

Adalyn Lowe & Katie Cowan

Springhill

Keely Easton & Leah Dickie

St.Brides

Finlay Oliver & Lucy Mitchell

Welldale

Colby Gillan & Lucy Steele

Congratulations to you all!

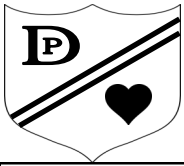
P1-3 Book Bag Launch

All Primary 1–3 pupils will receive a free book bag to take home as part of the Bookbug & Family bag and Read, Write, Count gifting campaigns funded by the Scottish Government.

We will be holding a special event on Wednesday 15th November in order to launch and gift the bags to all pupils in P1-3.

We would like to invite the parent/carers of children in P1-3 to join us at 9.30am until 11.00am on the morning of Wednesday 15th November to take part in a range of Book Bag activities. This will include a visit to your child's class to take part in activities linked to the books within the gift bag and the opportunity to visit our library and the woods to listen to a story around the camp fire.





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PARENT COUNCIL

◆ 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 for your child and treats at Halloween, Christmas and Easter so please support us if you can.

Your chance to win a cash prize every month for the next 10 months, if your lucky number is drawn.

£10 to purchase one lucky number. You can purchase as many numbers as you wish and could win more than once in a year!

Please click on the link below to sign up

[Lucky Numbers Club Sign Up](#)

◆ Annual General Meeting

Our Parent Council members are currently organising the Annual General Meeting. Details of which will follow soon.

They are always eager to welcome new members, so if you are interested and free to join the meeting it would be wonderful to see you there.

If you are interested but unable to attend please email the Parent Council at

Douglas.Parent.Council@gmail.com

and you will be updated on the outcome of the meeting and the plans for future meetings.

SICKNESS

Can we please remind you to check the NHS advice on 'Is my child too ill for school?' in relation to your child attending school. The link below will take you directly to the site which gives advice on whether your child should or shouldn't attend school depending upon their symptoms or illness.

[NHS Website Link](#)

COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

The winning vote for our Participatory budget was to fund trips and transport for the pupils.

We are currently looking into booking a Christmas outing and using the funding towards this.

Thank you to our committee and everyone that voted.

LEARNING JOURNALS

A little reminder that your child's Learning Journal is a way for us to share with you what they have been doing in school and for you to share any achievements from home.

Current records show that we 23 parents who have not logged in within the last month or longer.

You should receive any email each time your child's journal is update which is on average once per week.

If you are unable to access your child's learning journal please contact the school office or your child's teacher and we can reset the account.



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

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

Monday 13th November
INSET Day—children should not attend school

Wednesday 15th November
P1-3 Book Bag Launch Event

Tuesday 21st November
P6/7 Parent/Carer Class Visit

Week Beginning 27th Nov
Final week of after school clubs

Tuesday 28th November
P3/4 Parent/Carer Class Visit

Thursday 30th Nov
St. Andrew's Day—details to follow

WELLBEING INDICATOR OF THE MONTH

Healthy



GROWTH MINDSET MOTO OF THE MONTH

My brain is like a muscle that can grow!

