



Douglas Primary School & ELC

NEWSLETTER 2 - Oct 2023

ELC NEWS



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PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent/carer consultations. It was lovely to see you all and be able to provide feedback on how your child has settled into their new stage within the ELC.

If you were unable to make your appointment but would still like to discuss your child's progress with their key worker then please speak to Katie or Nicola and we will make alternative arrangements for you.

HALLOWEEN FUN DAY

We will be having a Halloween Fun Day on Tuesday 31st October. Pupils can come to ELC 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.

The ELC will have a Halloween party in the morning and the Parent Council have kindly donated goodie bags for each child.

STAY & PLAY SESSION

We will also be holding our October Stay & Play session on the afternoon of Tuesday 31st October. All parents/carers are invited along to join in with the Halloween Fun, please feel free to dress up for the occasion if you wish to do so. The session will start at 2pm. Please enter via the ELC Main Entrance.



CLOTHING

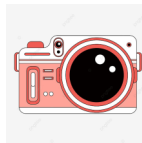
With the colder weather coming in can we please remind you to send your child with suitable clothing for the weather forecast and to ensure that they have a change of clothes within the ELC for occasions when they get wet and muddy while being outdoors.

Please remember that the children will be wearing their own jackets outside in certain zones so please expect these to get muddy at times.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

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

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



RESOURCE REQUESTS

As you may be aware we no longer have a snack fund that we can use to purchase small resources within the ELC.

Funding is provided by SLC and through the Parent Council for most resources but from time to time we may ask for donations of smaller resources that you may have at home.

At present we are looking for donations of shaving foam, flour and any unwanted Halloween decorations.

SCOTTISH STUDY of EARLY LEARNING and CHILDCARE

We have been selected to take part in Phase 4 of the Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare. The focus of the study is the impact of childcare provision for children aged 2. Further details will follow shortly to those parents that have a 2 year old within our ELC.

COMMUNITY LINKS

We are eager to continue to develop of community links within the local area. We are currently planning visits to Blackwood Sheltered Housing Complex.

We have also started a 'Walk on Wednesday' session where one group a week will go for a walk in the community or a visit to the local park. If you see us out and about please say hello.

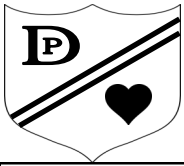


WOW—Walk on Wednesdays

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/ ELC or for part of the journey.

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



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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. We are looking for more parent representatives from the ELC setting.

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 nursery?' in relation to your child attending the ELC The link below will take you directly to the site which gives advice on whether your child should or shouldn't attend nursery depending upon their symptoms or illness.

[NHS Website Link](#)

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 the ELC and for you to share any achievements from home.

Current records show that we have 23 parents across the school and ELC have not logged in within the last month or longer.

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

If you are unable to access your child's learning journal please let the ELC know and we can reset the account for you.



STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome Stephanie Ashbridge to our team. She will be working on a Thursday and Friday on a permanent basis.

Cody Riddicks will be working with us on a temporary basis to cover Mairi's maternity leave. We are hopeful the Cody will be starting with us next month.

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 & Stay and Play Session
- children can come to ELC dressed up or down

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

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

Friday 24th November
Stay & Play Session

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

WELLBEING INDICATOR OF THE MONTH



Our Wellbeing Indicator of the Month for October is:
Healthy

GROWTH MINDSET MOTO OF THE MONTH

My brain is like a muscle that can grow!

