

Douglas Primary School & ELC

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ELC NEWS



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STAFFING

We are delighted to be welcoming Rachel Barr to the DPS ELC staff team. Rachel started with us on Monday and has settled into the team like she has always been here.

Mrs Strom our Early Years Peripatetic teacher will be remaining with us up until Christmas.

Courtney's position will be advertised soon and I will keep you updated on the progress of filling her position.

PARENT 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 is progressing in the ELC.

If you were unable to make your appointment but would still like to discuss your child's progress with their keyworker then please speak to Nicola or your child's keyworker.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

We have booked a new school photographer for school photographs on Tuesday 5th November.

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

BOOKBUG



We are delighted to announce that Mrs Strom will be running a block of Bookbug Sessions on a Tuesday afternoon at 2pm in the school Living Library.

Bookbug provides an opportunity to discover the benefits of sharing stories, songs and rhymes with babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to give them the best start in life.

The sessions will run on a Tuesday up until Tuesday 26th November. If you have a child in the ELC or a younger sibling who has not yet started we would be delighted to welcome you along to join in with any of the sessions.

If attending please enter via the main school entrance rather than the ELC.

CLOTHING

As the weather is changing and Winter is approaching can we please ask you to ensure that your child comes to the ELC dressed appropriately for the weather forecast. As you know the children have access to the outdoor learning spaces everyday and need to be dressed appropriately for the elements.

SPEECH & LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

We will be holding a parental speech & language workshop on Monday 25th November at 1.30pm in the school Living Library.

The session is for anyone who would like to learn more about supporting their child's own speech and language development or for anyone who has a concern about their child's current development.

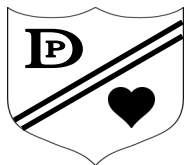
The session will be run by Mrs Strom and Nicola and will provide an informal space to share ideas and information.

Please remember that if you do have concerns regarding your child's speech and language development to talk to your child's key worker or contact the local speech & language enquiry line. Details for the enquiry line can be found below:

Parents and carers of children and young people living in Lanarkshire can use our enquiry service for advice and assistance. We have an open referral system which means anyone, including parents, can ask for assistance from our service.

Please contact the service in the following ways:

Call 01698 687 606 (leave a message and we will call you back)
Email: sltenquiry@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk (email a message and a phone number and we will call you)



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PARENT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

The Parent Council AGM will be taking place on Wednesday 13th November at 7pm. However anyone wishing to find out more about the group is invited to come along at 6.30pm for a coffee/tea and a cake to meet our current members.

We currently have no parents from the ELC within the group and would like all parents to be represented so if you are able to spare the time to come along and find out about the group it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are unable to attend the AGM but would like to find out more about the Parent Council then send an email to Douglas.Parent.Council@gmail.com and our secretary will be in touch with you.

Christmas Fair

The Parent Council Christmas Fair will be taking place on Friday 6th December in the morning.

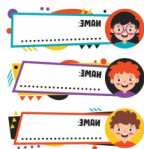
As always the Parent Council are looking for donations for the tombola, so if you are having a pre-Christmas clear out and have any items that would be suitable for an adult or child then please hand them into the school office prior to the 6th of December.

Information regarding the Christmas raffle will be sent out shortly.



LABELLING & TRAYS

Could we please ask you to check your child's tray at the end of each session and for you to label all your children's belongings especially ELC jumpers and t-shirts.



FLOORBOOKS

Each group within the ELC records their learning within a Floor book. The books are collated by the staff and show a range of evidence of your child's learning in the ELC.

We plan to have the floor books on display in the coming month so that you can access them during drop off and pick up times. This will allow you to see the learning that is taking place within the ELC.

STAY & PLAY

Our next Stay & Play session is set for Friday 22nd November with a focus on literacy.

We hope that the session will give you an insight into ways in which you can support your child's literacy development at home.

If there are any other areas of focus that you would like to see within the Stay & Play session please speak to Nicola and we can plan this for the sessions in the New Year.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

Tuesday 5th November
Photographer in (individual, family and class photos)

Tuesday 5th November
Bookbug Session 2pm in Living Library

Monday 11th November
Inservice Day
(Children should not attend)

Tuesday 12th November
P6/7 Armistice Assembly
9.45am
All welcome to join

Tuesday 12th November
Bookbug Session 2pm in Living Library

Tuesday 19th November
Bookbug Session 2pm in Living Library

Friday 22nd November
Literacy Stay & Play 1.45pm

Tuesday 26th November
Bookbug Session 2pm in Living Library

Friday 29th November
St. Andrew's Day

WELLBEING INDICATOR OF THE MONTH

Healthy

