

Douglas Primary School & ELC

NEWSLETTER 3 - October 2024

SCHOOL NEWS



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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 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.

P2/3—Miss Donaldson's parent consultations will take place on Wednesday 13th November. Appointments can be booked via ParentsPortal.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

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

All the children have had a great time during our Halloween Fun Day. The costumes have been outstanding.

A big thank you to the Parent Council for providing all the treat bags and to Mrs Van der Kaars and Mrs Law for making the lunch hall spooktacular.



PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT—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 Tuesday 19th 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 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.



POPPY APPEAL



Poppy Appeal

P6/7 will be selling Poppies within the school in the coming weeks. We ask that the children bring a donation of 20p or more to buy a poppy.

P6/7 will also be hosting a special Remembrance Assembly on Tuesday 12th September at 9.45am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MORNING DROP OFF

As per the September newsletter can we please ask parents/carers to drop children off at the school gate in the morning and allow them to make their own way around to class. All children now appear settled and content, we hope they can now foster independence in making their own way around to their class lines.

Mrs Law & Mrs Campbell 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.

Parents/Carers can still collect children from the classroom doors at 3pm to reduce the volume of people gathering at the gate.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGET

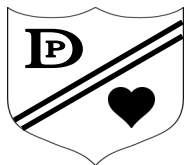
Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for the use of our Participatory Budget.

The winning option was for the money to go towards the cost of school trips. We are currently looking into a whole school trip at Christmas time with the remainder of the budget being used to fund individual class trips throughout the session.

HOMEWORK

We still have a number of children who are not signed into their Google Classroom in order to access homework tasks.

If you have not been able to log in to your child's account could you please speak with your child's teacher or contact the school office and we will support you to do so.



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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.



BIKES & SCOOTERS

We have recently purchased some new bikes and scooters for the children to use within the school playground.

Funding provided by the Hagshaw Windfarm group enabled us to purchase 10 bikes from The Cycle Worx in Douglas. A big thank you to Fraser from Cycle Worx for servicing all the bikes and delivering them to the school.

In relation to scooters within the school can we remind you that electric scooters are not permitted to be used within the school grounds. If your child does have an electric scooter please can you remind them that they should be turned off and walked down from the main entrance when being brought into school.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Block 1 of our Extra Curricular clubs is going well with nearly all children in the school attending at least one club throughout the week.

A reminder that the final week for clubs will be the week beginning the 25th November.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who currently volunteer to run a club despite their many commitments at work and at home.

If you would be interested in helping out or running a club in the next session then please contact Mrs Hughes or the school office.

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.

Friday 1st November
P3/4 Parent/Carer Class Visit
1.30pm

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

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

Week Beginning 25th November
Final week of extra-curricular clubs

Tuesday 26th November
P5/6 Parent/Carer Class Visit
1.30pm

Friday 29th November
St. Andrew's Day

WELLBEING INDICATOR OF THE MONTH

Healthy



GROWTH MINDSET MOTO OF THE MONTH

My Brain its like a muscle that grows.

