



Douglas Primary School & ELC

NEWSLETTER 6 - February 2025

SCHOOL NEWS



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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Block 2 of our extra-curricular is going well, with the children participating in a range of activities and skills.

A big thank you to all the staff and coaches who have facilitated the running of a wide variety of clubs this term.

This block of clubs will finish on the week beginning the 17th March.

If you or someone you know would be interested in running a club or supporting a member of staff in running one then please contact Mrs Hughes or the school office.



BREAKFAST CLUB

A little reminder that our School Breakfast Club runs every morning from 8.15 until 8.45am.

All school children are welcome to attend and can have toast, cereal and water. The club is free and run by a small group of parental volunteers.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our Parent Consultations for this term will be taking place on Wednesday 12th March.

All appointments can be booked via Parents Portal. If you have any difficulty accessing the booking system via the portal then please contact the school office.



BIRD HIDE & BUG HOTEL AREA

We are delighted to announce that the creation of our Bird Hide and Bug Hotel area has now been completed. This is the third phase in our Outdoor Learning Project.

Plans are now in place to create an Orchard and provide a safe access route down to the river.

We are planning to have an open event in the Spring for all parent/carers to see the projects we have completed.

PARENT COUNCIL— UPDATE

Valentine's Disco

Thank you to all the pupils that attended the recent Valentine's Disco. The Parent Council raised just over £250 from the event. This money will go towards the purchase of Easter treats for all the children within the school and ELC.

WORLD BOOK DAY

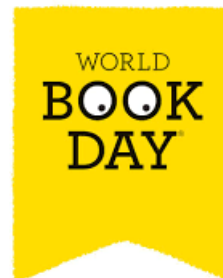
World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 6th March. The Library Committee have organised an 'Reading Café' within the Living Library.

All classes will get the opportunity to visit the café and parents/carers are welcome to attend too.

Please see a list of times below:

P1/2 9.15—9.45
P2/3 10.00—10.30
P3/4 10.45—11.15
P6/7 11.20—11.45
P5/6 11.45—12.10

All children are invited to dress down/cosy for the day to enjoy some relaxed reading time in class.



TWITTER/X ACCOUNT

We have taken the decision to deactivate our school Twitter/X account. This is following Information received from SLC due to changes in the conditions of use for the site.

This was a platform that wasn't greatly used by the school or the parents so we hope it won't be missed.

All updates from the school will continue to be issued through the School App and the closed Facebook group.



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P5 SWIMMING LESSONS

All P5 pupils will commence a swimming lessons block next week (Thursday 6th March).

Details regarding the lessons and consent forms have been issued via Parents Portal.

BIKE ABILITY TRAINING

P6/7 will be starting Bike Ability Training on the week beginning the 17th March. We are delighted that 'Gear Up' from Healthy Valleys will be working alongside Mrs Charnley to support the training.

If your child is in P6/7 and does not have access to a bike that they can bring to school can you please let Mrs Charnley know so that we can look into providing a bike for them to use during the training.

We would ask that your child brings their bike to school everyday for the 2 week block.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

A reminder of the class assemblies still to take place this term:

P2/3—Friday 14th March
9.30am

P1/2—Friday 21st March
9.30am

P3/4—Friday 28th March
9.30am

COALBURN BRASS BAND FAMILY

We had a visit from Coalburn Brass Band Family last week at assembly.

The band performed a variety of music for the children and explained all the experiences that being part of the band can bring.

They are running a free taster session on Wednesday 12th March at 7.15pm in the band hall, 27 Bellfield Road, Coalburn. ML11 0LA. Any child over the age of 8 is welcome to attend.

If your child is interested in joining but can't make the taster session then please contact the band through their Facebook page or via their website, coalburnbrassbandfamily.co.uk



ORIENTERING EXPERIENCE

We are delighted to be working with Tony O'Brein a local orienteering expert this term.

Tony is planning to map out the school and grounds and provide the pupils with an introduction to orienteering.

He will also be running some Summer clubs within the area. Further details will follow in term 3.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

A reminder of dates in the diary:

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day
Reading Café & Dress Down

Wednesday 12th March
Parent Consultations

Friday 14th March
P2/3 Assembly 9.30am

Week Beginning 17th March
P6/7 Bike Ability
Final Week of Extra-curricular Clubs

Friday 21st March
P1/2 Assembly 9.30am

Week Beginning 24th March
P6/7 Bike Ability

Friday 28th March
P3/4 Assembly 9.30am

Friday 4th April
Easter Fun Day
(details to follow)
Finish at 2.30pm for Spring Break

WELLBEING INDICATOR

Our Wellbeing Indicator of the Month for February is:

RESPECTED



GROWTH MINDSET MOTO

A goal without a plan is just a wish

