



Douglas Primary School & ELC

NEWSLETTER 2 - September 2025

SCHOOL NEWS



Be Safe—Be Happy—Be All You Can Be!

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PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our settling in Parent Consultations will take place on Thursday 2nd October.

Details regarding booking an appointment will be sent out via Parents Portal at the end of this week. If you have any difficulty in accessing the portal please contact the school office.



COFFEE MORNING

Our Annual MacMillan Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday 25th September

Any donations of home baking or shop bought cakes would be greatly received. Please hand these into the school office prior to the coffee morning commencing.

Please see a timetable below for the times that each class will be visiting the Coffee Morning should you wish to attend with your child.

P1/2 9.30—9.50
P2/3 9.50—10.10
P4/5 10.10—10.30
P5/6 & P6/7—10.45—11.05

ELC children can be collected at any point from the ELC main entrance and then returned to the playground once you are ready to leave.



PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

In an effort to continue our Parental Engagement we have organised for each class to have a classroom visit this term for parents/carers to attend.

We hope that these visits will give you a greater insight into the learning and teaching that takes place in your child's classroom. It will also give your child the opportunity to showcase their learning and model how they work within the classroom environment.

All visits were listed in the termly calendar that was issued with the last newsletter and a paper copy was also sent home. Please see a reminder of the dates below:

P1/2 Wednesday 8th Oct 1.30pm

P2/3 Tuesday 21st Oct 1.30pm

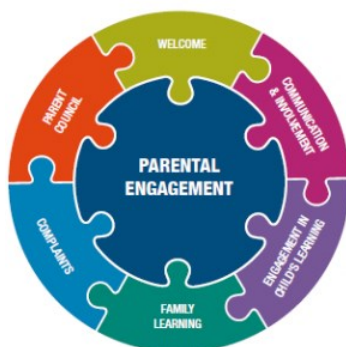
P4/5 Thursday 6th Nov 1.30pm

P5/6 Tuesday 25th Nov 1.30pm

P6/7 Tuesday 11th Nov 9.30am
Armistice Assembly—P6/7 class visit will take place next term.

If you are unable to make your child's classroom visit then please feel free to send a member of your family or a friend to join in.

Additional parental engagement activities will be planned for term 2 and term 3.



MORNING DROP OFF

Now that the children have been at school for over a month can we please ask parents/carers to start to drop children off at the school gate in the morning and allow them to make their own way around to class. This will help reduce the volume of people within the grounds.

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.

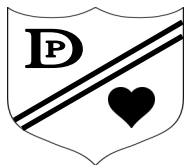
Parents/Carers can still collect children from the classroom doors at 3pm to reduce the volume of people gathering at the gate.

FUNDING AWARD

We are delighted to announce that we have received funding from the Coalburn, Douglas and Glespin Community Fund to continue work on the grounds at the back of the school. The works will provide drainage to create an orchard area and provide safe access to the pond area.

We have also received funding from SLC Renewable Energy Fund for a feasibility study of our woodland area to take place. The study will aim to further develop the area to support Forest Schools and sustainability.





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PARENT COUNCIL

Our Parent Council are always keen to welcome new parents from both the school and ELC.

The group meet approximately 5 times throughout the year and support Mrs Hughes in the school and ELC's improvement journey and in organising a range of events for the children throughout the year.

They also work extremely hard on organising fundraising events and applying for funding in order to purchase resources and gifts for all the pupils.

If you would be interested in joining the Parent Council or have any matters that you would like raised at the meetings then please email the group at:

Douglas.Parent.Council@gmail.com

The Parent Council are currently planning their first meeting for this session with the AGM being held in November. Details regarding the dates will follow shortly.

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

We have noted a significant increase in the number of children who are coming to school on an electric scooter. Can you please remind your child that all electric scooters should be turned off at the first entrance gate and walked down into the school playground and the same on the way out, they must not be ridden until your child has left the school grounds.

We also had a few incidents of children returning to the school grounds after 3pm to ride around the MUGA pitch or in the car park, this is not allowed and any further incidents will be reported to the police.

HOMEWORK

Homework will commence on the week beginning the 22nd September. Google Classroom is the platform that we use to share our weekly homework tasks and it also gives you an additional place to contact your child's teacher. A letter will be sent home with your child that will give you instructions on how to log into your child's Google Classroom.

We issue homework in order to consolidate learning that is taking place in the classroom and to allow parents to engage with their child's learning. Within the infant stages reinforcement of phonics and reading is vital in supporting your child to become literate. We would therefore ask that you all engage with the Google Classroom platform.

Those children in middle and upper stages should be able to access Google Classroom independently and homework tasks are set at a level that should allow your child to complete them independently if required.

Homework remains a key focus at high school, therefore it is important that at primary school we are supporting our children to become independent in organising their time in order to complete homework tasks issued.

If you are not able to access Google Classroom then please contact the school office or speak to your child's teacher and a paper copy of your child's homework tasks can be provided for you.



Google Classroom

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 your paper copy of the calendar.

Thursday 25th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 26th September & Monday
29th September—Holiday
Weekend

Thursday 2nd October
Parent Consultations

Wednesday 8th October
P1/2 Parent/Carer Classroom
Visit 1.30pm

Week Beginning 13th October
October holiday week

Tuesday 21st October
P2/3 Parent/Carer Classroom
Visit 1.30pm

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

Monday 17th November
Photographer in (individual,
family and class photos)

WELLBEING INDICATOR OF THE MONTH SAFE



GROWTH MINDSET MOTO OF
THE MONTH
Everyone can learn!