

SOME DATES FOR
YOUR DIARY

November

- ◆ 5th-After School Clubs begin.
- ◆ 12th-PTA Meeting.
- ◆ 14th-Children in Need Day.
- ◆ 18th-P3-P7 Open Morning. P1-2 Parent's Evening.
- ◆ 20th-P1-P7 Parent's Evening.
- ◆ 27th-Annual Christmas Fayre.

December

- ◆ 4th- Choir performing for Befrienders Club.
- ◆ 5th-P6 & P7 Speech Competition Finals.
- ◆ 8th- Ragbag Uplift.
- ◆ 9th-P7's Inter-school Football Match
- ◆ 11th- P1-3 Nativity
- ◆ 14th-Choir Church Evening Performance.
- ◆ 17th- Whole school Panto in DGS
- ◆ 19th-School Closes for Christmas break.

Details of these events and events whose dates have still to be confirmed, will be issued to you.



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Our School Clans!

Since returning to school in August, we have introduced a mixed age Clan system throughout the school from nursery to P7. Similar to a 'House' system, each pupil and member of staff have been placed within a Clan. Brothers and sisters are in the same Clan and will remain in their Clan throughout their time in Dunoon Primary.

Pupils voted for their Clan name and we now have Clan Hunter, Clan MacQueen, Clan Campbell and Clan MacCallum.

On September 18th, a Polling Station was set up in the school for pupils to vote for their Clan

Captains and Vice Captains. Hopeful candidates from P6 and P7, presented great speeches to the school to persuade their Clan members to vote for them, and it was a tense moment as the successful candidates were announced!

Our winning candidates are:

Clan Campbell
Captains: Aidan Purdie & Emma Gordon
Vice: Nathan Shields & Piper Purdie

Clan MacQueen
Captains: Innes Lambert & Skye Beautyman
Vice: Olivia Robertson & Jake McOmish

Clan MacCallum
Captains: Logan Keith & Vinita Rawani
Vice: Richard Reid & Anna Moore
Clan Hunter
Captains: Alastair McFarlane & Amelie Graysmark
Vice: Lewis MacKay & Lauren Banks



We are also delighted to say that our School now has a Head Boy, Logan Keith and Head girl, Emma Gordon.



Scotland-Interdisciplinary Study

All our classes are now reaching the end of a very exciting Inter-disciplinary Study on Scotland. Fantastic learning has taken place including Scottish Schools Old & New, Scottish Castles, The Boy and the Bunnet, Our Local Area, Crime and Punishment, Famous Scottish Heros, Democracy and the Scottish Parliament. We were delighted to welcome visitors from the Scottish Parliament into P5, P6/5, P6 & P7 who taught

the pupils about our voting system. P7 welcomed Mr Darkins from Dunoon Grammar School into the class who led the learning on a series of lessons about Crime and Punishment in Scotland of old. Learning has continued outside the school on various school trips. P2 visited Rothesay Castle, P3 had a great day at Auchendrain, P4 investi-

gated the local area, P5 went back in time in Inveraray Jail, and P6's and P7's had a fantastic day visiting the Scottish Parliament. School trips enable our learners to put their learning into context, but can be costly. Thank you to all our parents for contributing to the cost of the trips and also to our PTA who fundraise continually for school trips.

Back Row: Skye Beautyman, Alice Smart, Drew Meyer McDonagh, Octavia Chan, Ceana Walker, David MacGillivray Front Row: Grace Robertson, Barry Campbell, Helen MacGillivray, Alan Wishart

This year's
Pupil Council
& Eco
Committee
members.



STAFFING UPDATE

We say goodbye to Mrs Maxwell and wish her well in her retirement. We are delighted that Mr Bryce is now working with us full time and Mrs Donald is with us part-time. Mrs Bissell continues to teach our P1 class during Mrs Campbells's absence.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have had a fantastic uptake for our After School Clubs which began again last week! Clubs run from 3:15pm until 4:15pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children should be collected outside the main school door.