

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 14th December. Christmas Lunch**
- **Thursday 15th December. School nativity. Afternoon and evening performances, 1:30pm & 6:30pm.**
- **Friday 16th December. P7 Christmas party pm.**
- **Sunday 18th December. St John's Church service with Choir and Infants 6.30pm**
- **Tuesday 20th December P4, P5 and P6 parties pm.**
- **Wednesday 21st December Panto at DGS for whole school 1:30pm.- 3:15pm Pupils dismissed from DGS.**
- **Thursday 22nd December P1, P2 and P3 parties pm.**
- **Friday 23rd December. Learning Centre nativity 11am. School closes at 2.30pm.**
- **Jan 9th-School re-opens 9am.**

# Dunoon Primary School

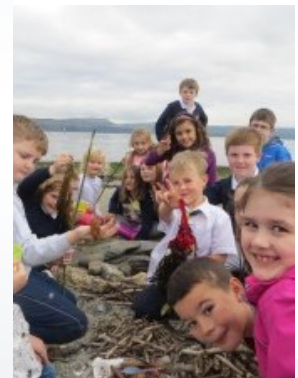
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## Eco School Green Flag Success!

All the staff and pupils were delighted to hear that we were successful in renewing our Green Flag award. Our school was praised for a "great whole school effort during which you monitored progress well and shared your successes with the wider community via the school blog and newsletter". Eco schools were very impressed with our community litter picking activities and our work to clean and adopt West Bay

Beach, giving a great example to our neighbours. The committee were pleased with our focus on outdoor learning, our work to gain our John Muir awards and our Health week. They also praised our partnerships with the GRAB trust and the Marine Conservation.



## After-School Clubs

This term we offered another successful block of after-school clubs.

We welcome Mr Heft who is busy teaching our wonderful choir. Our Art and Craft club has been busy with Mrs Stewart and our helpers making Autumn crafts. We also welcome our fantastic sports leaders from DGS who are running our Girl's Sports club and introducing new skills and games.

The computing club with Mrs Peek and Mrs Donald are enjoying using our new drones. Thank you to the PTA for purchasing these.

Mr Oliphant has also been helping our football club to enhance their ball skills.

Our drumming club are practising their newly acquired skills with Mr Unwin on Thursdays.

On Fridays our P1-4 pupils are having the opportunity to try out

dance, cheerleading and baton twirling with Mandy.

All pupils are enjoying the clubs and the opportunity to learn new skills.



## Meet our newly elected Captains and Vice-Captains

Congratulations to our new Clan Captains and Vice Captains. After writing and presenting fabulous speeches to their clans the following children were voted to represent their clans by their fellow pupils.

**Clan Campbell**-Cameron Hill, Katie Fraser, Tommy McCrossan, Neve Campbell.

**Clan Hunter**- Callum Crofts, Kate Low, Barry Campbell, Teyla Henderson.

**Clan MacCallum**-Sandy McFadden, Ellie Judd, Marcus Meiliuns, Olivia Lucas

**Clan MacQueen**- Keane McCulloch, Ceana Walker, Jack McFall, Zuzanna Jelonkiewicz



## Children In Need 2016

Mrs Macdonald and Primary 7 would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the fundraising activities organized for Children In Need. Thanks to your incredible generosity we raised the fantastic sum of **£1015.25**. Dunoon Primary, yet again, has succeeded in working together to make a difference for lots of children in need of support. **Thank You!**

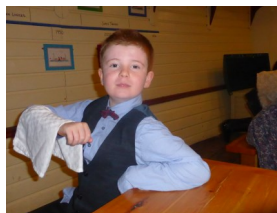


## P5 Visit To The Tall Ships

On Friday 28th October our P5 visited "The Tall Ships" in Glasgow as a celebration of their Interdisciplinary project about "The Unsinkable ship". Pupils dressed in clothing inspired by the Titanic film and loved taking part in the Captains table workshop. They had the opportunity to learn appropriate table manners and Edwardian etiquette. They also designed First class menus before setting the Captain's table for an imaginary dinner. They then learned how to send out an SOS message using Morse code.

"The best thing was doing the Morse code, we got to press the buttons to do the SOS signal. We met Molly the maid and got to set up a table for the captain and 3 first class passengers. We then got into groups and made a menu with 8 courses. It was one of the best school trips we've ever had!"

Zoe and Ruadhan P5



## Staff Changes

### Happy Retirement!

At Christmas we will sadly be saying farewell to **Mrs Docherty**. After 26 years of dedication, tending to lumps and bumps, cuts and bruises and wiping away tears, we will miss her very much. We wish her a long and happy retirement!

### Welcome Aboard!

After saying goodbye to Mrs Hamlet we are delighted to welcome our new teacher Mrs Bryant who will be working alongside Mrs Wakefield in P5. We also welcome Mrs McCorqudale who is teaching in P6 part time alongside Mrs Simeone.



## P7 RUGBY CHAMPIONS!

Once again Dunoon Primary competed in the P7 inter-primary Rugby Tournament held at Dunoon Grammar School. Pupils had put in a lot of practice and having trained hard, all were very excited about the day ahead. The rain was torrential as the teams from various schools battled it out for the trophy. DPS Team B were victorious. Well done DPS Team B!!

## Other News

Ceana Walker P7 and Callum Crofts P7 are our new Head Girl and Head Boy.

Congratulations to both!

We wish Mr Oliphant a speedy recovery from his recent operation.

Get well soon Mr Oliphant!!