

11th of September, 2020



Calendar

September

11th Nayrouz

18th Rosh Hashanah

21st Mabon, Autumnal Equinox

28th Yom Kippur

29th Michaelmas

October

1st National Poetry Day

12th-27th, Half Term

December

16th, end of term, School festival

January

6th Start of Term

Completed **Consent Forms** help us to support your child. Please support us by returning them asap. Any difficulty please contact reception

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If you have a contribution please send to:
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by Thursday 6pm please



Rowan kindergarten in the garden on bread day

As you all know the **PFA's** have been sent out - thanks for everyone's patience as they were being produced, the due date for payment and signed forms is tomorrow, Friday 11th September. If there are any queries please contact Dorna on businessmanager@drumduan.org

Also a gentle reminder that if a child has **vomited** then they cannot come into school until 48 hours after the last sickness episode. Drumduan COVID guidance on page 5 of this update

Meet The Teacher!!!!!!!

Next week we begin a new feature in our newsletter where we get a chance to get to know the members of staff and faculty...we start this series with an interview with our new business manager, Dorna

From The Classrooms

From *Rowan Kindergarten*

The harvest time again is here
For all both far and near
It is the time to gather food
To last us all the year
(*Wynstones Autumn Book*)

This week we have been singing how the farmer sows his grain and how sun and rain help to grow it into corn. The farmer cuts it with his scythe, he binds it, threshes and winnows it before he brings it to the miller. And all the lovely bakers helped making it into bread.

As we received an abundance of plums for our fruit basket, we chopped them all up and made delicious plum jam! To last us not all the year but surely through winter.

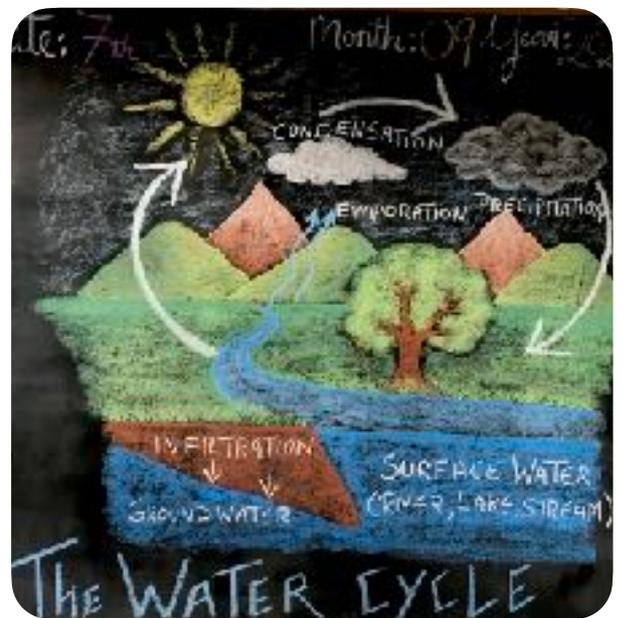
Ripe is the corn, ripe is the grain
Thank you dear sun and thank you rain
Dance in the wind in golden so bright
Filling our bread with warm sunlight
(Song by Mirjam)



Class One's first block of experiential learning was rounded off last Friday with a visit from Ann Black, Vice-chair of the Moray Beekeepers Association. A reduced set of two (due to coughs and sniffles) donned beekeeping suits, rolled beeswax candles and even recited a Bee poem for our visitor who was quietly impressed.

From The Classrooms: 6 and 7

Last week, during our Geology and Mineralogy Main Lesson, the class learned about the work of water in nature, and how it sculpts and changes different elements.



Experiment to demonstrate the expansion of water

Here is an experiment completed by a class 6/7 child at home. This experiment gave the children a first hand experience of how water expands with great force when it freezes.

Equipment:

A glass jar/bottle
A plastic bag
Water

Step 1:

Fill the jar/bottle with water

Step 2:

Place the jar/bottle into the plastic bag and seal bag

Step 3:

Place the bag into a freezer and leave overnight.

Step 4:

Take the bag out of the freezer and see how the glass is either broken, or the lid has been pushed off, by the force of the frozen water expanding.



Upper School Outdoor Education Programme

The upper school students went bodyboarding this week. It is a great way to develop confidence, resilience, working together while having fun. All part of our core values and skills that we want to develop in the students.



COVID19 PROCEDURES AT DRUMDUAN SCHOOL

If **you**, your **child**, or **anyone in your household** has **one** of the COVID19 symptoms then:

- They must not come to school
- They must self-isolate straight away, along with **ALL members of the household** (parents, siblings, etc) *until* they get the test results
- A COVID19* test should be booked immediately either online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 0800 028 2816. If you cannot access the test or choose not to take the test, then your child must self-isolate for 10 days from the day symptoms started.

○ IF THE TEST IS POSITIVE:

- the **child** must **self-isolate** at home for **10 days** from the day symptoms started
- **ALL MEMBERS of the household** must **self-isolate** at home for **14 days** from the date the family members symptom started
- NHS contact tracers will contact you to ask who you have had close contact with recently. NHS will then contact the people you have had close contact with.

○ IF THE TEST IS NEGATIVE:

- the child can return to school as long as they have not had a fever for **48 hours from the day symptoms started** and **are well enough** and
- Everyone in their household with COVID19 symptoms has a negative test result

Please note that your child cannot return to school after a negative test result if:

- They have been told they are a close contact by the test and protect service OR
- They have a negative test but someone in your house has a positive test, or has symptoms and has not been tested yet

SPECIAL NOTES:

If you or your child or anyone in your household or extended household develops new COVID19 symptoms at any point during or after ending a period of isolation, then the same guidance on self-isolation and testing should be followed again.

***When to test for COVI19:** You should get tested in the **first 3 days of symptoms appearing**, although testing is effective until day 5. If you are a parent or guardian of a child aged 11 or under, you will have to swab test your child. Results are given within 48 hours of test taken.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect/>

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

Open Meeting for Drumduan School to discuss and share the school's draft policy on Media and Technology

On Tuesday evening, 25 members of the community gathered on zoom for 1 hour, to look at the wording, intentions and outcomes of this draft policy. This was a wonderful opportunity to engage with a policy that has consequences for the students, their families and the education they are being offered at Drumduan. Part of the discussion centred on fine tuning the wording. For example there was a distinction made between content, media and technology. A further element that was discussed was the use of age appropriate content, technology and media. A future discussion on what age appropriate means in the context of the Drumduan School was encouraged.

Below are a few words of reflection from the parents who attended the meeting:

**It was lovely to be around people with a wide spectrum of ideas and opinions who were all focused on the common goal of making the school a safe environment for the students. Even though we all have very different life experiences, backgrounds etc it was touching to be part of a community who sees the value in safeguarding the innocence and imagination of the next generation*

** We had a well-attended meeting where we discussed a number of issues around the use of technology and social media. Some of the points raised were 1. clarifying the difference between CONTENT and the technology used to deliver the content, eg a TikTok video vs the phone it is being watched on; 2. when trying to set a whole-school policy the challenge around defining what is/not "age appropriate" and understanding that even within a class what is appropriate for one child is not appropriate for another; 3. appropriate use of media, such as watching a chemistry experiment on Youtube which it would be difficult to do experientially. There was a lot of appreciation between staff and parents for raising the issue and the opportunity to work together on it and hopefully we will be able to continue to contribute in this way in the future.*

**Zoom meeting to discuss policy to limit IT access for our children: the irony! Good to share our collective wishes to keep an appropriate IT access in school but recognising that it is one of the many resources when used in an age appropriate way can continue to enrich the experiential education for our children*

**It is so encouraging to know that a culture of listening is alive in the school. Even though the views were not all the same, the common goal of wanting to support the school and to put children at the centre of the education was inspiring to witness...More of these forums please when time allows! Thank you Drumduan for this courageous leadership model.*

Community Pages

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Our very own Rayne Gadalla, Parent of Class 3, is taking part in the Concern Ration Challenge, from the 13-19th of September. Rayne is doing this to raise funds and awareness. She writes,

"I am taking part in the Ration Challenge and eating the same food as a Syrian refugee for one week. Will you sponsor me?" The ration pack includes rice (420g) lentils (170g) dried chickpeas (85g) 1 can of tinned sardines (120g) a tin of red kidney beans (400g) and vegetable oil (330ml) plus a small portion of flour and extra rice equivalent to UN top ups. Drinking only water

Funds go towards medical treatment emergency food and also training programmes

<https://www.rationchallenge.org.uk/rayne-gadalla>



Nikki Lewin is now selling Weleda products which are on display in the hall.

10% of proceeds go to the school.

There are catalogues available and Emma in the office has the order form.

Accommodation Request

Hello everyone,

Thank you for making us so welcome over the last couple of weeks, it's been a joy to be here. Our son has just started in class 5. We are looking for some accommodation for 2 adults and 1 child from the 9th October for 3 months approx, we can be flexible on dates. We would like to be based within cycling distance of the school. We are non smokers and have no pets. We are respectful and considerate people sharing the values of the community.

Warmly

Mark, Anjie and Freddy

