

25th of September, 2020

Calendar

September

28th Yom Kippur

29th Michaelmas

October

1st National Poetry Day

12th-27th, Half Term

29th Milad

November

14th Diwali

December

16th, end of term, School festival

21st Winter Solstice

January

A gentle reminder that if a child has vomited then they cannot come into school until 48 hours after the last sickness episode.

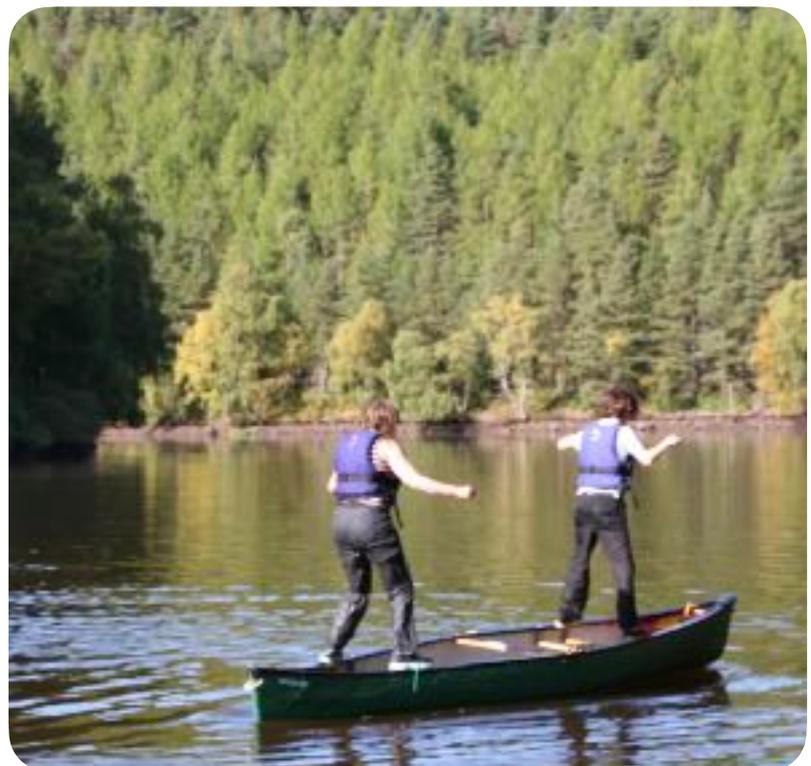
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by Thursday 6pm please



Above, Odin, Loki and Honir trying to cook their ox, watched over by Thiassi in eagle form - figures from the Norse Legends in Class 4 and 5. Meanwhile, below, the Upper School are getting their balancing skills challenged with lessons in a canoe



From The Classrooms

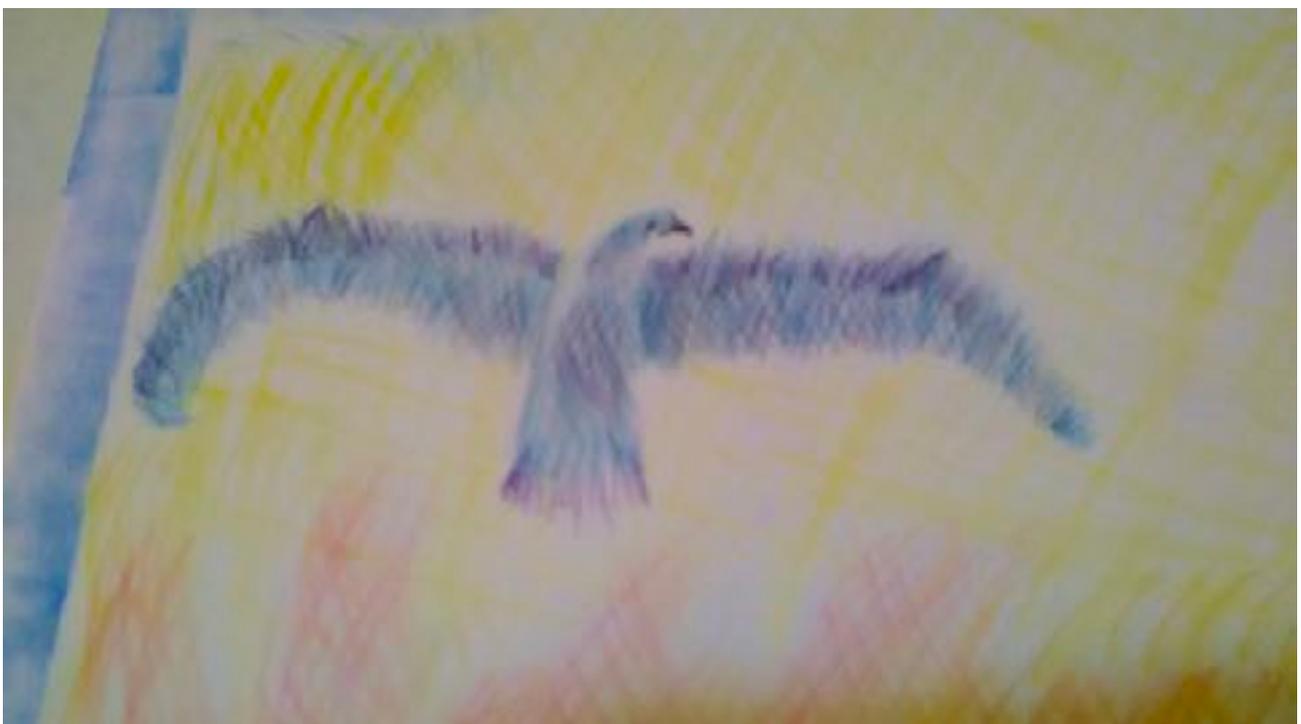
Class 4 & 5 have been working with the legends of the Norse gods and Goddesses - a body of mythology which weaves into many other areas of their curriculum this year. The vivid narratives and themes are brought to the children to support and nourish their own inner development.

The knot work and weaving forms bring a spatial understanding into drawing, movement and modelling. In subtle ways this is working to develop a deeper *experience* of spatial awareness. Working with weaving forms is also a way to support children to cross the midline barrier, an invisible line that echoes the separation of the right and left brain hemispheres.

Working with this midline, at this age, supports the children to weave neural pathways that support the integration of their learning and sense of being more settled in themselves.



Below we see Thiassi, appearing to Loki as an eagle, is really the king of the giants in disguise, a shapeshifter - watch out trickster Loki!





From The Classrooms:

Class 6/7 finished their Main Lesson on Geology and Mineralogy by going on a class trip to a nearby beach. We were lucky to have a parent with a degree in Geology, guide us through our outing. The weather was perfect, although fairly windy, and the class had a lovely day.



Class 6/7 are now in the middle of their Ancient Rome Main Lesson and they are loving it! This block beautifully mirrors where the children are in their development: entering a world of critical thinking and intellect.

Below are two students working on a script for their own mini play about "The Ides Of March".



From The Classrooms: Upper School

The upper school have been learning various strokes in canoeing alongside several balancing activities which have been a lot of fun. This is a great way to strengthen their core muscles and collaborate with others while connecting with the natural environment. They also came out very wet!





Welcome to a new feature in the *Drumduan School Weekly Update*, where we have a chance to meet the Drumduan School Team.

Introducing
**Dorna Khorramzadeh, Business Manager
at Drumduan School**



Recently I had the lovely opportunity to meet Dorna Khorramzadeh, have a chat and get to know a bit more about her. And so, for those of you yet to meet our new **business manager** and new parent in kindergarten, here is a brief introduction...

Dorna was born in Shiraz, south-central Iran. One night in 1980, under cover of darkness, during the revolution, Dorna's family fled Iran for the safety of Germany where members of her extended family were waiting to receive them. As Dorna's father was a professor of medicine it was possible to move the family to the United States of America.

Dorna grew up in Connecticut and considers herself very fortunate to have had many inspiring teachers during her time in school. In particular her chemistry teacher stands out as a person who could make a complicated subject seem easy, fun and digestible.

Already in High School, Dorna began to bring people together and help create and run projects to support those who were otherwise left out in the fringes. Dorna developed a peer support project which had a hotline for students, ran community care and offered mentoring and even homework support.

Later at university Dorna studied psychology and arts and worked in a secure facility for male offenders. From this role Dorna gradually moved into HR and worked for multi-national organisations devising global systems and processes that would facilitate effective methods for transparency and communication, empowering people and productivity. She considers listening to be a key element in these processes. It may not come as a surprise to know that one of Dorna's mottos is "I get things done!"

Dorna once considered a career in the arts and her creative passion is very much alive. She is a musician, a potter and a painter. She is in a band with her husband and they have recorded an album and play live. She continues to play piano and was in the school marching band (playing flute and piccolo) as a child. Dorna is also a qualified aerobics and kundalini yoga pregnancy teacher, and continues to be inspired by many different artistic expressions including the huge task of being a parent in a changing and turbulent world.

Outdoor Market

The PTFA are getting ready to run an outdoor market after school.

Our intention is to raise funds for the PTFA, both as seed funding for other events and also to be given to different class teachers to cover small expenses of materials or to contribute towards the costs of a class outing for example.

There will be a stall with cakes baked by a different class each week. There could be a stall with second hand goods if families are interested in running this. There may be a drinks stall if the logistics are feasible.

Our first outdoor market will take place on Friday, 2nd of October from 3pm.

We are a very small team right now, so would welcome any offers of support as soon as possible so that we can brief volunteers on the health and safety compliance requirements.

This will be run outside in a covid safe manner, a full risk assessment was done, but as we will use our outdoor classroom it will still have the feel of a school market.

Please connect directly with Penny, Eilidh / Liam O' Loughlin or Bettina to offer your support. Alternatively you can e-mail DrumduanPTA@gmail.com or contact Bettina on mobile : 07748468428.

Also please get your tried and tested recipes out, ready to bake when you class rep asks!

One of our aims is to continue strengthening the parent teacher community, and we hope these markets support us in this endeavour.

with many thanks,

The PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association)

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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



WELEDA

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.



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PRICE: £12 for half an hour

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