

31st of October, 2020



Calendar

October

31st Samhain - Hallowe'en

November

14th Diwali

29th 1st Sunday in Advent

30th Kindergarten Advent
Garden

December

16th, end of term, School festival

21st Winter Solstice

January

6th Start of Term, Epiphany

Reminder:

Please return completed **PFA**s. Also, please support the wonderful work going on with advertising the school on **social media** by 'liking', 'sharing' and commenting.

Thank you!

All newsletters will be circulated via reception, on the school mailing list.

If you have a contribution please send to:
weekly.update.drumduan@gmail.com

by Thursday 6pm please



*Pressing apples in kindergarten, thank you for the photos
Gintaras and Floss for the apples!*

Welcome Back Dear School Community!

We hope your Tattie Holidays have given you renewed strength and inspiration - plenty of inner resources for the coming weeks of long cosy evenings, bright starry skies, and crisp cooler mornings. We ended the first part of this term with wonderful days of collaboration, work and play! Thank you to all involved especially the teachers who planned such a successful festival of work! It was great to see children of different classes coming together to work and learn from each other, and to see the school being cared for in practical, artistic and well thought out ways. Thank you all!

From The Classrooms: Kindergarten

(delayed article - so much is happening at school and the newsletter is playing catch-up!)

My nice red rosy apple
has a secret midst unseen...

Our Michaelmas celebration was an apple feast!
We've made apple and blackberry crumble, pressed apple juice, made apple flags and apple rings which are drying while I write this.
Mmm... They will be ready for our next festival.

Sometimes a morning doesn't go as planned; an oven that isn't working, a first time use of an apple press but the children had a marvellous time. They had a slightly bigger fruit snack than usual while we were waiting for the crumble to be ready and in the mean time we had a lovely chat around the table while Gintaras was tackling the juice making and what a blessing it was that the sun shone it's golden autumnal Michaelmas light upon us.

Thank you Floss for the abundance of apples!
And thank you Gintaras for the beautiful photos.





From The Classrooms:

Class 6/7 spent their final day, before half term, on Ancient Rome creating miniature aqueducts. They were challenged with the task of making their structures as realistic as possible out of clay.



Class 6/7 took part in a local initiative to 'End Polio Now', carried by the Forres Rotary Club.

World Polio Day was on the 24th of October and on this date (or as close as possible) several local schools have planted purple crocus bulbs in Grant Park.

This year because coming together for this activity is not possible, Forres Rotary Club offered the bulbs to individual schools to plant in their grounds.



Letter from Gillian, Chair of Trustees

Hi Everyone,

We hope this finds everyone refreshed and raring to go after our 2 weeks of somewhat soggy holiday time.

As Trustees, we wanted to say thank you to everyone who has offered considerable support to our wonderful school in recent times. It is a constant joy to see the enthusiasm and positivity evident amongst staff, students and parents alike. Whilst it is impossible to name and thank everyone individually, we would like to highlight the following:

Firstly, and seriously overdue, we would like to thank Adrian Hutchins, who worked tirelessly, with great skill and good humour, as our book-keeper until the end of August. Without his endless patience in answering our many and varied questions about our accounts, we would not have been able to create the solid financial understanding that we now have. Adrian even found his own replacement in Geoff, our fabulous new accounts manager.

Adrian is greatly missed and we want to offer our sincere thanks and wish him all the very best in everything that he does.

We also owe a great debt to Tam McVeigh, who, in addition to joining us as Child Protection Officer, addressed his concerns for the safety of our students in an extremely practical way. Tam was a joiner, by trade, in his earlier years and has built us a fabulous new set of steps leading into Class One from the garden. This took an incredible amount of time and skill and, as is clearly an intrinsic trait for staff and volunteers alike at Drumduan, good humour. Thank you Tam - you are clearly a man of many talents!

We would also like to highlight the fantastic support the school has received from Alison Ruickbie, who runs the wonderful Re:Store shop in Lossiemouth. Alison has been incredibly helpful in supporting the school to meet its sanitising obligations with regards to Covid-19 in the most gentle, economical and environmentally friendly manner. The Dew products have all been purchased via Alison and, in the case of the fogger, at no profit at all for the shop. She also, very generously, volunteered a discount on purchases made by the school which is helping to keep our cleaning costs to a minimum. We have had a very bad habit of arriving at the Re:Store at incredibly inconvenient times and creating mayhem with Alison's stock levels and yet we have been welcomed back, every time, with a smile and an endless willingness to help wherever possible. Thank you Alison: your knowledge and positive, pragmatic approach have made a difficult task incredibly easy and you are very much appreciated!

Letter from Gillian, Chair of Trustees, *continued...*

Our amazing PTFA have done a fantastic job of kick-starting traditional school events with the bake sales, while being incredibly thorough in ensuring that we are compliant with current health guidance. It is great to see the school community working together in this way and we would like to thank the PTFA and to remind everyone that we need to recruit more wonderful volunteers so that we can support the planning and provision of future events. The PTFA is a core element of the Drumduan Family and we look forward to watching it thrive as the numbers increase.

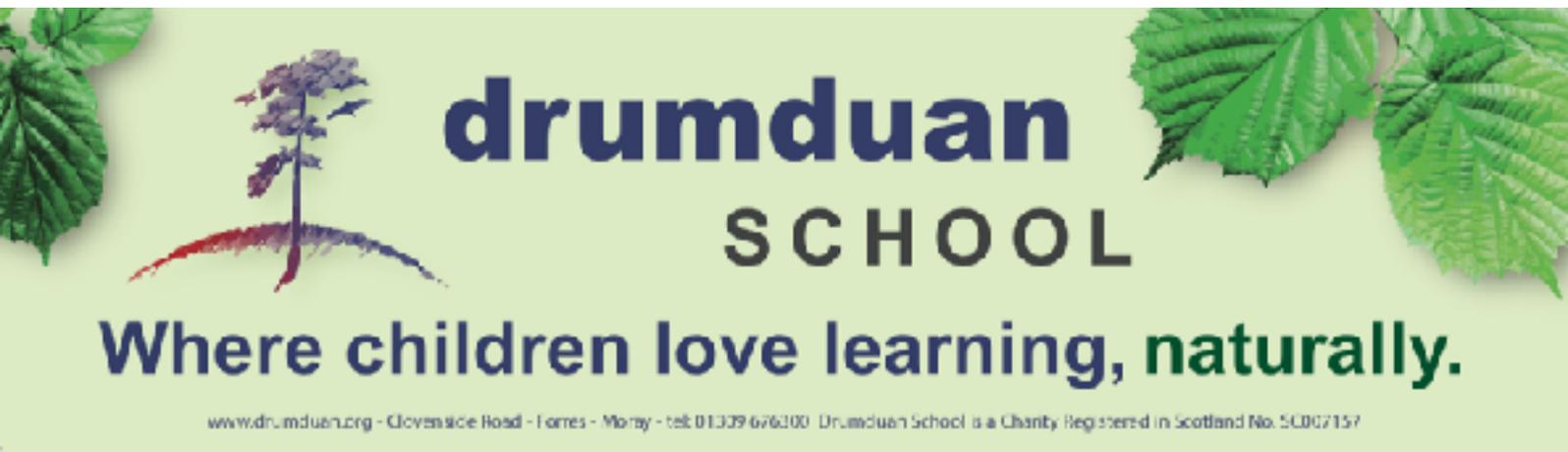
There are so many more individuals that we could name, but we just want to close by saying thank you to Juanna for creating our beautiful updates. They are a fabulous showcase of all that we do as a school and really capture the essence of Drumduan School.

We are looking forward to a fabulous 2nd half of this term. Typing this on Monday (in-service day) in school, it's so obvious that the students really are the heart of the school and it only comes to life when the kids are back!

Warmest wishes

Your Trustees

PS: Melissa, Lizzie and Ulyana : Thank you for doing such a fabulous job of reclaiming the downstairs room for us. Your help and hard work was very much appreciated!



“CIRCUS - CLUB”

Launching next week!

Dear parents and dear children,

We are excited to announce that Drumduan School will have its very own weekly After School Circus Club starting next week on 5th November.



When?

→ Thursdays from 3 -5 pm

Who can take part?

→ All ages from 6 and up*

Where?

→ The Great Room

How much?

→ £12 per session

What do we do?

- Introducing the basics of acrobatics
- Exploring different circus tools like staffs, hula hoops, balancing bars, diabolo, juggling scarves & balls, etc.
- Creative movement & team games, including elements of drama, dance and performance
- Time for guided free-play and enjoying outdoor-moments

The benefits for the children:

- Lots of fun with playful & creative movement which will also be beneficial for the development of children’s physical, mental & social skills
- Body awareness, coordination, muscle strength and flexibility, focus, patience, persistence, teamwork, trust, courage, enjoying the learning process, being in the moment and in the flow, creativity & imagination

What you need to bring:

- water bottle, comfy and stretchy sports clothing (+ sport shoes or slippers if available, otherwise socks or barefoot will do)

Introducing

Sabrina Meckel: trained school and art teacher, circus skills, dance and yoga instructor

cajun: Aftercare manager, trained Waldorf teacher

* For children 12 years or older: due to Covid 19 regulations, we will offer alternative ways for them to enjoy circus club while mitigating the risks.

SEE YOU AT THE CIRCUS!

For Bookings contact: cajun@drumduan.org limited spaces available

WATCH THIS SPACE for news of other exciting new AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS COMING SOON !!

Community Pages

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Sabine, Angelina & our 2 cats Igalo & Casanova are looking for a flat or room - for the beginning a room is also totally ok - appr. for 10 months, until our "Tiny House" will be ready (Wohnwagen - "Woody") in approximately 10 months and is also coming to Scotland.

For our "Woody" we are also looking a natural place - any suggestions / recommendations would be appreciated.

Would prefer a place in the Park, but we are also open for another natural environment near the school or Findhorn village.

I am a gardener, wild herb teacher, aromatherapist and future-designer.love - I have helping hands, grew up at a farm - also I am open for an exchange.

Write to: sabine@future-designer.love or WhatsApp 004369915548866

Thank you for your support



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.



RECORDER/FLUTE LESSONS

For both Adults and Children

Why not discover the joy of music making using the internationally acclaimed Kodaly Method?

Each lesson is individually tailored to suit the student and designed to give a good grounding in musical skills, the ability to sight read, play duets and above all develop a deep enjoyment of music.

£12 for half an hour

Contact: Abi

E: rooleytowle@btinternet.com
Tel: 01343 850179 (after 8pm)



EARLY YEARS SINGING GROUP

For little ones and mums

Come and join our interactive and fun filled singing group.

The teaching is based on the internationally recognised Kodaly Curriculum and Method.

Your children will develop a firm foundation in musical skills whilst gaining in confidence and other groups skills.

£5 per child per session (1 hour including snack)

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SINGING LESSONS

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Individual personalised lessons that are designed to give you the ability to sing in tune, to develop excellent music reading skills, to sing rounds and duets and to enjoy making independent music. The Kodaly Method works because it teaches musical excellence whilst emphasising the fun and joy of learning.

Specialising in early and primary years, or anyone who has missed out and wants to develop musically.

CONTACT: ABI ROOLEY-TOWLE (Qualified Music Teacher and an International Award Winning Singer/Songwriter). E: rooleytowle@btinternet.com. Tel: 01343 850179 (after 8pm)

PRICE: £12 for half an hour

Please note: Abi's lessons are currently run online



Juanna Grace Ladaga, Interfaith Minister - juanna.grace@gmail.com