

# Scoill yn Jubilee Newsletter

This half term's value focus will be HONESTY. Please take some time at home to talk about and model HONESTY. We recognise that telling the truth is an important value, even when it is hard to do. Be open about your mistakes. When you make a mistake at home, tell your child about it.

## Happy New Year from all at SyJ

Happy New Year. We have all returned to school refreshed, reinvigorated and ready to enjoy the learning challenges of 2024. The children have settled back into school and there has been lots of super learning activities taking place in each of our classes. New themes are being explored with great enthusiasm and we are sure that you will hear further details about these from your children in the coming weeks.

## School Uniform

We mentioned in our last newsletter the importance of wearing the correct school uniform. We have noticed that since returning a lot of our children are coming to school in trainers and the incorrect uniform. Please can all parents, carers and guardians take a moment to read through the expectations for uniform on our school website.

## Douglas Borough Council Daffodil Competition

If you haven't already done so, you were advised to bring your daffodil pots indoors in mid January. Daffodils will be judged on Tuesday 5th March. More details will follow.

## Registering children for September 2024

Parents of children turning five in the academic year 2024/25 are reminded they must register with a school well in advance. Pupils are admitted to schools' Reception classes at the beginning of the academic year in which they reach their fifth birthday.

In order to help schools allocate staff and plan resources, parents are required to register their children with schools as soon as possible.

Catchment areas exist for schools. They can be searched by visiting [www.gov.im/maps](http://www.gov.im/maps). Select the local information map and then type a postcode, finally search under 'school catchment areas'. Alternatively, contact the Department of Education, Sport and culture on 01624 685820 or email [admin@doe.gov.im](mailto:admin@doe.gov.im). We need to have all registration forms completed as soon as possible.

## Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 23rd January: Y3 trip - 'Stars' session at St Ninian's Church.
- Wednesday 24th January: Y6 Open Evening at St Ninian's High School (lower school).
- Thursday 25th January: Y6 Open Evening at Ballakermeen High School.
- Monday 5th February: Friday 9th February: Children's Mental Health Week.
- Tuesday 6th February: Safer Internet Day.
- Wednesday 14th February: School Council members to visit Douglas City Hall.
- Friday 16th February: School Council Event - Dress as an animal day. More details to follow.

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