



ST DOMINIC'S RC PRIMARY



A BRIEF HISTORY



St Dominic's RC Primary School
Educating hearts and minds since 1891



St Dominic's Roman Catholic Primary School, Crieff

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| 07 Jan 1891 | School formally opened under temporary management of Miss McDonald of Dundee – Roll 32 pupils. |
| 14 Sep 1891 | Government grant to school confirmed. |
| 10 Sep 1897 | New School (now Church car park), blessed and formally opened by Canon Crumby. |
| 30 Oct 1914 | 13 Belgian children admitted. |
| 1918 | Education Act |
| 28 May 1919 | School under Perthshire Education Authority. |
| March 1924 | First success at Perthshire Music Festival. |
| 01 Sep 1940 | School closed until further notice owing to the Government Scheme of Evacuation of Children. Crieff is now a reception area, and the teachers will be engaged in billeting the evacuated children. |
| 8 & 9 May 1945 | Two days holiday to celebrate end of hostilities in Europe. |
| 04 Mar 1964 | Foundation started for Broich Road (present building). |
| 06 Jan 1966 | Present building opened (outside pointing and tarmac still to be completed) |
| 15 Feb 1966 | Official opening of present school building by Bishop Hart. |
| 08 Sep 1970 | School flooded to depth of 5 inches. |
| 05 Nov 1970 | First Parent Teacher Association meeting. |

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- 1981/82/83 School Choir won at the Music Festival in Perth.
- 19 May 1988 St Dominic's hosted the annual Education Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee.
- 30 Mar 1996 Work started on constructing a school garden. The garden was featured on the BBC Scotland 'Beechgrove Garden' on various occasions.
- October 2004 Plans on show for the new Nursery and Wraparound Care building – opened January 2006.
- June 2008 St Dominic's hosted the annual Education Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee.
- 2008 School awarded first Green Flag Status (also 2011, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2024)
- June 2013 Primary 7 Pilgrimage to Iona.
- 2013 Crieff Primary School joined us for After School Care.
- 2014 In just two years, with a little help from Hollywood actor Gerard Butler, the school raised an amazing £9000 for Mary's Meals to build a kitchen for Namwina Primary School in Blantyre, Southern Malawi. What an outstanding legacy for the whole community of St Dominic's.
- 30 Sep 2014 Whole school Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto.
- 2015 School awarded Gold Rights Respecting School (also 2018, 2022, 2025)

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- 2017 St Dominic's fundraised to purchase a Defibrillator for the school.
- 20 Mar 2020 Due to COVID19, Scottish Government instructed all schools & ELC to close and commence remote learning.
- August 2020 Under Scottish Government guidance, a phased return of two groups of pupils on alternate days to school in week one and full return from second week with zoned playgrounds, social distancing and no visitors. PE kit being worn on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and School Uniform Tuesday & Friday.
- December 2020 St Dominic's Commemorative COVID19 Face Mask Tea towel commissioned for sale.
- 07 Jan 2021 Due to COVID19, Scottish Government instructed all schools & ELC only to open to Key Workers and re-commence remote learning.
- 22 Feb 2021 Scottish Government guidance of a return of ELC – P3 pupils. Remote learning continues for P4 – P7 pupils. Previous provisions of zoned playgrounds, social distancing and no visitors in place. PE kit being worn on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and School Uniform Tuesday & Friday.
- 15 Mar 2021 Scottish Government guidance of a return for P4-7 pupils. Provisions continue to be in place,
- 17 Aug 2021 Scottish Government guidance regarding provisions remain in place and to be monitored. Co2 classroom monitors introduced.

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- 01 May 2022 Scottish Government implements 'stay at home' guidance, replacing isolating at home with COVID symptoms. COVID absence codes removed from Scottish database & cease of 'warn and inform letters'. Some provisions continue.
- October 2022 Return to pre-pandemic school activity.
- June 2023 St Dominic's hosted the annual Education Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee.
- 15 Mar 2024 St Dominic's awarded First place in PKC Primary Schools Enterprising Mathematics Challenge.
- 20 Mar 2024 St Dominic's awarded First place in the Rotary Club Primary School Quiz.
- 20 May 2024 St Dominic's awarded First place in P7/S1 Transition Maths competition
- May 2024 St Dominic's took part in purchasing and designing Amazing Graze as part of the CHAS Highland Coo Trail. As well as Bingo Tea Fundraiser and Tea towel design. In total £437.04 raised for CHAS.
- P7 & Richmond House with Helen McCrorie collaborated on the Remembering Together cross-generational Scotland wide film project.
- 10 Mar 2025 School Choir awarded First place in the County Choir category at Perform in Perth.
- 13 May 2025 St Dominic's won all 8 matches achieving the winning cup at Bertha Park Shinty Festival.

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- 14 May 2025 P6 Evergreen Team awarded First place in the Scottish Sustainable Solutions: Roads of the Future Finals.
- 2025/26 Continues with great Charity work, supporting MacMillan (£608.16), Blythswood Shoebox Appeal (£58 plus filled boxes) and Mary's Meals (£345.24). SCIAF and CHAS fundraisers to follow in term 3 and 4 respectively.

ST DOMINIC'S HEADMASTER / HEADMISTRESS / HEAD TEACHERS

- 1891 – 1910 Miss McDonald (temporary) until M I Whitstocke from Arisaig arrived along with Sister Gertrude & Sister Ignatious.
- 1910 – 1916 Miss Victoria McKenzie
- 1916 – 1921 ??
- 1921 – 1932 Miss Kate Mailley
- 1932 – 1943 Mr Thomas Kelly
- 1943 – 1944 Mr William McMenamin
- 1944 – 1949 Mr William Reilly
- 1949 – 1953 Mr O'Sullivan
- 1954 – 1956 Mr John Young
- 1956 – 1956 Mr Bruce Donald (Acting Interim)
- 1956 – 1968 Mr Denis Cairns (later Provost Cairns)
- 1968 – 1969 Mrs Margaret Cairns
- 1969 – 1985 Mr Alexander Duncan
- 1985 – 1995 Mrs Imelda McDonald
- 1995 – 1997 Miss M T Stuart (Acting Interim)
- 1997 – 2003 Mrs Laura Mason
- 2003 – 2010 Mrs Karen MacKechnie
- 2010 - Mrs Elizabeth Hunter