

Meadowburn Primary School

Bun Sgoil Innis an Uill



A motivating, challenging, inclusive and nurturing community where we learn, achieve and grow.

November 2020

I hope this newsletter finds all of our Meadowburn Community safe and well. All of our classes continue to be very busy and I hope you have been enjoying viewing the learning that is being shared on Seesaw and on Twitter.

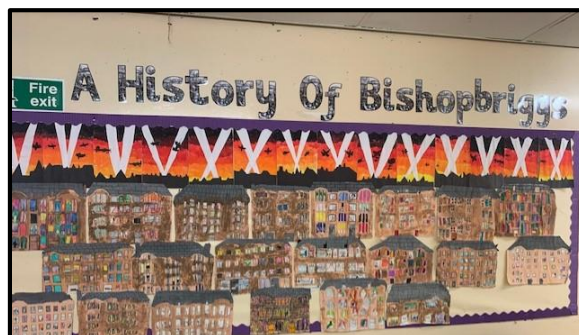
STAFFING UPDATES

We have been delighted to welcome Miss Black, Mr Rae and Mrs Martin to the school team recently. Miss Black is a Support for Learning Assistant who is working in Primary 1 and Mr Rae and Mrs Martin are Gaelic Classroom Assistants working in our Gaelic Medium Primary Classes.



LEARNING THIS TERM

The children have all been busy learning about an aspect of our Local Community at the start of this term and studied topics such as People who help me in my Community, Houses and Homes, Local Shops and Shopping, Local Historical Interests, Current Issues, Local Maps and comparing Bishopbriggs with a contrasting area. The learning in these topics was further enhanced for some classes through Local Outdoor Learning Walks.



After their Community Topic, all classes moved on to a 'Diverse World' topic. The key skills that are being developed through this topic are:

Religious & Moral Education

Investigate and evaluate stories/key features/places/artefacts

Understand values, beliefs and actions

Compare and develop understanding and respect for practices and traditions

Social Studies (2nd Level only)

Compare and contrast the diversity of cultures, values and customs in my society and others

Investigate forms of discrimination and evaluate its' impact on people's lives

We look forward to sharing evidence of this learning throughout this term on Seesaw, Twitter and in the next newsletter.



EURO QUIZ

We want to say a huge thank you and well done to the four Primary 7 pupils (pictured below) who represented the school and EDC recently in the long-awaited, virtual Euro Quiz Final 2020. They achieved a great score of 45 and, even though they weren't placed in the top 3 schools, they should be extremely proud of their fantastic achievements. From winning the EDC heats back in March to the disappointment of not being able to travel to Edinburgh to the final before the Summer to continuing to practise and rehearse after the Summer in preparation for the virtual final at the start of November - the four pupils showed amazing positivity, commitment, determination and teamwork. Thank you also to Mrs McCooe for all her time and support.



EDC Euroquiz Heats
(March 2020)



Ready for the Virtual
Final. (Nov 2020)

Please see below for a couple of extracts from a fantastic personal piece of writing that one of the Euroquiz Team members wrote, reflecting back on their experiences:

'It was 8:00pm on Sunday 3rd March 2020, 3 weeks before lockdown. I had just finished my last Euroquiz research for the local heats and was going to bed. Little did I know tomorrow may well be the best day of my life.

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We didn't think that we had done enough but they announced a tie breaker. They said it was on 47 points. We knew we had that amount but there could have been an error. They announced the two teams in the tiebreaker were Castlehill Primary and Meadowburn Primary!

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Time froze. I knew I had just done it. Everyone was clapping. We received the trophy. My teammates were so happy. We were told to wait until everyone had left to get our photo taken. Those hours had changed my life forever.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Friday 11th December we are inviting pupils to take part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils can wear their cosiest, sparkliest or silliest Christmas or Winter Jumper to school as part of non-uniform that day. If your child doesn't have a festive jumper already then please don't splash out - why not decorate an old or plain jumper with tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes to create a unique jumper to wear instead. We are unable to accept money in school in the normal way for the £1 donation this year so details about how to donate directly to Save the Children will be sent out nearer the time.



OTHER CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Normally at this time of year the newsletter would be full of dates for Christmas Activities and the school would be gearing up for a busy festive period of shows, pantos, parties, etc. Although there are many things that we won't be able to do this year, we are keen to still make things as festive and fun as we can and a Christmas Newsletter will be sent out in the next couple of weeks with further information. We have decided however to plan for a P7 Show in the Summer term with the hope of being in a different position by then.



PTA UPDATES

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the PTA Calendar could not be organised in the usual way this year. However, as I am sure you are aware, the PTA put their heads together and came up with a plan! Instead of the photoshoot taking place within the school building, it took place outside on the pitch using a drone! The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we would like to say a huge thank you to all who were involved in making the photo shoot possible. We thank you in advance for your continued and valued support.

The PTA also purchased new rainbow benches and picnic tables for our playground last session that are now being very well used by the children every day and most definitely brighten up our playground. The addition of a rainbow friendship bench has now been placed circling a blossom tree at our front entrance that is in memory of former teacher and close colleague Diane Harley. Thank you again to all of the PTA members who helped in the construction and placement of these items, they mean a lot to both the children and staff at Meadowburn.



WELLBEING APPROACHES

At Meadowburn we offer a range of interventions to support pupil wellbeing. These include, following the Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) programme and teaching Growth Mindset Techniques to children at all stages throughout the school. We also are lucky enough to have a counsellor from The SPARKS, working with individuals from P5-P7 this session. The counsellor supports young people with their mental health, discussing and chatting about feelings and emotions including those of stress, anxiety and sadness. Mrs Doherty will also be offering individual Let's Introduce Anxiety Management (LIAM) sessions for P5-P7 children across the session. LIAM explores children's reactions to anxiety and works through ways to cope and manage anxiety more effectively. We also deliver Seasons for Growth sessions for P1-P4 and P5-P7 children, letters will be coming out shortly to inform parents further about this programme.



BIKEABILITY

Our Primary 7 pupils have been busy for the past few weeks with their Bikeability lessons in the playground and moving out on to the road this week. They have been learning important road safety and cycling skills and having lots of fun at the same time! Thank you very much to Mrs Craig, Mrs McGrath and Mrs McMaster for leading these sessions for the past few weeks.



Some feedback from our P7 pupils:

'It was fun to learn the rules of the road and prepare us for the future.'

'I enjoyed Bikeability because I learnt how to stay safe on the road and it was really fun.'

'I really enjoyed bikeability. I found the left, right turn tricky but overall I loved it.'

'I liked bikeability a lot. It was fun learning about how to stay safe on the road.'

'We have been learning how to put our bike on the road, how to do left and right turns, how to pass parked cars and how to avoid hitting traffic.'

WEAR PURPLE FOR CROHN'S DAY

On Friday 4th December we are inviting everyone to wear purple to school if they wish as part of a non-uniform day for Crohn's and Colitis UK Awareness Week 2020. Crohn's is something that affects members of our school community and purple is the charity's colour. Please do not buy anything new - you could wear anything from purple socks or even a purple hairband if you have one. One of our pupils affected by Crohn's will also be doing a presentation to every class during our assemblies that day to share more information.

CROHN'S &
COLITIS UK

HOT LUNCHES

I am pleased to be able to let you know that the provision of hot lunches will become available for all P4-P7 pupils who wish to have a hot lunch on Monday 30th November. Please also ensure that you have details of your child's online account and that there are sufficient funds in the account as we are unable to accept cash payments at the moment. The menus have previously been emailed but please contact the school office if you need a replacement copy or online account details.

WET WEATHER/OUTDOOR CLOTHING

As you know, classes are spending more time outdoors when at school therefore we would please ask that you send to your child to school **every day with a suitable waterproof jacket with a hood**. If the rain is particularly heavy, the children will stay indoors for breaks however there have been many days recently where there have been sudden, heavy showers so it is important to be prepared for all weathers at the moment. Please remember that children can wear wellies to school and on these occasions, bring school shoes/trainers in their school bags to change into. We would also advise keeping a spare set of socks, leggings/joggers in school bags this term.



DATES FOR DIARIES:

Here are some dates for your diary this term:

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| • Monday 30 th November 2020 | Hot Lunch provision starts for P4-P7 pupils |
| • Tuesday 1 st December 2020 | Flu Immunisations - School pupils |
| • Friday 4 th December 2020 | Wear Purple for Crohn's Day - Non-Uniform |
| • Friday 11 th December 2020 | Christmas/Winter Jumper Day - Non-Uniform |
| • Monday 21 st December 2020 | School closes for holidays @2.30pm |
| • Wednesday 6 th January 2021 | Back to school |



To all parents/carers, I would like to say that if there are any aspects of school life that cause concern or that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch right away, phone or email the school office and we will do our best to help.

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