

# Meadowburn Primary School

## Bun Sgoil Innis an Uill



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

### September 2021

I can't believe that it is nearly the September holiday weekend already! So far this term has been a busy one but also a successful one. I continue to be delighted in particular with how well our new Primary 1 and nursery children have settled in to life at Meadowburn. Our older pupils have also demonstrated great responsibility around the school with their Buddy responsibilities and during their recent speeches and nominations for the roles of House and Vice-captains.

#### **IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Our Improvement Plan has been finalised for 2021/2021 and our main school priorities for the coming session are summarised below. Full details will be available shortly on the school website.

##### **Excellence through Raising Attainment by:**

- Reviewing our approaches to Assessment; ensuring that they are integral to the learning and teaching and that the purpose of assessments are clear and inform future planning.
- Further implementing the North Lanarkshire Phonics programme in P1 and P2 and monitoring and evaluating impact on attainment.
- Embedding the use of Bug Club and Book Banding in P1-3 and reviewing our reading programme for P4-7.
- Explore Book Banding in GME and review literacy approaches and policy.
- Collaborative work with the Scottish Booktrust and West Partnership through the Reading Schools Initiative.

##### **Achieving Equity by:**

- Implementing the EDC HWB Tracker across the whole school with involvement of all teachers to continue to ensure a more rigorous and effective approach to tracking children's wellbeing.
- Further develop opportunities for Outdoor Learning, making links with local partners where appropriate, by piloting a progressive, skills based Outdoor Learning pathway and by creating an outdoor learning policy.
- Delivery of new RSHP programme across all levels (Early Years - Early Protective Measures).
- Sharing key messages from UNCRC Bill with all staff through professional learning opportunities and by appointing and facilitating the work of school representatives on the EDC Pupil Forum.

##### **Nurture Group:**

- Setting up and providing support to identified pupils through a Nurture group following the EDC Nurture Network framework.

#### **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

May I take this opportunity to remind you that we are a **nut free school** as some children in school suffer severe allergic reactions when they come into contact with nuts. This includes any snacks such as cereal bars, coconut snacks or chocolate wraps that contain nuts. I would therefore ask that you please keep this information in mind when sending in any snacks and packed lunches to school to help keep all of our children safe in school.



## PARKING

It has been lovely to see so many of our children walking, cycling and scooting to school since the start of term. If you are travelling by car then please help to ensure all of our Meadowburn community are able to travel safely to and from school by driving and parking with courtesy and consideration to others, allowing pedestrians (many of whom are our pupils) to be able to walk on pavements safely, space for prams to get past if required and without blocking any driveways or parking on the yellow lines outside the various school entrances.

## PLAYGROUND SAFETY

To keep our playground a safe place for everyone, I would like to remind all parents/carers that there should be no dogs in the playground and to remember that anyone cycling or scooting to school should come off their bikes at the school gates and push them through the playground.

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The date for the nasal spray immunisations for school children in Meadowburn this year is **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. Flu Immunisation packs have already been sent home for completion and further information is available at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/flu-vaccine/the-vaccines/the-child-flu-vaccine>

## OUTDOOR CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR

Classes continue to regularly spend time outdoors when at school therefore we would please ask that you send to your child to school **every day with a suitable jacket with a hood**. There have been a few days recently where there have been showers in amongst sunny spells so it is important to be prepared for all weathers at the moment. If the rain is particularly heavy, children can wear wellies to school and on these occasions, bring school shoes/trainers in their school bags to change into.

## DATES FOR DIARIES:

Here are some dates for your diary this term:

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021      September Holiday Weekend - school closed
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020      September Holiday Weekend - school closed
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021      Back to school
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021      In-service Day - school closed to pupils
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021      October Holiday Week - school closed
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020      Back to school
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October      Parent Phonecall Appointments will take place during these dates - further details will be sent for each class.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October      Virtual Harvest Assembly led by mainstream P5 pupils (Teams link will be sent to parents/carers nearer the time).
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021      Tempest Individual/Family Photos (further info will be sent nearer the time).
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021      Flu Immunisations

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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