

# Meadowburn Primary School Bun Sgoil Innis an Uillx

September 2022



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



I can't believe that it is September already. The first few weeks of term have flown by and it has been lovely to welcome all of our children and families back to school. I would also like to take the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new children and families that have joined the Meadowburn Community this term. We are delighted with how well our new Primary 1 children have settled in to life at Meadowburn and how well our older pupils have been demonstrating great responsibility around the school already with their buddying duties.

## STAFFING UPDATES

We have a few new members of staff this year across the school and we are delighted to welcome them all to Meadowburn. Mrs Phyllis MacKenzie has taken on the role of Administrative Assistant and will be working in the school office Monday to Friday. As a former parent, Mrs MacKenzie already knows the school community well. We are also delighted to welcome Miss Rebecca Morrison, Miss Amy Angus, Mrs Claire Douglas and Miss Kirsty Gillanders to the school team this year. Miss Morrison will be teaching in P1, P1/2 and P5/6, Miss Angus will be teaching in P2, Mrs Douglas will be teaching in P3 and Miss Gillanders will be teaching in C6/7 this year.



Mrs MacKenzie

Miss Morrison



Miss Angus

Mrs Douglas



Miss Gillanders

## 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 keep this information in mind when sending any snacks and packed lunches to school to help keep all of our children safe in school.

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The date for the nasal spray immunisations for school children in Meadowburn this year is **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**. Flu Immunisation packs have already been sent home and further information is available at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/winter-vaccines/the-flu-vaccine/primary-and-secondary-school-children/>



## IMPROVEMENT PLAN PRIORITIES 2022 - 2023

Our Improvement Plan has been finalised for 2022-2023 and our main improvement priorities for the coming session are summarised below. Full details will be available shortly on the school website and we will keep you updated on progress through newsletters and the school twitter page.

**Priority 1: Raising Attainment in Literacy - Introduce 'Talk for Writing' approaches.**

**Priority 2: Health and Wellbeing - Nurture, UNCRC and Positive Relationship and Behaviour.**

**Priority 3: Raising Attainment in Numeracy - EDC Maths Recovery Approaches.**



## ETHOS AND LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

As part of our 2<sup>nd</sup> School Improvement Priority on UNCRC (UN Convention of the Rights of the Child), we are looking to increase leadership opportunities throughout the school including re-launching our House System, pupil-led lunchtime clubs, after school clubs led by staff, introducing a whole school approach to Pupil Committees and other opportunities identified by pupils. Further information will be sent to parents but in the meantime keep an eye out for announcements about our new P7 House and Vice Captains and for information coming home from the school to let any new pupils what house team they are in. Pupils are allocated to one of our four houses:

Rannoch/Ràineach

Ness/Nis

Lomond/Laomainn

Fyne/Fine

## ATTENDANCE, ABSENCE AND ILLNESS

Attendance of pupils at Meadowburn Primary School is normally very good and good attendance is vital for children's progress.

As Head Teacher I monitor attendance regularly and understand that a child's non-attendance can be due to a number of reasons e.g. illness or family circumstances and that covid absences and isolation periods in the last couple of year have also had an impact. If there are any concerns about attendance the communication between home and school is always key so we will inform parents when their child's absence levels reach a stage where it could be impacting on their child's learning and his/her ability to reach his/her full potential. The same procedures will be followed if late-coming is having a similar disadvantageous impact on a child's learning. Being late regularly for school means valuable teaching time is missed and it can be unsettling for the child. If your child is late he/she should enter through the main door and report to the school office, not just go directly to class.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office on 0141 955 2293 before 9am that morning or alternatively you can register the absence through the Parent Portal.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM/UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the school uniform donations we have received over the past few months, that has enabled us to get our School swap shop up and running. This has aided with keeping the cost of the school day reduced for many. We have already received feedback that this has been greatly appreciated by several families, who have been able to make use of the items in stock. A spreadsheet will be issued in the near future showing what items are available, which in turn will show what items would be welcome for donation.



## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS/CLOTHING GRANTS**

We would also like to remind all parents/carers about the School Clothing Grant and Free school meals that is available for eligible families. Please note that all Primary 1-5 are currently entitled to free school meals. More information on the criteria, as well as the application form can be found in the link below;

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/grants/school-clothing-grant#>

The Skills for Life, Learning and work team, are running an online 'Money Goals' (on cost of living), informative session for parents on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September: 10-11am. Please contact Mrs Mulvee-Donnelly, our Family Learning Assistant, directly on [smulvee-donnelly@meadowburn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk](mailto:smulvee-donnelly@meadowburn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk) if you are interested in the above course or for further information about any of the above.



**Please see below for dates of upcoming events this term**



Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September:	P1 Photograph - Evening Times Block of swimming lessons start for all Primary 6 pupils
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September:	School holiday
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September:	School holiday
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September:	Maths Week Scotland - activities in school (further info to follow)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October:	Learning Snapshot work home to parents (further info to follow)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October:	Inservice Day - School closed for pupils
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> October:	Holiday week
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October:	Pupils return to school

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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