



Meadowburn Primary School Bun Sgoil Innis an Uillt



January 2023

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

LEARNING THIS TERM

The children will all be busy learning about an aspect of Scotland at the start of this term and will be studying topics including Scottish Wildlife, Myths and Legends, Food and Farming, Landscape, Great Scots, Scotland's Impact on the World and Scots Language. The learning in these topics will be further enhanced through our Burns Assembly on Friday 27th January. The Burns Assembly will take place in the school hall at 9.30 am and will be led by our P7 pupils with P3-6 poetry winners also performing. Parents/family members are welcome to attend. After their Scottish Studies, classes will move on to a 'Historical World' topic. The key Social Studies skills that will be developed through this topic are:



People, Past Events and Societies

Analyse, interpret and evaluate evidence

Compare/contrast past with present

Preserve and remember Scotland's heritage and beyond

Evaluate impact on society today



STAFFING UPDATES

We have 2 new members of staff this term. Ms Dalgleish will be working as a class teacher in Primary 7 and Mgr McLeod will be working as a Gaelic Classroom Assistant. We are delighted to welcome them both to the Meadowburn Team. We currently have a 2 x 0.5 SLA vacancies advertised, one for English Medium and one for Gaelic Medium, and hope to interview for these posts as soon as possible after the closing dates next week. We will keep you posted!

Ms Dalgleish



Mgr McLeod



ATTENDANCE, ABSENCE AND ILLNESS

Attendance of the majority of pupils at Meadowburn Primary School is normally very good and good attendance is vital for children's progress. A child's non-attendance can be due to a number of reasons e.g. illness or family circumstances and attendance is monitored regularly. Communication between home and school is always key and I think that it is important that parents are informed 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. In these circumstances the school may issue a letter or contact parents by phone to have a conversation or arrange a meeting if necessary. 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. Please remember that if your child is late they should enter through the main door and report to the school office, not just go directly to class.



LEARNING IN PE THIS TERM



This session in PE pupils will be developing their skills in Gymnastics during their indoor PE sessions. To ensure the health and safety of all pupils, please make sure that your child has suitable long hair is tied up and that, as always, no jewellery is worn.

Please remember that on outside PE days, school uniform tops/jumpers should still be worn to school but that jogging trousers/leggings can be worn instead of school trousers/skirts. If anyone is in need of any school uniform replacements please remember that we have a Uniform Swap Shop in place and you can contact Mrs Mulvee-Donnelly directly on smulvee-donnelly@meadowburn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk and she can advise what items/sizes are currently available.

Please see below for dates for your diaries for this term.

Date	Event
Friday 20 th January	School closed due to Strike Action
Monday 23 rd January	Bikeability begins for P7 and C7 pupils - further information previously sent by email.
Tuesday 24 th January	
Wednesday 25 th January	9.15 - 10.30am - P7 Transition 'Treasure Hunt' event at Bishopbriggs Academy - catchment pupils only.
Friday 27 th January	Burns Assembly - 9.30am <i>*All pupils are welcome to wear tartan, along with their school uniform, if they wish this day.*</i>
Monday 6 th February	P1 and P2 Bulb Competition photos to be emailed to school office - closing date Feb 17 th February.
Monday 13 th February	Holiday
Tuesday 14 th February	Holiday
Wednesday 15 th February	In-service Day. School closed to pupils.
20 th - 26 th February	Seachdain na Gàidhlig/World Gaelic Week
Thursday 23 rd February	Tempest Class Photos for P1 and P7
Saturday 25 th February	9.30am - 2pm Gaelic Day organised by CnP (Comann nam Pàrant) - further information to follow by email
27 th February - 8 th March	Fairtrade Fortnight - further information to follow by email.
Friday 3 rd March	Wider Achievement Assemblies
Friday 10 th March	P3 Class Assembly - 9.30am. Parents/Family Members welcome to attend.
Friday 17 th March	P3/4 Class Assembly - 9.30am. Parents/Family Members welcome to attend.
Wednesday 22 nd March	Parent/Teacher Meetings 6-9pm
Thursday 23 rd March	Parent/Teacher Meetings 3-5pm
Friday 24 th March	C4/5 Class Assembly - 9.30am. Parents/Family Members welcome to attend. pm - School taking part in Big Spring Clean - further information to follow by email.
Thursday 30 th March	C6/7 taking part in Feis Dràma event in Whinhill Primary - evening. Further information will be sent by email.
Friday 31 st March	Easter Assembly led by P6 (Miss McCall's class) - 9.30am. Parents/Family Members welcome to attend. 2.30pm - School closes for the Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April	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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