

# Meadowburn Primary School Bun Sgoil Innis an Uillx

September 2023

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. Mr Thomson will be teaching in P1/2, Miss MacNaughton will be teaching in P2, and Miss Moffat will be teaching in P3 this year.

Mr Thomson



Miss Moffat



Miss  
MacNaughton



We also have a goodbye to say soon as we are very sorry that Mrs MacKenzie, our Administrative Assistant in the school office, will be leaving Meadowburn on the 21<sup>st</sup> September to take up a new position. We will all be very sorry to see Mrs MacKenzie leave and wish her the very best for her new post. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her very much for all her hard work, commitment and support during her time at Meadowburn, both as a member of staff and as a former parent. I will keep parents informed about the vacancy.

## 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 12<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 2023 - 2024

Our Improvement Plan has been finalised for 2023-2024 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 - Continue with 'Talk for Writing' approaches with a focus on non-fiction genres.**



**Priority 2: Raising Attainment in Numeracy**

**Priority 3: Raising Attainment and Achievement in STEM**



### PTA Fundraising

As you will have seen from the PTA Newsletter, our wonderful PTA Members are already planning lots of fantastic fundraising activities for the year ahead. They have also launched a GoFundMe campaign, which previously was so successful in raising funds for the Loose Parts Container in 2021, to raise funds to replace the final interactive whiteboard in the classrooms. The GoFundMe page will run until 29th September. Your donations would be much appreciated!  
<https://gofund.me/13feeb3e>

### 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#>



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



Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September:	PTA School Discos (please see PTA Newsletter for further info)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September:	School holiday
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September:	School holiday
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October:	PTA Calendar Photo Shoot - PJ/Dress down theme
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October:	9.30am - Harvest Assembly in school hall led by mainstream P3 pupils pm - Flu Immunisations for school pupils
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October:	Inservice Day - School closed for pupils
16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> October:	Holiday week
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October:	Pupils return to school

\*P7 Bikeability starts after the October break - further info to follow\*

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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