

# Meadowburn Primary School Bun Sgoil Innis an Uillix



October 2023

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

*Coimhearsachd dùbhlanaich, brosnachail, in-ghabhailta agus àrachaidh far am bi sinn ag ionnsachadh, a 'coileanadh 's a' fàs.*

I can't believe that it is nearly the October holiday already - what a quick first term it has been full of many achievements and successes. We are looking forward to another busy term ahead and have detailed as many of the dates planned already at the end of the newsletter for your diaries.

## **IMPROVEMENT PLAN PRIORITIES 2023 - 2024 - PROGRESS UPDATE**

Full details of our School Improvement Plan Priorities can be found on the school website but please find a summary below of progress so far with our 3 main priorities for this year:

### **Priority 1: Raising Attainment in Literacy - 'Talk for Writing' (non-fiction)**

- The focus of this block of Talk for Writing is 'Information Texts'.
- As a pre-assessment, classes completed an Information Text 'cold piece'.
- All teaching staff took part in non-fiction focussed 'Talk for Writing' Training.
- Classes have started their complete block of work on Information Texts and will complete their 'Hot Piece' by end of November.

### **Priority 2: Raising Attainment in Numeracy**

- Teaching staff took part in Numeracy Blueprint training session from 'Count on Us' on using Numeracy Blueprint boards in the classroom to help further raise attainment.
- All support staff have been trained on 'Maths Recovery' approaches.
- Our Maths Champions have started Maths Recovery groups with identified pupils across the school to help close the attainment gap in Numeracy.

\*Inservice Day - all staff will be taking part in either Number Talks training led by QIO (Quality Improvement Officer) with Maths responsibility across EDC or EDC's 'Count Me In' project.\*

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

- Planning meeting has taken place between our school STEM Leaders and the new Primary STEM Development Officer in EDC - lots of exciting plans to share more about next term!
- STEM Leaders have attended training to find out more about working towards the STEM Nation Award Programme. We will be carrying out a pre self-evaluation for this on the inservice day later this week.

## **PLAYGROUND/CAR PARK REMINDERS**

To keep our playground and car park a safe place for everyone, including our many nursery pupils, 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/nursery should come off their bikes and scooters at the school gates and push them through the playground. Please also remember that the car park should only be used by parents/family members before 8.30am and after 3.30pm to ensure that the car park can be as clear as possible for pupils who travel to school on the various school transport buses and taxis. Thank you for your support in keeping our playground and carpark as safe as possible for all of our pupils. I would be grateful if this information could be shared with any other family members/friends who are involved in bringing/collecting children to and from school or nursery.



## 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. We understand that child's non-attendance can be due to a number of reasons e.g. illness or family circumstances however it is a requirement that attendance is reviewed by the school regularly as part of monitoring and tracking. Communication between home and school is always key and we 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 will issue a letter, contact parents by phone or make parents aware at Parent/Teacher meetings and arrange to have a further conversation or 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 learning and teaching time is missed and it can also 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. Parents can check their child's attendance at any time through the Parents Portal. Please contact the office if you need to help to access this.



If your child is unwell and going to be absent from school please notify the school by phone or through the Parents Portal before 9am. If your child is home at lunchtime and is unable to return for the afternoon please call us before 1.00pm. Further information about East Dunbartonshire Council's Absence Policy can be found in the School Handbook which is available on the school website.

## PUPIL LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

We are delighted to introduce our House and Vice Captains for 2023 below. The speeches from all P7 and C7 pupils who put themselves forward were of a very high standard across the board and we were very impressed with how well prepared they were and how confidently they delivered their speeches. Our House and Vice Captains for 2023-2024 are:

- Rannoch/Ràineach** - Eli as Captain and Ruairidh as Vice Captain
- Ness/Nis** - Fynn as Captain and Rashdan and Rachel as Vice Captain
- Lomond/Laomainn** - Sofia as Captain and Myah as Vice Captain
- Fyne/Fine** - Ailsa as Captain and Molly as Vice Captain

2023 House Captains  
and Vice Captains



## NESSIE CLOTHES RECYCLING

We are organising a Nessie collection of clothes and shoes recycling for when we return after the October holidays. The school receives a donation for the school fund following the collection so if you are having an Autumn clear out then please consider sending in any clean but unwanted clothes or shoes into school in a plastic bag by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The Nessie recycling bin is located in the school hall if children want to take bags down during the school day or please drop off at the school office if that is more suitable. Thank you in advance for your support.





Please see below for dates of upcoming events next term



Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October:	9.30am - Harvest Assembly led by P3 (Harvest Donations for EDC Foodbank will be gratefully received and collected afterwards) pm - Flu Vaccinations for school pupils 5.30pm - Re-scheduled 'Meet the Teacher' for P4
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October:	Inservice Day - School closed for pupils
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October:	Holiday week
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Pupils return to school Bikeability starts for P7 pupils in P7
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October:	Bikeability starts for P7 pupils in P6/7 and C6/7
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October:	Parent Café - Mrs Mulvee-Donnelly (see attached information)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October:	Wider Achievements Assemblies
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November:	Stay and Play and Learn 9.15 - 9.45am (pupils with surnames A-L) or 10.00 - 10.30am (pupils with surnames M-Z).
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November:	Glasgow Times P1 Photograph PTA School Discos
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November:	Parent/Teacher Meetings 6-9pm (further email on how to book will be sent by email before October holiday)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November:	Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.15-5pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November:	Anti-Bullying Week Assembly Parent Café - Mrs Mulvee-Donnelly (see attached information) Tempest Photographs - School Individual and Siblings (further info to follow)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November:	9.30am - St. Andrew's Day Assembly led by Clas 6/7 pupils with all Gaelic classes performing
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November:	PTA Xmas Fayre
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December:	EDC Christmas Carol Concert in Royal Concert Hall (further info to follow but normally Gaelic Choir and 7xP7 pupils are involved)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December:	School Show (afternoon & evening performances) for P3-7 and C4-7
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December:	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December:	Evening P7 Xmas Ceilidh at BBA for all P7 pupils (details TBC)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December:	11.30am - P4 YMI Performance (all P4 and C4 pupils) - parents invited to attend final session and hear songs they have been learning.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December:	P6 and P7 Xmas Ceilidh - 7pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December:	9.30am - P1 and P2 Xmas Nativity Performance 11.00am - C1-3 Xmas Nativity Performance 2.30pm - School Closes for school holidays
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024:	Pupils return to school for new term

***\*Please note that further information about School Show Tickets, Nativity Performances and P1 - 5 Xmas Parties (these take place during the school day) will be sent out nearer the time.\****

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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