

Meadowburn Primary School Bun Sgoil Innis an Uillt



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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.

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 26th 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 'Global World' topic. The key Social Studies skills that will be developed through this topic are:

People, place and the environment

Physical Landscapes

Climate and weather

Using, making and interpreting maps

People in society, economy and business

Culture and diversity



STAFFING UPDATES

We would like to welcome Kae McGarrity to Meadowburn as our new Building Manager. Kae comes with experience of doing the post already in another EDC school and we are delighted to have her at Meadowburn. Many within our Gaelic community will already know Kae as one of our parents.

Our Administrative Assistant post is still vacant but was advertised last week on myjobscotland with a closing date of 24.1.24. A huge thank you to Ms Glendinning who has been working additional hours and taking on additional responsibilities in the office while we have been waiting for the post to be released for advertising.

As many of you know, Mrs Lynch (C3/4 Teacher) will be finishing up soon for maternity leave and she is planning on starting her maternity leave at the end of February. We are interviewing for the temporary Gaelic Teacher Maternity Cover post this week and will update C3/4 parents as soon as possible.



READING SCHOOL

Meadowburn is a Reading Schools Bronze Accredited School and as such we are always keen to encourage reading for enjoyment both in school and at home. We are currently in the fortunate position to have plenty of reading material in our libraries at Meadowburn. We are keen to update this regularly, as part of the Reading Schools initiative, moving forward. Therefore, over the course of the next 2 weeks, your child will be gifted a book from school, from one of our swap shops, to take home and keep, allowing us to update our current libraries in a sustainable way. Your child does not require to return this to school, they can keep it at home and enjoy reading it, as and when they wish. Happy reading from Mrs Doherty!

HEALTH CARE PROCEDURE/MEDICAL FORMS UPDATE

EDC have updated their Health Care procedure for schools and there are new forms to complete should medicine require to be administered during the school day. This applies to prescribed and non-prescribed medicine. The new form (9/06/F01) has been sent along with this newsletter and will also be added to the school website if you want to print off the form in advance. Alternatively, you can complete a paper copy from the school office. Please see below for some key points to be aware of when bringing any medication to school:

- Parents/carers are responsible for supplying information about medicines that need to be taken in school and for letting the school know of any changes to the prescription or the support needed.
- School staff cannot administer prescribed or non-prescribed medication to any pupil without Form 9/06/F01.
- Prescribed medication will only be accepted in the original packaging where it states:
 - The prescribed pupil's name
 - Name of medication
 - Instructions for administration to the named pupil
- An adult must always be responsible for bringing any medication to school and for collecting it at the end of the school day. School staff cannot return medication to a child.



Children and young people with longer term, complex healthcare or targeted medical support needs or children with underlying health conditions that require an emergency response may require more detailed planning and co-ordination and this should be managed by using an individual school Healthcare Plan or a Pupil Emergency Procedure Plan. Mrs Doherty will be in contact with parents to complete these for any pupils who require them.

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance at school is important to ensure that children and young people meet their full potential and 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.

Research shows that attendance of 95% or above gives learners the best of chance of success. At 90% attendance (19 days of absence over the school year) learners could drop a whole grade in secondary while attendance below 90% could have serious implications for learning and progress with attendance of 85% (27 days) meaning that nearly half a school term has been missed.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you wish to speak to a member of the Leadership Team about your child's attendance or wellbeing at any time. 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.

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 footwear and that long hair is tied up and that, as always in line with EDC policy, 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. Please remember that this is just in place for PE days and that normal school uniform should be worn on all non-PE days. Please also remember that no football colours should be worn as per EDC policy. 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.



Date	Event
Friday 26 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> 9-10am Parent Café in Calm Cove with Mrs Mulvee-Donnelly.
Tuesday 7 th February	Dyslexia Awareness event for Parents 6.15-7.15pm
Monday 12 th February	Holiday
Tuesday 13 th February	Holiday
Wednesday 14 th February	In-service Day. School closed to pupils.
Friday 16 th February	Wider Achievement Assemblies
19 th - 25 th February	Seachdain na Gàidhlig/World Gaelic Week
Wednesday 21 st February	Parents Stay, Play, Learn session - Numeracy Focus 9.15-9.45 am (for pupils with surnames M-Z) 10 - 10.30am (for pupils with surnames A-L) To help ensure classes are not over-crowded we would ask that only 1 parent/family member attends per class at any one time - parents are welcome to move between classes to visit siblings so 2 parents/family members could attend and swap classes etc. We completely understand that it can be challenging for working parents to attend events during the day so please feel free to have another family member attend in your place if this is suitable instead. <i>*Please note that parents/carers with 3 or more siblings are welcome to attend both sessions and a family member is welcome to attend.*</i>
Thursday 29 th February	6.30pm - Fèis Drama Performance in Condorrat Primary for C5-7 pupils involved in After school drama club.
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - pupils are invited to dress as word for World Book Day if they wish. <i>This can be as simple as 'sleepy/tired' - wear pyjamas, 'comfy' - wear own comfy clothes, 'smart' or 'sparkly' - wear party clothes, 'spooky' - re-wear a Halloween costume or even a colour and dress all in that colour. Please do not go to any expense - all of the above and lots of other ideas should involve clothes children already have.</i>
Wednesday 20 th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings 6-9pm *
Thursday 21 st March	Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.15-5pm *
Friday 22 nd March	P4 Class Assembly - 9.30am. Parents/Family Members welcome to attend.
Wednesday 27 th March	2-3pm Parent Café in Calm Cove with Mrs Mulvee-Donnelly.
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Assembly led by P5/6 and the P6s for P6/7 (Miss Mitchell's class) - 9.30am. Parents/Family Members welcome to attend. 2.30pm - School closes for the Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Pupils return to school for new term Health Week

C3/4 - please note that, as Mrs Lynch will going on maternity leave just a short time before the scheduled Parent/Teacher Meetings in March, she will be writing written reports to be sent to parents at this time and we will arrange Parent/Teacher Meeting with their new Teacher in June when other classes are receiving their written reports.

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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