

Meadowburn Primary School/ Bun Sgoil Innis an Uill

August 2024

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

The first couple of 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 O'Kane will be teaching in P4, Miss Currie will be teaching in P6, Miss MacPherson will be teaching in C3/4 and Mrs McDonald will be teaching in C6/7 on a Wednesday this year. We also welcome back Mrs Murray, who has returned following a career break, and would like to formally introduce and welcome Mrs Boyle who took up the post of Administrative Assistant last term.

Mrs O'Kane



Miss Currie



Miss MacPherson



Mrs McDonald



Mrs Murray



Mrs Boyle



We also have a goodbye to say soon as we are very sorry that Mgr MacLeod, one of our Gaelic Classroom Assistants, will be leaving Meadowburn on Friday 6th September to start University. We will all be very sorry to see Mgr MacLeod leave and wish him all the very best for the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him very much for all his hard work, commitment and support during his time at Meadowburn.

SCHOOL RULES/VALUES

We recently reviewed our school rules, in consultation with pupils, parents and staff, to make them as meaningful and memorable as possible. The Meadowburn 3 School Rules are listed below. Please take some time to read over these and discuss them with your child/children.

Our Rules...

Be Ready

to listen and learn.

Be Respectful

to all.

Be Safe

and safe towards others.

Riaghailtean na Sgoile...

Bi Deiseil

airson èisteachd is ionnsachadh

Seall Spèis

dhan a h-uile duine

Bi Sàbhailte

ris a h-uile duine.

We also have our 6 School Values and children learn about these regularly in Assemblies and throughout the school, these are:



MEET THE TEACHER

We would like to invite parents to 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 4th September from 3.15-4.15pm. This is an opportunity to visit the classroom, with your child/children, meet the class teachers and find out some important information for the year ahead. We have taken on-board feedback and this will be a more informal approach than in previous years, allowing families the flexibility to visit siblings' classes across the hour. We hope that as many of you as possible are able to attend. Please note that any information/presentations shared will be made available for all parents afterwards on the school website.



CAR PARK/GATES

Our school car park can be a very busy place and in order to keep all of our pupils safe, we kindly ask that parents **do not park or drop off in the school car park** between 8.30 and 9.30am and 2.45 and 3.15pm unless any exceptional arrangements have been made specifically with the Head Teacher. We have a number of pupils from P1-P7 being dropped off at school or collected by taxis and minibuses during these times and we need to ensure that the car park is kept as clear as possible to allow them to be escorted safely to and from the playground and school entrance.

To ensure the safety of all of our pupils during the school day the gates at the Villafield and Teviot Avenue are locked during school hours from 9.15am - 11.45am and from 1.15pm - 2.45pm. Access to the school and nurseries at any other times will still be available from the main gate on Lendale Lane. We would kindly ask all visitors to the school to close over these gates at any other times to keep our school grounds as safe as possible.



We would also ask that you share the above information with any family members or friends who are involved with transport to and from school.



FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The date for the nasal spray immunisations for school children in Meadowburn this year is **Wednesday 25th September - pm.** Flu Immunisation packs have been sent home already and further information is available at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/winter-vaccines/the-flu-vaccine/primary-and-secondary-school-children/>



IMPROVEMENT PLAN PRIORITIES 2024 - 2025

Our Improvement Plan has been finalised for 2024-2025 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 'X' page.



Priority 1: Raising Attainment in Numeracy - Year 2

Priority 2: Raising Attainment and Achievement in STEM - Year 2

Priority 3: The CIRCLE Framework, The Promise and Inclusive Practices



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.



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 UPCOMING DATES THIS TERM SO FAR ...



Tuesday 3 rd September	Primary 1 and Clas 1 Glasgow Times Photograph
Wednesday 4 th September:	Meet the Teacher 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 25 th September:	pm - Flu Immunisations for school pupils
Friday 27 th September:	School holiday
Monday 30 th September:	School holiday
Friday 11 th October:	Inservice Day - School closed for pupils
14 th - 18 th October:	Holiday week
Monday 21 st October:	Pupils return to school

We will send out a calendar of further dates in the next couple of weeks once finalised.

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 through the school office, by phone or email, and we will do our best to help.

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