

# Meadowburn Primary School/ Bun Sgoil Innis an Uill

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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.*

I can't believe that it is nearly the September holiday already - what a quick first few weeks of term it has been full of lots of great learning opportunities. Pupils have been busy focusing on a few mini-topics so far including UNCRC (Children's Rights), Community topics and STEM-a-Stories. Please keep an eye out on X for classes sharing posts on some of these topics.

## PUPIL LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

We are delighted to introduce our House and Vice Captains for 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 are:

**Rannoch/Ràineach** - Ella as Captain and Saif and Thomas as Vice Captains

**Ness/Nis** - Alex M as Captain and Jack as Vice Captain

**Lomond/Laomainn** - Aimee as Captain and Lewis as Vice Captain

**Fyne/Fine** - Alex B as Captain and Danny as Vice Captain

2024-2025 House  
Captains  
and Vice Captains



## HARVEST ASSEMBLY/FOODBANK COLLECTION

Our Harvest Assembly this year will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and will be led by Primary 2/3. We are arranging a Harvest Collection for EDC Foodbank for the same day. Any donations will be gratefully received if you feel you can spare an item. Please see attached posted from EDC Foodbank with further details on the items that they would be most grateful for.



## PARENT HELPERS

It is useful for the office to have an up-to-date list of available Parent Helpers for any school trips, local outings or outdoor activities. If you (or a family member) are available to be a Parent Helper then we would be very grateful if you could complete the short survey below so that this information can be shared with the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQQtawUZKblNanJg2YtIjSGHC-uCT5FUNjVBTFRVWFBSSUdYTUJSOUJQMkxZWFBiWS4u>



## **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 changes to family circumstances however it is a requirement that attendance is reviewed by the school regularly as part of monitoring and tracking. EDC recently updated their Promoting Attendance policy and this means schools will contact parents by letter when a pupils' attendance falls below 90% over a 6-week period (unless there are exceptional circumstances) or where there is frequent lateness to school. Please remember that if your child is late they should enter through the main door and report to the school office, not go directly to class. Parents can check their child's attendance at any time through the Parent 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 Parent 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 Attendance Research can be found in the table below:

Attendance %	Days missed over school year	What research tells us
95%	9 (nearly 2 weeks)	Attendance at or above this level gives a learner the best chance of success.
90%	19 (nearly 4 weeks)	Attendance at this level leads to less chance of success. Data shows that learners missing this much school could drop a whole grade in secondary.
80-85%	27-36 (5-7 weeks)	Attendance at this level has serious implications for learning and progress.

*Please also see the attached poster 'Attendance Matters' for further information on the impact that attendance and time-keeping can have on learning in school.*

## **TERMLY LEARNING TARGETS**

Learning Targets sheets for this term will come home in school bags on Friday. Last year these were shared with parents on Seesaw but we felt that a paper copy home this year would be helpful so that parents can have a look at it with their child/ren (and even pop on the fridge if you wish) to help prompt learning conversations at home over the term. The Learning Targets sheets will include the key learning targets that will be covered in class this term for Numeracy and Maths, Literacy, Other Areas of Learning and Health and Wellbeing. Pupils from P3 upwards have also set themselves a personal learning target they want to achieve this term. Please have a look at the targets when they come and discuss with your child/ren.

## **HOMELINK DIARIES**

At Meadowburn we are always keen to encourage effective communication established between school and home life. One of the ways we do this is through the use of the Homelink Diary that will be sent home on a weekly basis with your child/ren. We ask that parents sign diaries once their child has completed their homework. If there are any questions, uncertainties or comments that you would like to make regarding the homework, please feel free to write these in the diary. Staff will also traffic light homework diaries to allow parents to see 'at a quick glance' how their child's week in school has been. Green lights are used to show that a child has been trying hard with their learning and following expectations. If a teacher feels that an amber or red is appropriate that week there will be a brief explanation as to why this is the case. We ask that parents ensure that Homelink Diaries are returned to school every week on a Friday and thank you for your cooperation with this.

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING:**

A reminder to regularly check your child's head for head lice. Useful information can be found on: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



## STAY, PLAY AND LEARN - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 9.15 - 10.00am

We would like to invite you to a 'Stay, Play and Learn' session with your child on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 9.15am - 10.00am. This is an opportunity to come into your child's classroom and experience a learning activity with them as well as an opportunity for your child to share some of their learning with you and show you around their learning environment. You will be able to move between classes to visit siblings during this time. In previous years we have staggered the times parents were visiting the classes as the infant classes in particular could become very overcrowded. Feedback from parents was a request to stick to the earlier time for everyone if possible as this is easier to manage for working families which we have actioned. However, to avoid going back to overcrowding in the infant classes, we would ask that only 1 or 2 adults per family attend the session at one time. You are also invited to head to the hall afterwards if you wish to hear from our House Captains about what we do for Fairtrade and to enjoy a Fairtrade Coffee morning. We are already a 'FairAware' school and holding an event such as this will help us to become a 'FairActive' school.



## TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS/INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLINGS

Tempest will be in school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and family photographs. They will take all siblings in school together as well as all individual photographs and you will receive proofs home so that you can choose if you want to purchase any of these. If you have a sibling that does not attend school, and you would like them to be included, then please email the school office ([office@meadowburn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk](mailto:office@meadowburn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk)) before 1pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to let us know and then either bring the sibling to the school office at 9am or let us know if they will be in nursery at that time and we will arrange for them to be brought over. The photographers will start with sibling photos.

**Please see below for dates of upcoming events this term and some key dates for next term ...**

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September:	PTA Welcome Discos 6.30 - 7.30pm for P1-3, 8 - 9pm for P4-7
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September:	Learning Targets sheets sent home
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September:	Extended deadline for Christmas Card artwork to be returned to school
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September:	Flu Vaccinations pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September:	Holiday
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September:	Holiday
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October:	Tempest School Photographs - Individual and Family
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October:	Dress Down (PJs, Onesies, Oodies) for PTA Calendar Photographs
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October:	9.15 to 10am - Stay, Play and Learn session 10-10.45am - Optional Fairtrade Coffee Morning for parents
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October:	Inservice Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October:	Holiday Week
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October:	Pupils back to school
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October:	9.30am - Harvest Assembly led by P2/3. Donations for EDC Foodbank gratefully received.
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October:	PTA Halloween Discos
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November:	Wider Achievement Assembly (further info by email)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November:	Dental Inspections for P1 and P7 (further info by email)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December:	P3-P7 and C4-7 School Show performances - afternoon and evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December:	P1 and P2 Infant Nativity performance at 9.30am C1-3 Infant Nativity performance at 11am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December:	School closes at 2.30pm

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

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