



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

I can't believe that it is nearly November already - what a quick first few months 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 and have just moved on to their new IDL topic for this term 'Our Diverse World'. Please keep an eye out on X for classes sharing posts on some of these topics and please email the school office if you wish to access to the school X account and do not yet have access.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

We are delighted to introduce our House and Vice Captains for 2025-2026 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. Congratulations to House and Vice Captains for 2025-2026 pictured below:



Rannoch/Ràineach

Ness/Nis

Lomond/Laomainn

Fyne/Fìne

ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE - Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day

The Enterprise Committee have been busy organising some charity activities for this term and the first one is Children In Need. This will take place on Friday 14th November. To help with our fundraising efforts, we are keen to create a coin trail around the school. Therefore, we are asking if anyone has any spare coins (up to £1) that they would be happy to donate to Children In Need to please bring these into school on 14th November. This is optional and there is no requirement to donate.

There will be some activities for children to take part in on the day and if any children have Pudsey ears etc they are welcome to wear them on this day along with their school uniform.

The second activity that they are organising is 'Save the Children's' Christmas Jumper Day and will take place on Thursday 11th December (along with Christmas Lunch Day). Children are welcome to dress down/ wear their Christmas/Winter Jumpers on this day. Mrs Mulvee-Donnelly will be organising our Christmas Jumper Swap Shop soon to donate/ 're-love' any Christmas jumpers so please keep an eye out for further information on this from her. A Just Giving Link for donations for Save the Children will be sent out nearer the time.



Thank you to our Enterprise Committee for organising these fun and worthwhile events for the school.

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 6-8 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.

We will be in contact with any families where absence is below 90% or causing concern before your Parent/Teacher meetings next week but please remember that parents can view their child's attendance at any time on the Parents Portal. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance at any time of the year then please contact the school office to arrange to speak to a member of staff to discuss available supports.

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.

This poster also includes useful information about average attendance rates for EME and GME classes as well as the average for all Primary schools across EDC.

ROYAL NATIONAL MOD

A huge well done to the Bun Sgoil Innis an Uillt pupils who competed at the Royal National Mòd in Fort William last week. They displayed a high standard of Gaelic in various competitions including storytelling, poetry recitation, solo singing and duet singing. A special 'Meal do Naidheachd' to one of our youngest competitors, Mairi-Ella in C2, who came first in her solo singing competition and appeared on BBC Alba.



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

(Please note that the date for the P6 and P7 Xmas Ceilidh will be confirmed as soon as possible).

Date	Event
Friday 7 th Nov	Wider Achievement Assemblies (cut-off date for nominations - Friday 31 st October)
Friday 14 th Nov	Children in Need (see previous info)
Friday 21 st Nov	9.30am - P3 Class Assembly
Wednesday 26 th Nov	am - Flu Vaccinations 2.15pm - Parent Café with Mrs Mulvee-Donnelly
Thursday 27 th Nov	Bishopbriggs Xmas Lights Switch On - Gaelic Choir performing
Saturday 29 th Nov	PTA Xmas Festive Fun Day 2-4pm
Monday 1 st Dec	EDC Xmas Concert in Glasgow Royal Concert Hall - Gaelic Choir and 7 x P7 pupils to take part.
Thursday 4 th Dec	School Show P7/C7 as main characters and P3-6/C4-6 taking part by performing selected songs. Afternoon performance @ 1.30pm and evening performance @ 7pm. More info and ticket information to follow by email.
Friday 5 th Dec	pm - P1 Xmas Party
Monday 8 th Dec	pm - C1-3 Xmas Party
Tuesday 9 th Dec	pm - P2 Xmas Party
Thursday 11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch - more info to follow by email.
Friday 12 th Dec	11.30am YMI Music Performance for all mainstream P4 pupils - parents/family members welcome to attend pm - P3 Xmas Party (all mainstream P3 pupils)
Monday 15 th Dec	pm - P4 and C4 Xmas Party evening - P6 and P7 Ceilidh
Tuesday 16 th Dec	pm - P5 and C5 Xmas Party
Wednesday 17 th Dec	2.40pm - Mainstream P4-7 Choir will be performing a few Christmas songs (main playground or hall depending on the weather) for any parents/family members who wish to come along and hear their festive cheer.
Friday 19 th Dec	9.30 Mainstream Nativity Performance for P1 and P2 11.00 Gaelic Nativity Performance for C1-3 School closes at 2.30pm *Pupils return to school on Monday 5 th January 2026*
Some key dates for next term	
Monday 5 th Jan	Pupils Return to school
Friday 30 th Jan	9.30am - Burns Assembly (led by P7 pupils)
Friday 27 th Feb	9.30am - Seachdain na Gàidhlig Assembly - A' Chèilidh Mhòr (involving all GME classes and Sgoil Araich)
Friday 13 th Mar	9.30am - P3/4 Class Assembly
Friday 20 th Mar	9.30am - P5 Class Assembly
Friday 27 th Mar	9.30am - P4 Class Assembly
Thursday 2 nd Apr	9.30am - Easter Assembly led by P6
Friday 1 st May	9.30am - P5/6 Class Assembly
Thursday 11 th June	1.30pm - Proposed Sports Afternoon (weather dependent)
Tuesday 23 rd June	10am - P7 Leavers' Service

Please note that P4-7 Mainstream and Gaelic Medium primaries come together for their parties. Primary 1 to 5 children can bring in their party clothes on their party day and change at lunchtime.

Tickets for our school show, involving pupils from P3 to P7 and C4 to C7, will cost £5.00 and will be sold initially on a first-come, first-served, two per family basis. Due to fire regulations we can only offer 200 tickets for each performance. Order forms for tickets will be sent out next month. The money raised from the show tickets goes towards funding the Christmas Parties for every class as well as the Ceilidh band for the P6 and P7 Christmas Ceilidh.

Infant Nativities - **Two seats will be reserved for parents of all P1 and C1 children for the 2 morning performances.** Further details will be sent out next month and your child will bring home reserved tickets at the beginning of December.

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