

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.

I can't believe that March has arrived! Fingers crossed for some drier Spring weather for the rest of the term. It has been a very busy and successful term already with highlights including our Burns Assembly, Safer Internet Day and Seachdain na Gàidhlig/World Gaelic Week. We have also been working hard on our School Improvement Priorities including improving listening and talking across the school. Our house captains have introduced a new 'Listening B-ears' initiative that we wanted to tell you more about. Please see the information poster attached to the end of this newsletter for more information.



HEALTHY LIVING COMMITTEE/'FRUIT FRIDAYS'

As part of our pupil-led whole school committees earlier this term, one of our newer committees 'The Healthy Living Committee' were keen to think of ways that our school could promote healthier living and healthier choices at school. As a result, the Healthy Living Committee would like to introduce **Fruit Fridays!** We would love it if the children could bring in a piece of fruit for snack on a Friday. The class with the most children who bring fruit snacks will get an extra play!

MOBILE DEVICES POLICY UPDATE

EDC has recently updated their Mobile Device policy following consultation with all stakeholders and we wanted to share the key messages below with all parents/carers:

- Pupils are strongly encouraged to leave any personal mobile devices at home.
- Where mobile phones are brought solely for use during travel to and from school (e.g. for safety, communication during pickups, or family transition arrangements), they **must remain switched off** and stored securely in school bags throughout the school day.
- Smartwatches **must be set to airplane mode**, to disable messaging, notifications, and camera functions.
- Personal mobile phones and smartwatches must not be used during lessons and not used during lunch or interval. On arrival into the playground each morning, **phones must be switched off and placed in schoolbags.**
- Exceptions may be granted for medical, communication, or additional support needs, with parental agreement and Head Teacher approval.
- Parent/carer school communication should be directed through the school office.

Please also find below the link to a Safe Device Guide from EDC with useful information for parents/carers.



Safe Device
Guide.pdf

This interactive document supports families in making informed decisions about mobile and digital device use. It highlights safer options, digital safety strategies, and professional support networks. This will also be available on our school website along with the schools' updated Mobile Device policy.



SAFETY IN THE PLAYGROUND/AROUND THE SCHOOL

In order to keep our playground a safe place for all children, including before and after school, we would like to remind parents/carers of the following:

- There should be no dogs in the playground at any time.
- Anyone cycling/scooting to school should come off their bike/scooter at the gates and walk them through the playground.
- Parents/carers should not take any photos or videos in the school playground (unless of their own child).
- Parents/carers should not approach other children in the playground with any concerns - please contact school staff if you need to share a concern instead.
- Please ensure that the secure entry system at the office door is used to enter the school and please do not let anyone in behind you as you are leaving these doors - all visitors to the school need to use the secure entry system and report to the school office.
- Please make sure that gates are closed over during times when they are not locked.

Thank you for your support and we would appreciate if you could share the above with any family members or friends who support with any school pick-ups or drop-offs.

STAFFING UPDATES

We have had couple of staffing updates this term that we wanted to make you aware of. We are delighted to welcome Miss Currie back to the school who will be covering NCCT in P5 and P5/6. She will also be working with different groups of pupils across the school giving additional raising attainment support for Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. We also welcome Mrs Gurillo who has joined that staff as a Gaelic Classroom Assistant.

Miss Currie



Mrs Gurillo



We also wanted to make you aware of an upcoming staffing change. Mrs Craig, one of our mainstream Principal Teachers, has decided to take early retirement at the end of this session and will be leaving at the end of June. Mrs Craig has worked in Meadowburn since 1996 and will be a huge loss to the school community but we look forward to sending her off in style later on in the school year.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT - THANK YOU

And finally, a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and Garry Spence and his colleagues for such a successful and enjoyable Quiz Night recently and raising an amazing amount of funds to support the school. We look forward to updating all parents soon on how the funds will be spent.



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



| Date | Event |
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| Thursday 5 th Mar | World Book Day - pupils are invited to dress in PJs/comfy clothes for World Book Day if they wish. |
| Friday 6 th Mar | Fruit Fridays start |
| Tuesday 10 th March | P1/C1 NHS Height and Weight checks |
| Friday 13 th Mar | 9.30am - P3/4 Class Assembly (Parents/family members welcome to attend) P7 Fundraising Day |
| Tuesday 17 th Mar | P1 and P7 NHS Dental Inspections |
| Wednesday 18 th Mar | Final payments due for P7 Ardmay trip 2026 |
| Thursday 19 th Mar | 3.15-5pm and 6-9pm - Parent/Teacher Meetings |
| Friday 20 th Mar | 9.30am - P5 Class Assembly (Parents/family members welcome to attend) |
| Thursday 26 th Mar | PTA Spring Discos |
| Friday 27 th Mar | 9.30am - P4 Class Assembly (Parents/family members welcome to attend) |
| Tuesday 31 st Mar | 2pm Spring Music Recital |
| Thursday 2 nd Apr | 9.30am - Easter Assembly led by P6 (Parents/family members welcome to attend) 2.30pm - School closes for Easter Holidays |
| Monday 20 th Apr | Pupils return to school for new term Health Week (pupils take part in various activities in school this week and can wear PE kit every day). |
| Tues 28 th Apr - Fri 1 st May | P7/C7 Residential Trip to Ardmay House |
| Friday 1 st May | 9.30am - P5/6 Class Assembly (Parents/family members welcome to attend) |
| Monday 4 th May | School Holiday |
| Wednesday 6 th May | 9.15-10am EME Stay, Play, Learn session - parents invited to classes to share a learning experience with their child/ren. |
| Thursday 7 th May | Inservice Day - school closed for pupils |
| Tuesday 12 th May | 9.15-10am GME Stay, Play, Learn session - parents invited to classes to share a learning experience with their child/ren. |
| Thursday 14 th May | Fèis Drama Evening for C6/7 Drama Club (further info from Mrs MacDermaid) |
| Friday 15 th May | P7/C7 Dance Fest at St Matthew's PS (further info to come by email) |
| Tuesday 19 th May | P1 Induction Visit (1) 1.30- 2.30pm |
| Friday 22 nd May | School Holiday |
| Monday 25 th May | School Holiday |
| Tuesday 26 th May | BBA Parent Info Session - evening |
| Wednesday 27 th May | Team Building morning at BBA for P7 transition (catchment only) |
| Thur 28 th & Fri 29 th May | Induction Days at BBA (catchment only) |
| Thursday 28 th May | P1 Induction Visit (3) 10.45 - 11.45am |
| Friday 5 th June | Wider Achievement Assemblies P1 Induction Visit (3) 10.00 - 11.30am |
| Thursday 11 th June | pm - Proposed Sports Afternoon (weather dependent) (Parents/family members welcome to attend) |
| Tuesday 23 rd June | 10am - P7 Leavers' Service (Parents/family members welcome to attend) |

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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LISTENING B-EARS



Meet our fuzzy, furry good listening bears!

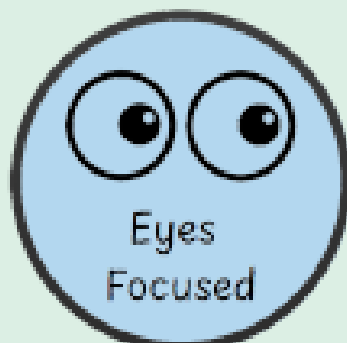
Our house captains have decided to use our House mascot bears to celebrate good listening during assembly. Each week, the class that shows the best listening and follows our school listening rules will be chosen to keep the bears in their classroom.



Staying Quiet



Sitting Still



Looking at the person who is talking



Listening to all the words



Keep an eye out on X to see which classes have won our listening B-ears.

