



October Newsletter 2023



Welcome to our October Newsletter.

September Review

It has been lovely to welcome so many of you into the school to take part in 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. If you could take the time to complete the form below to let us know your thoughts on these sessions. We had our first Parent Council meeting as well as our first Breakfast Blether. Thank you to all who came along and supported these items. If you could take the time to complete a review on our Meet the Teacher sessions.

[Meet the Teacher Review](#)

During September many of our pupils took part in Community Time. We had a wide variety of groups for children to choose from including: Eco Committee, Health and Wellbeing, Nurture Champions, Digital Champions, Dyslexia Friendly Schools, Fairtrade, Rights Respecting Schools, Positive Destinations, Mount Carmel in the Local Community and our Pupil Council. We hope to share more news about the work of these groups in our future newsletters.

We had our first whole school Mass with Fr Jim Hayes and we welcome him into our family. It was a beautiful start of the year celebration.

Mrs Rodger

On Tuesday we say a fond farewell to the most amazing Mrs Rodger. Mrs Rodger has been a central figure in our school for many years. I will personally never be able to thank her enough for all the support that she has given to us and the love that she has for our school and family. We wish her well on her next adventure.

Learning Visit

We will have an authority Learning Visit take place on Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 2nd November. This will focus on teaching and learning as well as quality assurance. The lead for this will be Mr Bull - Senior Project Lead with East Ayrshire. Part of this will involve a discussion with parents about your views of the school. This will take place on Thursday 2nd November at 2:30pm in the school. If you would like to take part in this please complete the linked form.

[Learning Visit Parent Discussion Group](#)

Pupil Progress Meetings

Our Pupil Progress Meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th November 5.00pm-8.00pm and Thursday 16th November 3.30pm-6.30pm. Letters went home with pupils this week requesting your preference for this. Please return these by Friday 6th October.

Parent Questionnaire

From the Parent Council:

Currently we have two groups for parents/carers - Friends of Mount Carmel (FOMC) and Parent Council. Unfortunately our parent numbers at both of these groups have dwindled. We are keen to get as many people involved as we can.

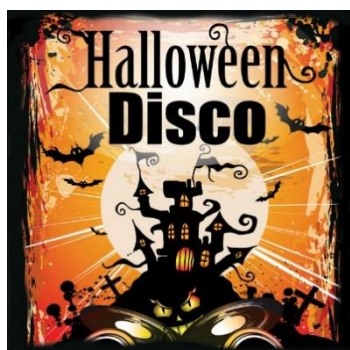
In the past, our Parent Council has supported the school in accessing grants and funding for improvements required throughout the school. We have also worked closely with the school staff and management to ensure the best experience and learning is provided for our children. Our FOMC group has focused on fundraising and has organised discos, fun days and raffles throughout the school year to help boost school funds. This in turn then contributes towards things like buses for school trips and even our P7 leavers hoodies.

Moving forward, we would love your input on how you would want our PC and FOMC group to look like and operate and would appreciate your help and ideas in moving forward. We hope to welcome new faces into our parents group. Everyone is welcome!

Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire.

Thank you

[Parent Questionnaire](#)



Hallowe'en Disco

Our Hallowe'en disco will take place on Thursday 26th October. This will cost £2.50. Children will get a snack and a juice. Other items will be available for purchase. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume. If you are able to help out at this event please let the school know or email mcparentcouncil@gmail.com

Primary 1-3: 6.00pm-7.00pm

Primary 4-7: 7.15pm-8:30pm

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 1st December, we look forward to welcoming our Mount Carmel families to this. We will have a range of stalls, raffles, gifts from the school children as well as a special visitor. More details to follow on this.

If you would be interested in a stall for this please email mcparentcouncil@gmail.com providing details of your stall and contact information. There are limited space and we like to have a variety of stalls on offer.



Climate Change – Journey to Jupiter

After the great success of Mission to the Moon last session we are delighted to be participating in East Ayrshire Council's new Active Travel initiative Journey to Jupiter. The aim of this project is to get young people walking to school in a bid to further reduce our carbon emissions here in East Ayrshire, while also reducing congestion at our school gates and promoting Active Travel. Look out for updates and further information from our Eco Committee.

House Prize

Our Pupil Council have decided that our first House Prize will be to go to Jungle Madness. This will take place on Wednesday 11th October. We will share details of our winning house on Friday and winners will bring home their permission form for this. Forms must be returned by Tuesday, I appreciate that the timings for this are very short but we would like all of our winners to be able to attend.

Morning Drop Off – School Playground

Going forward no adults should enter the school playground. Primary 1-3 can enter via the lower school gate and Primary 4-7 via the front gate. Thank you for your support with this.

MCPS - Breakfast Blethers

Our Breakfast Blethers continue every Thursday morning just as you drop the children off. Please come into the school for a cup of tea/coffee and some toast with a chance to meet some other parents and chat.



Uniform

Please remember that full school uniform should be worn daily. Leggings and tracksuit bottoms are not part of our uniform, this should be skirts, shorts or trousers please. Remember to make sure that all items of uniform have been labelled including jackets. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to return lost items if these have not been labelled. Please remember that we also have many additional items in our uniform exchange. These are free and available all days that the school building is open.



School App and School blog

For the latest information on our school events, newsletters as well as class updates please access our school blog and our school app. If you have yet to download our app please download the Safer School Scotland App and then scan the QR code.

Final Words

Thank you for our continued support and prayers for our school.

With greatest regards,

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Mrs Fergusson

Head Teacher

