McLean Primary School

Annual Overview



2023 - 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought it would be useful to receive this annual overview in word format rather than the usual sway so that it can be printed off easily and kept in a safe place. I hope you find this overview helpful to allow you to plan ahead for upcoming school events and to help budget for the cost of the school year.

I have tried to include most of the information that we already have in our school diary, however things may be added as the school year progresses.

**Learning Journeys /Seesaw/School App**

Later this term, you will receive information regarding how to download this app and set it up for your child(ren).

Seesaw is an app that Fife Council have invested in and it is being used across many schools in Fife.

Seesaw will support our eco school status by replacing paper copies of Learning Journeys.

Termly targets will be shared with you through a link to our school website. This link will be shared on seesaw and the school app. This will allow you to see an overview of what your child(ren) will be learning that term. Terms will be split as follows:

Term 1 – August to December

Term 2 – January to April

Term 3 – April to June/July.

The class teacher will upload photos relating to your child(ren)’s learning on a weekly basis. This may be an individual photo, group photo or whole class photo depending on the learning taking place.

Please note that seesaw is not a social media platform. The app is a closed group and only parents/carers of children in that class will be able to see class or group photos. Individual photos will be seen only by you.

At the end of each term, your child(ren) will review their learning with their class teacher and this will be shared with you via seesaw.

Our school app will still be used to convey whole school messages and upcoming events.

**Sports Day**

At McLean we have one traditional Sports Day. Sports day will take place in Pittencrieff Park at the grass area in front of the museum (beside the botanical gardens) at 10am. All parents/carers and friends are welcome to attend.

**Parents Night**

All parents are invited to two Parents Night’s per year. Dates for these are noted in the attached diary for your information. The school office will contact you nearer the time to arrange a suitable 10min appointment with your child’s teacher. Support for Learning will always available on the night, if needed. If you have concerns about your child’s learning please contact us immediately and do not feel you have to wait for Parents Night.

**Shows**

Every class/stage in the school will do some form of show/assembly/performance throughout the year. Tickets are only required for the P7 Show. All performances are free of charge with the exception of the P7 show where a small charge is made.

**Approximate Overview of Costs of this School Year**

While we try to keep costs to a minimum, some costs inevitably crop up over the school year. To help with budgeting, here is an approximate outline of the main expenditure across the school year. Other events may crop up but we will try to give you plenty of notice particularly if there is a cost attached. Residential trips can be paid by installments. Residential trips will be for P7 pupils only to support the rising costs. Classes will organse a fundraiser in class to cover the cost of a class trip this year. Please always get in touch if you feel you may require some support with any of these costs and we will try to assist or signpost you to support available.

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| **Event** | **Frequency** | **Amount** | **Notes** |
| Milk | Termly | Around £12 depending on length of term | Free to those entitled to free school meals. |
| School Lunch | Daily | £2.40 | Free to those entitled to free school meals and Children in P1 – P5. |
| Class trip | Annually | Free – each class will fundraise to cover the costs of one trip. | Usually one trip per year with some free trips around the local community where appropriate. |
| Residential trip | P7 | Around £300 (depending on transport costs)  Info regarding this year’s trip has already been issued. | £75 paid  3 further payments –  £75 by 1st September  £75 by 6 November  £75 by 29th February  (please contact the school if you need support with any of these payments) |
| Scholastic Book Fair | November |  | Optional |
| Christmas and Summer Fair | Dec/May | Free entry | Optional |
| Fundraising | Twice a year | around £1 | Optional |

I hope this overview is useful. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about the above.

Gillian Souter

Headteacher



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Parent’s Diary

2023 - 2024

**August**

Wednesday 16th Children return/start school

Friday 25th August Primary 1 Celebration Lunch 12 Noon

Monday 28th August Homework starts this week

**September**

Tuesday 5th September Primary 1 Literacy Afternoon 2pm

Friday 8th September Learning Overview shared for August - December

Monday 11th September Shared Start/Finish week P2-7 (class dates below)

Wednesday 27th September Primary 1 Numeracy Afternoon 2pm

**October**

Wednesday 4th October Primary 1A, Primary 1B and Primary 1/2 Shared Finish 2.30pm

Thursday 5th October Autumn Assembly at 9.30am (P5 parents invited to attend)

Friday 6th October Last Day of Term (school closes at 3.05pm)

Monday 23rd October Return to school (9am)

Monday 30th October Homework starts this week

**November**

Tuesday 7th November Parents Night 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Friday 10th November In-Service Day (children not in school)

Thursday 16th November Parents Night 3.30pm – 6.30pm

**December**

W/b 4th December No homework in December

Monday 11th December P1-3 Christmas Carol Concert – Church 10am

Tuesday 12th December P4 Nativity – in school hall at 10am

Thursday 14th December P7 Christmas Party

Friday 15th December P5 and P6 Christmas Party

Review of Learning shared with parents via Seesaw

Monday 18th December Merry Monday (children can dress in party clothes)

P3 and P4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 19th December Tinsel Tuesday (option to wear a touch of sparkle)

P1 and P2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 20th December Last Day of Term (school closes at 3.05pm)

Woolly Wednesday (option to wear a Christmas Jumper)

**January**

Thursday 4th January Children Return to School

Monday 8th January Homework starts this week

Friday 26th January Learning Overview shared for January to April

**February**

Wednesday 14th February In-Service Day (children not in school)

Thursday 15th February Holiday

Friday 16th February Holiday

**March**

Thursday 14th March Parents Night 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Tuesday 19th March Parents Night 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Friday 22nd March Learning Reviews uploaded to Seesaw

Tuesday 26th March Spring Assembly - school hall at 9.30am (P6 parents invited to attend)

Thursday 28th March Last Day of term (school closes at 3.05pm)

**April**

Monday 15th April Children return to school

Monday 22nd April Homework starts back this week

Monday 29th April P7s to Dalguise

**May**

Friday 3rd May P7’s return to McLean

Learning Overview shared for April to June

Monday 6th May Holiday

Thursday 9th May In-Service Day (children not in school)

W/b 13th May Shared start/finish week (class dates below)

**June**

Monday 3rd June Holiday

Thursday 6th June Sports Day (Pittencrieff Park at 10am)

Thursday 13th June P7 show (evening time tbc)

Friday 14th June P7 show (am)

Tuesday 25th June P7 Leavers Assembly (9.30am)

Friday 28th June Last Day of Term (school closes at 3.05pm)

**Shared Starts and Finishes:**

**W/B 11th September:**

Tuesday 12th September P7a, P7b and P6/7 at 2.30pm

Wednesday 13th September P4 and P4/5 at 9.10am

Thursday 14th September P2, P2/3, P3, P3/4, P5, P5/6, P6 at 2.30pm

**W/B 13th May:**

Tuesday 14th May P5, P5/6, P6 at 2.30pm

Wednesday 15th May P6/7, P7a and P7b at 9.10am

P1a, P1b, P1/2, P3, P3/4 at 2.30pm

Thursday 18th May P2 and P2/3, P4 and P4/5 at 2.30pm