McLean Primary School

Annual Overview



2024 - 2025

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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.

A letter will come to you shortly, regarding Seesaw and you must sign this to give your permission for your child to be on Seesaw.

**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 be 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.

All classes will organise one fundraising event this year. The funds raised will be put towards a new school sound system and end of year class trip.

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 | £2.50 | 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 other 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 |
| Fundraising | Twice a year | Donate what you can | Optional – one class fundraising event and one other throughout the year usually linked to another charity of the pupil voice groups choice. |

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

2024 - 2025

**August**

Wednesday 21st August Children return/start school

Monday 26th August Homework starts this week

Friday 30th August Primary 1 Celebration Lunch 12 Noon

**September**

Thursday 4th September School Photographer in school (more info to follow)

Friday 5th September School Photographer in school

Tuesday 10th September Primary 1 Literacy Afternoon 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Primary 1 and Primary 1/2 shared finish. All parents welcome from 2.30pm Friday 13th September Learning Overview shared for August – December

Thursday 19th September Shared Finish for Classes P2-P7. Parents/Carers welcome from 2.30pm

Wednesday 25th September Primary 1 Numeracy Afternoon 1.30pm

**October**

Tuesday 1st October Autumn Assembly at 9.30am (P5 parents invited to attend)

Friday 4th October Last Day of Term (school closes at 3.05pm)

Monday 21st October Return to school (9am)

Wednesday 30th October Homework starts

**November**

Monday 11th November Parents Night 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Friday 15th November In-Service Day (children not in school)

Thursday 21st November Parents Night 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 27th November Last day of homework for this term

**December**

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

Wednesday 11th December P6 Christmas Party

Thursday 12th December P4 Nativity – in school hall at 9.30am

P7 Christmas Party

Friday 13th December P5 Christmas Party

Review of Learning uploaded on Seesaw by this date

Monday 16th December P4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 17th December P3 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December P2 Christmas Party

Thursday 19th December P1 Christmas Party

Friday 20th December Festive Friday – children can come to school in Christmas Jumpers or festive clothes

School closes at 3.05pm for 2 weeks.

**January**

Monday 6th January Children Return to School

Wednesday 15th January Homework starts

Friday 31st January Learning Overview shared for January to April

**February**

Wednesday 12th February In-Service Day (children not in school)

Thursday 13th February Holiday

Friday 14th February Holiday

**March**

Monday 10th March Parents Night 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 20th March Parents Night 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 26th March Last homework day this term

Friday 28th March Learning Reviews uploaded to Seesaw

**April**

Tuesday 1st April Spring Assembly 9.30am in school hall for P6 parents/carers

Friday 4th April Last Day of term

Monday 21st April Children return to school

Monday 28th April P7 Dalguise trip

Wednesday 30th April Homework starts back

**May**

Friday 2nd May P7’s return from Dalguise

Monday 5th May School Holiday

Friday 9th May Learning Overview shared for April to June

Friday 16th May Sports Day

W/b 19th May Shared start/finish week – times to be confirmed

Wednesday 28th May Last homework day

**June**

Monday 2nd June Holiday

Tuesday 3rd June Inset Day – children not in school

Wednesday 11th June P7 show (evening time tbc)

Thursday 12th June P7 show (am)

Week beginning 16th June Possible transition visits to Queen-Anne High – to be confirmed

**July**

Tuesday 1st July P7 Leavers Assembly – 9.30am in school hall

Thursday 3rd July Last day of term