



Mossbank Primary Newsletter October 2024

Hello everybody, welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed your October holidays. I can't believe we are into the Christmas term again, I'm really looking forward to all the special things that will be happening between now and December.

Staffing

We are delighted that Emma Nisbet, our Senior Practitioner in ELC, is doing the PGDE teacher training course. This course requires that Emma attend a placement in another school every Monday. During Emma's time out of school, Lauren Anderson will be joining Jenna Mowat as Practitioner every Monday.

Mr Brian Murdock, our PE teacher, is also leaving us at the end of November. We are very sorry to see him go, but wish him well for the future. Mrs Margaret Duncan has kindly agreed to teach PE until the recruitment process has been completed.

Family Fridays

Friday 29th November 2024

Friday 24th January 2025

Friday 7th March 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Children in Need 15th November 2024

Once again we will be supporting the BBC Children in Need appeal. Children can donate £1 to wear their pyjamas to school.

We are not having any Children In Need merchandise to buy this year but the bairns will have a Pudsey snack and there will be some fun games and challenges in school. The children just need £1 if they are wearing pyjamas, however if you would like to donate more you can send the money to school.

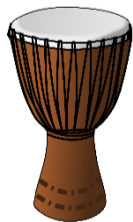


Shoe Box Appeal

This is a gentle reminder that any shoe boxes, or items for shoe boxes, need to be in school by **this Friday, 1st Nov**. The children will be making up the boxes on **Friday morning**, ready for collection on **Monday 4th Nov**. If you can spare any items we would be delighted. The children really enjoy making up the boxes but we do rely on donations to make this possible.

Drumming

We are pleased to say that funding is continuing for Joy Duncan to visit schools and offer African Drumming sessions for our pupils. Joy will be in school every Thursday afternoon for six weeks beginning on the **14th November**. She will be working with all primary pupils.



Science Festival on Tour

We are also delighted to be welcoming the Glasgow Science Centre On Tour to our school on **Tuesday the 12th November**, to work with our P4,5,6,7 pupils. The pupils will be participating in the 'Castles Rock Science Show' and 'Castle CSI' workshop. We are really looking forward to this event.

AT Society Christmas Jumper Day

Once again, our school will be participating in the AT Society's Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday the 13th December**. This is a small charity which is very dear to our hearts here in the school and if you are able to help us to support it that would be great.



Children, and staff, are invited to pay £2, or whatever you can spare, to wear a Christmas jumper to school that day.

Christmas Production

This year Mossbank p1-7 are hoping to produce a Christmas film. The children have chosen the production and we are currently in the process of casting. We are hoping to premiere the film on the evening of **Thursday the 12th December**. We hope that you will be able to join us for the event. More information to follow.



ELC Party

The ELC will host a Christmas party for children and their families on **Monday 16th December**. We are hoping that Santa will be able to fit us into his busy schedule and attend this. The ELC bairns will also perform some Christmas songs for you. More information to follow.



Church Service

On **Friday the 20nd December at 10.30am**, there will be a short, 30 minute Christmas Service in the Mossbank Church for our pre-school and primary 1-7 children. You are very welcome to attend.

Panto Trip



As you know, on behalf of the Parent Council, Heather McKimm runs our tuck shop in school. The tuck shop runs at a slight profit and the money raised is spent on activities for the children. This term the tuck shop has raised enough money to enable us to hire a bus to take the P1-7 children to the pantomime in Lerwick in the evening of **Monday the 9th December**. The children have agreed that some of the money from their Enterprise Projects earlier in the year be spent on the tickets. We are delighted to be able to offer this and more information will follow. We may also have to ask for a small donation towards the cost of tickets, however this will be no more than . £3.00 per pupil.



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Quick dates for your diary

Family Fridays

Friday 29th November 2024

Friday 24th January 2025

Friday 7th March 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Children in Need Fundraiser - 15th November

Pantomime Trip - 9th December

Christmas Jumper day, AT Society - 13th December

Christmas Event - 12th December

ELC Christmas party - 16th December

Kirk Service - 20th December



School Term Dates 24/25

Term 2

Wednesday 30 October 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024

Term 3

Tuesday 07 January 2025 to Friday 04 April 2025

Term 4

Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 27 June 2025

Occasional Holiday Dates

- Wednesday 29 January 2025
- Friday 21 February 2025
- Monday 24 February 2025
- Monday 21 April 2025
- Monday 19th May 2025

In-Service Dates

- Monday 06 January 2025

Art - Mondays

Music - Wednesdays

P.E. - Fridays

Accordion - Tuesdays

Opening Hours

Breakfast Club 8.15am - 9.00am

Day Care 8.15am - 4.15pm