

# Mid Calder Primary Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer,

June 2015

It has been an extremely busy month with transition activities and preparing to say goodbye to our P7 pupils. It has been an honour to watch these children grow and blossom into confident young people. Their Leaver's Assembly marked their journey through nursery and primary school and demonstrated the strong friendships that have developed throughout their time at the school. We wish our primary seven pupils every success as they move to their new high school and hope that they stay in touch with the school.

All our pupils have met their new teacher and are very excited about the year that lies ahead. You should have received your child's end of school report on Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup> June). I want to thank staff for their commitment over this past session as we move forward as a school.

Thank you for continued support this session and I wish you a very happy and sunny (here's hoping!) holiday.

Nicola Thompson  
Head Teacher

## Staffing next session

We are delighted to welcome five new members of staff to Mid Calder Primary School next session. We welcome Mrs Stewart as Acting Principal Teacher, Miss O'Brien (will be known as Mrs George after the holidays), Mr Renshaw and Miss Anderson as class teachers and Mrs Brown as our pupil support worker.

We wish Mrs Gordon and Miss Dunsmore our best wishes in their new teaching posts within the local authority and we wish Miss Kerr our best as she returns to Northern Ireland after her probation year.

Below are the classroom arrangements for next session:

### Nursery:

Mrs Hendry – Nursery Teacher

Mrs Aikman – Nursery Nurse

Mrs Findlay – Nursery Nurse (mornings)

### Infant area:

P1a – Mrs Smith

P1b – Miss O'Brien (Mrs George after the holidays)

P2 – Mr Nelson

P3/2 – Mrs Allsopp

P3 – Mrs Stewart & Mrs Redmond

Pupil Support Worker: Mrs Brown & Mrs Robertson

### Middle Area:

P4 – Mrs Mackie

P5/4 – Mr Renshaw

P5 – Miss Sherlow

Pupil Support Worker: Mrs Combe

### Upper area:

P6 – Ms Snobel

P7/6 – Miss Gordon/ Mrs Murray

P7 – Miss Anderson

Pupil Support Worker: Mrs McCormack

**Reduced Class Contact teacher:** Miss Henderson

**PE Specialist:** Mrs Mitchell (Tuesday and Wednesday)



## School Uniform

Thank you in advance to your support regarding our school uniform. We want our children to continue wear the agreed uniform with pride. Our school uniform consists of:

- Red polo shirt and **grey** school jumper/ school cardigan  
or
  - Shirt/blouse and tie and grey v neck jumper/ v neck cardigan
  - Grey trousers/ skirt/ pinafore/ school shorts
  - Grey tights preferred
  
  - In the warmer weather children can wear a red cheque summer dress with a red cardigan.
  
  - A defined gym kit was also requested which consists of black shorts and a plain white t-shirt or school t-shirt.
- It was also agreed that children should not be wearing make-up or nail varnish.
- With regards to jewellery children should only wear a watch and stud earrings.

### West Lothian Council, Education Services, Admission Arrangements for Specialist Provision 2014

#### Outcome of the Public Consultation (14 November 2014 - 16 January 2015)

The outcome of the public consultation "West Lothian Council, Education Services, Admission Arrangements for Specialist Provision 2014", which extended to 35 school days, was published on-line on 30 April 2015.

The outcome of the consultation was reported to the Education Policy and Development Scrutiny Panel on 5 May 2015. An officer report on the outcome of the consultation was considered by the Education Executive on 26 May 2015.

Following careful consideration of the officer report and all of the information received from stakeholders during the consultation period, including the report and recommendations of Education Scotland, the Education Executive agreed to the adoption of: the admission arrangements for specialist provision; and a single catchment area for all specialist provision, to ensure equity within West Lothian for all children and young people with additional support needs.

The Admission Arrangements for Specialist Provision can be found using the following weblink

[www.westlothian.gov.uk/specialist-admission-arrangements](http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/specialist-admission-arrangements)

### Fantastic Hatastic Show

Children from Primary 6/5 and 5 have been working with local milliner Sally-Ann Provan to learn about design and create their own hats. The grand finale resulted in the children sharing their learning through a very successful cat walk hat show for family and friends at Howden Park Centre in Livingston recently. Thank you to all the parents and friends of these classes who supported this context for learning.



### Young Enterprise

This term, P6, P7/6 and P7 have been learning all about what makes a successful business through their IDL context of Young Enterprise. The children worked collaboratively in groups and were set the challenge to come up with an enterprising product or service to be sold at an upper area fair. They then voted on which pitches they thought would be most successful and the winning teams were asked to present their idea to three very important 'Dragons'. Thank you to Mrs Van EE and Mr Carter who were our 'Dragons'. The pupils then organised a very successful enterprise morning for the school.

## School Excursions

It has been a very busy month for school trips with P1-2 visiting Deep Sea World, P3-4 going to the Transport Museum in Glasgow and P6 visiting the Zoo. Thank you to all the parent helpers who helped out on the trips and to the PSA for helping towards the bus payments. Primary 7 had their annual leavers trip this month, following the tradition of last year they selected M&Ds again. They all had a fantastic day and the rain managed to stay away. A big thank you to the PSA for funding this event. You can view a video of the trip on school blog.



## Parent Forum

All parents are invited to attend the regular Parents School Association meetings and Parent Council meetings. This is your forum and allows the school to work in partnership with parents to move forward together.

Next session we will be trailing our Morning Blether sessions again with parents. Please look out for further information in the new school term.



## School Improvement Plan

We are currently reviewing the impact of our School Improvement Plan. This report will be available early next session. Our main focus for development next session will be Tracking and Monitoring attainment and achievement across the school and developing mental agility and number across the school – more information will follow in August.

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Church Service at 1.30pm; P7 Leavers' disco at 6.30pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Last day of term

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August – New term begins

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September – PSA AGM at 7pm; Meeting at 8pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Parent Council meeting at 7pm

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – School closed to pupils

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Ragbag Collection

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographer

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Nasal Flu Vaccination



## School Blog

Remember to visit our school blog which is updated by classes on a two week basis. Please feel free to leave us a comment.

<http://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/mcps/>

To get an update each time a post is added to our blog follow us on Twitter. The link is on the blog.

