



<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/midcalderps/>
<https://midcalderprimary.westlothian.org.uk>

1st February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had the opportunity to enjoy Burns Night last week. We certainly celebrated here at Mid Calder with some amazing Scots Language celebrations. The children have responded well to our Robert Burns Assembly challenge with lots of lovely artwork and projects.



Staffing

We are delighted to welcome three new members of staff to our MCPS Team.

Ashleigh Arfield now works in our school office from 8.30 am to 3.30 pm each day. I am sure some of you have had the chance to speak to her on the phone already. Shahnaz Ali is our new breakfast club supervisor every morning and we also say hello to Taiba Ahmed who is here to support P1 and P2/1 classes in the mornings until the end of term.

Important Dates <https://westlothian.gov.uk/schoolholidays-2021-2022>

Half Term Break **Friday 11 February break up** (school pupils Nursery remains open)

Wednesday 15 February School pupils return

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2022 - 21 February to 6 March

Big Walk and Wheel 2022 **21 March-1 April 2022** (Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge that inspires pupils to be amazing and take active journeys to school)

British Science Week is the 11th to 20th of March

Wednesday 2 April & Thursday 3 April Parents Evenings- Details to follow

Friday 1 April Easter Break up

Thursday 5 May Sustrans Scotland Silent Disco walking session P1 to P7 classes

Thursday 12 May Community Clear Up afternoon P3 P3/4 and P4/5 classes

Thursday 18 May School Class Photos

Please see the information below from the Advice Shop which may be helpful

Advice Shop

Winter is always a very busy time for our services. This year, amid rising costs of living we are dealing with enquiries from households under enormous pressure just trying to get by.

To help combat this, the Advice Shop is administering two new funds to improve well-being by preventing and responding to financial insecurity over the winter period. Both funds will be open for applications from now until 31st March 2022.

Feeling the Pinch Fund

This is for specific, one-off funding for low income households who need help but are not suitable for any other type of support. The Feeling the Pinch Fund can provide a grant of up to £300 toward essential items or to cover unexpected costs. This could include: Household items. Essential clothing. Replacement of lost or broken essential items such as a phone. Help toward unexpected bills or payments such as repairs, travel costs or moving expenses



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Stage Skool is based in West Lothian and have a range of professional tutors. The first class is FREE for everyone who attends. Suitable for age 4+ <https://stage-skool.co.uk/book-here>

School Absence

Just a wee reminder to ring the school office and speak to a member of staff, leave a voice mail or e mail the school if your child is going to be absent. Please do this by 9 a.m in line W L policy. Please also register ron I pay if you have not already done so, as we are promoting cashless accounting here at MCPS. It also permits you to pre select school lunches each day more easily.

Pantomime Refunds

Thank you for your feedback to those who wish be refunded. We are in the process of organising new staff authorisations on our school account. Please be assured that all funds are accounted for and will be refunded in cash as soon as possible.

Action for Happiness February 2022



Well done to Leah in P7 who won a regional school photo competition last year with her beautiful bee photograph as part of Outdoor Learning.



Please do get in touch with the school via e mail or phone and someone will respond to you as soon as possible: 01506 882092 wlmidcalder-ps@westlothian.org.uk

Kind regards,

Hazel Thurlow