



Murrayfield Primary School Newsletter

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/murrayfieldps/>

August '15

Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a super summer (despite the dreary weather) and are ready for another exciting academic session at Murrayfield Primary. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new parents/carers and look forward to working with you all during your child's time at Murrayfield Primary. It was lovely to see all our pupils dressed smartly in their school uniform. Please ensure your child wears appropriate **school uniform** and **school colours**, details can be obtained from the school office.

Meet the Teacher - Come along to our open afternoon 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 26th August from 4-6pm. Staff will be available for you to meet and will share with you their plans and expectations for their class. Please note there will be parent consultations in October and March where you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in more detail. We have an open door policy at Murrayfield Primary and wherever possible staff are available to discuss any issues you have. Please contact the relevant member of staff through the main office if you have any concerns.

Dates for your Diary - As far as possible you will find a number of key dates for your diary in this newsletter. Please note that some dates may change and you will be informed of changes accordingly. We hope by having these dates in advance it will help you to organise work patterns/shifts or childcare arrangements in order for you to attend school events.

Use of School Blog - Where possible we will use our school glow blog as the main means of communication to parents/carers. Class newsletters, weekly reflection learning posts, achievements, events and developments will be posted on this site. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school to request a paper copy of any documentation. No password is required to access our blog and you can even 'google' Murrayfield Primary School Glow Blog and you will find us!!

Pupil Entitlement to 2 hours of PE - Indoor and Outdoor - All pupils are entitled to two hours of well-planned core physical education which takes place within the school day each week, with a clear focus on learning. In order to ensure all our pupils receive this entitlement pupils will participate in indoor and outdoor PE sessions. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for outdoor PE - jogging trousers, trainers, waterproof jacket. We will also be looking at raising fitness levels by participating in walking or running opportunities each day.

Please note outdoor PE will be subject to weather conditions, but we aim to be out and about as much as possible.

Staffing - While Mrs Millar is absent from school, Mrs Burton will be working with P5. We wish Mrs Millar a speedy recovery and look forward to her coming back to school soon. Mrs Harrison has accepted the post of Acting Principal Teacher following Miss Taylor's recent appointment to Deans PS. Mrs Harrison will continue with teaching commitments as well as supporting the management team. To ensure continuity in teaching within the nursery Miss Akram will be joining our team. We look forward to welcoming Miss Akram to Murrayfield Primary.

Remember to visit our school blog for the most current information about our school:

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Catriona Macrae (Head Teacher)

Dates for Diary

Key Dates for 15/16

Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 26th August

Masterclasses

Thursday 24th September
Thursday 3rd March

P7 Parent Consultations

Thursday 1st October
Thursday 17th March

Christmas Fair

Wednesday 2nd December

Christmas Concert and Nativity

Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and
Friday 13th December

Christmas Parties

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th December

School Sports Afternoon

Tuesday 7th June

or

Thursday 9th June

(reserve day)

P7 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 29th June

Holidays

September Break

19th to 22nd September
Back to School
23rd September

October Break

17th to 26th October
Back to School
27th October

Christmas Holidays

19th Dec to 5th January
Back to School
6th January

February Break

13th to 16th February
Back to School
17th February

Easter Holidays

25th to 10th April
Back to School
11th April

May Day

2nd to 3rd May
Back to School
4th May

Victoria Day

23rd May
Back to School
24th May

End of Session 15/16

Wednesday 29th June

Please note some dates and times are subject to change.

Visit our school glow blog for up to date information

Murrayfield Primary Parent Council Meetings

6.15pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Wednesday 2nd September
Wednesday 7th October
Wednesday 11th November
Wednesday 13th January
Wednesday 2nd March
Wednesday 27th April
Wednesday 1st June

Our Parent Council regularly meet to discuss school issues and organise fundraising events. As a parent/carer of a Murrayfield pupil you are a member of our Parent Council. Please come along and support our enthusiastic team! Session 15/16 we are raising funds for playground markings to enhance our outdoor environment.

Murrayfield Primary Parent Council Meetings Fundraisers for 2015/16

Dress Down for £1

Friday 18th September

Movie Afternoon

Friday 25th September

Halloween Party

Thursday 29th October

Dress Down (Tartan) for £1

Friday 27th October

Ceilidh Night (adults)

Saturday 28th October

Zumba Fitness Night

Wednesday 27th January

Dress Down (Red) for £1

Friday 12th February

Family Quiz Night

Wednesday 23rd March

Sponsor 'Walk'

Friday 29th April

Details will be posted on our school glow blog

MILK
MONEY
£7.38
TO BE PAID
BY
MONDAY
31st
AUGUST

Murrayfield Primary School Improvement Priorities 2015/16

Each academic year we focus on specific priorities to improve our school. Robust self-evaluation ensures we select the most appropriate key areas. Throughout this session we will use questionnaires and surveys, seek opinions of all *stakeholders and organise focus discussion groups to gather evidence on what and how we should improve our school.

(*Stakeholders: pupils, parents/carers, all staff, members of the community, West Lothian Council colleagues and other agencies)

Some of our key priorities are detailed below.

<p>Raising Attainment To ensure high quality learning and teaching experiences for all Learners which demonstrates effective differentiation, challenge, application and transfer of skills</p>	<p>Curriculum Design To ensure high quality learning and teaching experiences for all pupils, with a particular focus on outdoor learning which includes opportunities for personalisation and choice</p>	<p>Curriculum Design To further implement the 1+2 Modern Languages. Consolidate the teaching and learning of French from Nursery to Primary 7. To introduce the implementation of a second modern language, Spanish from P5-7</p>
<p>Curriculum Design To develop a robust planning system which is coherent, has meaningful progression within all areas of the curriculum and at all stages. To consider the outdoor environment when planning learning experiences in all areas of the curriculum</p>	<p>Murrayfield Primary School Improvement Priorities 2015/16</p>	<p>Assessment and Reporting To continue to develop reflective thinking within learning and to provide learners with the skills to effectively reflect on their learning and next steps. Pilot online Pupil Profiles in P7-6 and online Learner's Journeys in the Nursery</p>
<p>Values To achieve our next green flag and continue to be an Eco-School. To work towards achieving Level 2 Rights Respecting School.</p>	<p>Entitlement To fully embed pupil entitlement to 2 hours of PE which will include indoor and outdoor high quality sessions</p>	<p>*Building the Four Capacities To continue to develop pupil involvement in teaching and learning through Vertical Groups and increase responsibility opportunities. Consistently use Big Book Planners to record pupil planning and evaluation of learning</p>

Other school improvement priorities include:

GIRFEC - promote understanding and embed within practice

Transition at all Stages - working with Cluster Primaries and Bathgate Academy

Building the Ambition (Early Years) - develop understanding and implement as required

*Four Capacities: Responsible Citizens, Effective Contributors, Confident Individual, Successful Learner



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