



Murrayfield Primary School Newsletter

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March 2016

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

Parent/Carer consultations are on Thursday 17th March. We look forward to seeing everyone and hope to have a maximum turn out. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you have not received an appointment time. Don't worry if you are unable to attend, contact your child's teacher to re-schedule your appointment. Consultations will be in classrooms where you will have an opportunity to see all the fantastic work on display.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Next session West Lothian Council will be moving to an Online Payment System 'iPayimpact'. The online payment system gives parents/carers a more convenient and flexible way to make payments online. This means parents/carers can pay school dinners, excursions and other school related matters using Online Payments.

It is anticipated that Murrayfield Primary School will use 'iPayimpact' from May 2016. Visit West Lothian Council website (Home/Schools, Education, Learning/Schools and Nurseries/Online School Payments) for further general information.

Please note parents/carers unable to access the online system may continue to pay directly to the school.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please note the cost of school dinners will increase to **£1.97** after the Easter Holiday.

GROWTH MINDSETS - OPEN MORNING

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend our Growth Mindset Opening Morning on Friday 19th February. We had a fantastic response and were really pleased to see so many people. Murrayfield PS works hard to ensure all learners have a 'Growth Mindset'. Research shows that the way learners think about intelligence can affect their motivation to learn, the effort they put into learning and how they cope with success and failure. Teaching learners to have a 'Growth Mindset', which encourages a focus on effort rather on intelligence or talent, can help them to become high achievers in school and in later life.

Our aim is to provide a 'Growth Mindset' environment where all learners are encouraged to:

1. LEARN, LEARN, LEARN

It's more important for me to learn than to get top marks

2. HARD WORK/WORK HARD

Putting a lot of effort into learning and working hard is the key

The harder I have to work at something, the more effort I put into something, the better I'll be at it

3. FACE SETBACKS

Learn from mistakes and confront deficiencies, be resilient

Please find attached a fun Growth Mindset family homework challenge to be completed by **Thursday 24th March**. Through answering a range of simple questions/statements find out what Mindset you are. Remember Fixed Mindsets can become Growth Mindsets!!

PARENT/CARER FEEDBACK

Thank you to everyone who completed our School Questionnaire. Your feedback helps us to improve our school and make sure we are getting it right for every learner. Details of findings will be on display at Parent Consultations on Thursday 17th March.

ELECTIONS

The school, nursery and Language Centre will be closed on Thursday 5th May and Thursday 23rd June due to Government Elections. The school will be used a polling station on both occasions.

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

Parent Consultations
Thursday 17th March

Sports Relief
Friday 18th March

CAB - Community Action Blackburn
Schools Conference
Tuesday 22nd March

Family Quiz Night
Wednesday 23rd March

Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 24th March

Easter Holidays
25th March to 10th April
Back to School
Monday 11th April

May Day
2nd to 3rd May
Pupils back to School
Wednesday 4th May

ELECTION DAY
SCHOOL/NURSERY/LANGUAGE
CENTRE
CLOSED
THURSDAY 5TH MAY

Victoria Day
Monday 23rd May
All resume
Tuesday 24th May

School Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 7th June
or
Thursday 9th June
(reserve day)

ELECTION DAY
SCHOOL/NURSERY/LANGUAGE
CENTRE
CLOSED
THURSDAY 23RD JUNE

P7 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 29th June

End of Session 15/16
Wednesday 29th June
(School closes at 3.30pm)

Session 16/17
Pupils Resume
Tuesday 23rd August

Parent Council Meetings
6.15pm
Wednesday 27th April
Wednesday 1st June

Please note some dates and times are subject to change. Visit our school glow blog for up to date information



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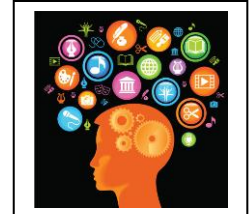
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GROWTH MINDSETS

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Focus on effort, struggle, persistence despite setbacks
- Choose difficult tasks
- Focus on strategies
- Reflect on different strategies that work and don't work
- Focus on Learning and improving
- Seek challenges
- Work hard



Dress in Red
We raised

£250

British Heart Foundation
THANK YOU!



SPORT RELIEF 2016

JAMMIE JOG

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH

Bring £2 to come to school in your
pyjamas or onesie!!!!

FAMILY FUN QUIZ NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH
6.30pm

£5 per Team

Teams must include an adult.

Please contact the office to enter your team!!



Murrayfield Primary
Parent Council Meetings
6.15pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

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!



MILK MONEY IS NOW DUE FOR THIS SESSION

£10.45

PLEASE PAY AT THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 14TH APRIL

SCHOOL DINNERS

FROM 1ST APRIL '16
SCHOOL DINNERS:

£1.97

We need our parents/carers to reinforce road safety rules by setting a good example.

- ⊗ DO NOT USE THE CAR PARK and/or TAXI DROP OFF
- ⊗ DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE CAR PARK and/or TAXI DROP OFF
- ⊗ DO NOT PARK IN THE TAXI DROP OFF





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School Playground Developments

New playground markings have been completed within the front and back areas. The pupils requested:

- Nursery road and parking bays
- Targets
- Basketball Court
- Number snake
- Draughts/Chess Board
- Road for Cycling Proficiency

Thank you to our Parent Council for helping us to raise funds to improve our outdoor environment.

Curriculum for Excellence offers opportunities for all learners to enjoy first-hand experience outdoors, whether within school, in urban green spaces, in Scotland's countryside or in wilder environments. Such experiences inspire passion, motivating learners to become successful learners and develop as healthy, confident, enterprising and responsible citizens.

With this in mind, we commissioned BLES to create large planters for every class. We want to encourage our learners to make good use of the outdoors through designing class gardens. It will be their responsibility to develop this area and ensure it is sustainable for the future.



Volunteers

We have ordered stones for drainage and top soil, however, are looking for volunteers to help us fill our containers. We require adult assistance to prepare the planters by shoveling soil. You will need to bring a shovel/spade..

Please contact the office if you can help out!
We would like to fill the containers before the Easter holidays.

NEW LEARNING RESOURCES

We continually evaluate the resources we have in school to ensure they meet the needs of all learners. This session we have purchased the following resources to develop our curriculum:

Science Bug – skills progression for science with online activities and resources

Knowing Me, Knowing You – Health and Wellbeing Pack for social, emotional, mental health

Nelson – Spelling and Comprehension

Numicon – Numeracy, arithmetical knowledge and understanding

CAN YOU CONVINC ME? – maths challenges, encouraging maths dialogue and share strategies

REAL WORLD MATHS – putting maths into a real life context

NRICH – extending mathematical knowledge

Music Express – skills progression within music

