



Murrayfield Primary School Newsletter

SCHOOL GLOW BLOG - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/murrayfieldps/>

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All children have settled into their new classes and are working hard to meet their learning targets. New learning approaches such as Big Write, Big Talk, VCOP and Guided Reading have been introduced to challenge all learners and we are already seeing an improvement in the quality of pupil writing. Well done everyone, keep up the hard work!! Look out for our star writers on our BLOG.

CAR PARK/TAXI DROP OFF

There are still a number of parents/carers who are putting their children and themselves in danger by taking shortcuts through the car park. Indeed there have been some near misses. The school car park and taxi drop off are consistently in use and the public are prohibited from using. A small group of parents/carers consistently ignore reminders and park in the taxi drop off, this means taxis arriving to collect Language Centre pupils are unable safely access the drop off and this puts pupils at risk of accident. The gate to the taxi drop off is only for Language Centre staff and pupils. Mainstream pupils, parents/carers should enter and leave the school playground by the main gate at the front of the school. I am sure you will agree that the safety of all children comes first. If you are arriving or collecting your child from school by car please park safely and responsibly within the local area.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everyone who came along to our parent/carer consultations. This session we piloted an online appointment system, 72% of parents/carers used the system. We hope you found this quick and easy to use. If you were unable to attend please contact the office to arrange a more suitable time to meet with your child's teacher. We consistently review our practice and try to ensure our consultations are meaningful and effective. Please complete our questionnaire to provide us with feedback, this will be sent home after the October break.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

This session we are providing more opportunities for pupils to share their learning with their parents/carers. At the beginning of each teaching block staff will support pupils to create their learning targets. These targets will be shared with parents and following teaching input pupils will evaluate their targets and share their achievements. Across the session parents/carers are invited in to school to meet with their child and discuss their progress. Our aim is to ensure all our pupils fully understand their strengths and areas of improvement and encourage them to confidently discuss their learning journey. Sharing Our Learning dates are:

Parent Consultation	-	Thursday 6 th October
Sharing My Learning	-	Thursday 1st December 11-12pm/2-3pm
		Wednesday 8 th February/Thursday 9 th February
Parent Consultation	-	Thursday 23 rd March
Sharing My Learning	-	Wednesday 31 st May/Thursday 1 st June



Look out for further information and invitations which will be distributed after the October break.

EVALUATING LEARNING TARGETS

We have just completed our first learning block across the school and it is time to evaluate learner targets. Your child will participate in a learning dialogue with their class teacher and evaluate their progress. We use a Traffic Light System to indicate our views.

Green – I am pleased with this work. I understand what I am learning and I tried my best

Amber - I am happy with parts of this work but I still need more practice

Red – I am unsure about this work and need a lot of practice and help to get it right

We would also like your input and ask that you engage in a discussion with your child about their progress.

Targets can be found within pupil homework jotters.

ONLINE LEARNER JOURNAL

After a successful pilot within the Nursery, Online Learner Journals have now been introduced to P1-4. Online Learner Journals document pupil progress and allow parents/carers to receive regular updates on their child's achievements. Please ensure you have completed the Online Learner Journal form with email details and return to school as soon as possible. Online Learner Journals can be accessed on mobile phones, tablets or computers at any time. You will receive an email when a new observation is added. Parents/carers can also add photos and comments to share wider achievements. This is a great way of continuing learning dialogue with your child.

RESPECT FOCUS FORTNIGHT

Following the October break we will have a whole school focus fortnight on reinforcing RESPECT across Murrayfield PS. Recently we have noticed a slight dip in RESPECT from a minority of pupils towards their peers and adults which is unacceptable and not tolerated in our school. During our focus fortnight we will be working with learners to develop their understanding of RESPECT through a variety of tasks. We will be reinforcing our high standards and expectations to ensure all learners, parents/carers, staff and visitors are treated with mutual RESPECT.

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

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

Catriona Macrae (Head Teacher)

Dates for Diary Key Dates for 16/17

Masterclasses
Friday 17th March

Christmas Fair
Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Concert and Nativity
Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th
December

Christmas Parties
Monday 12th to Tuesday 20th
December

Pantomime
Howden Park Centre
Friday 16th December

School Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 6th June
or
Thursday 8th June
(reserve day)

P7 Leavers Assembly
Friday 30th June

End of Session 16/17
Friday 30th June

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

MILK MONEY

£7.98

Parents may use the online payment system to order and pay for milk money this session (October to December) or alternatively you contact the school office with payment

PAYMENT DUE BY
FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER



Murrayfield Primary
Parent Council Meetings
6.15pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Wednesday 9th November
Wednesday 11th January
Wednesday 22nd February
Wednesday 19th April
Wednesday 24th May

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!

Murrayfield Primary
Parent Council Fundraisers
2016-17

Halloween Party
Thursday 27th October
Ceilidh Night
Saturday 26th November
Christmas Fair
Wednesday 7th December
Fitness Night
Wednesday 1st February



Halloween Party - Thursday 27th October

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

We always have great fun at our Halloween Parties however there are a large number of pupils who are particularly scared of Halloween masks. Unfortunately, there is also the awful social media prank of 'Killer Clowns' adding to pupil fears. This year we are requesting that no masks are worn to our Halloween Parties. Face painting is a super alternative and less intimidating for others. Pupils who arrive with masks will be asked to remove them. We hope you understand why we have asked for no masks to be worn and thank you for your continued support.

NO MASKS TO BE WORN!



CHRISTMAS..... Advanced warning!!!!

Wednesday 7th December - Christmas Fair. We will be looking for donations early next session

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Concert. Don't be disappointed, order your ticket as soon as you receive your booking form

Wednesday 14th December - Cluster School P7 Choir, after school performance at Bathgate Academy, an evening of entertainment not to be missed

Friday 16th December - P1-7 are heading to the theatre. Permission forms and cost to be distributed after break

From the 12th to 20th December - Christmas Parties. Get the glad rags out it's party time!

We are responsible citizens
Fundraising at Murrayfield

P4 organised a 'Wear Dots' morning on Friday 7th October which raised £232.02 for the RNIB and Royal Blind. Continuing their interest in understanding the work charities do, P4 organised a very successful food collection for the West Lothian Foodbank.

Friday 28th October

P6/5 are raising money to sponsor the development of part of the rainforest - Go Green, Go Wild!

Please support them by bringing £1 to wear something green or carzy animal print to school.

Thank you for supporting us to raise funds for various charities.



Biscuits and Blether
Dates

Friday 28th October

Friday 25th November

Friday 27th January

Friday 24th February

Friday 31st March

Friday 28th April

Friday 26th May

Friday 30th June



NEXT BISCUIT AND BLETHER FOCUS.....

NUMERACY AND MATHS

COME ALONG AND LISTEN TO OUR LEARNERS TALK TO YOU ABOUT OUR NUMERACY AND MATHS RESOURCES. THEY ARE SO KEEN TO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

