



Murrayfield Primary School Newsletter

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

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Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely winter break! All our pupils have settled well into school routines and are already working hard to achieve their learning targets for this session. Your child's class teacher will ensure learning targets for this session are sent home for your child to share. You will have an opportunity to evaluate your child's progress at the end of the session and during our next **SHARING OUR LEARNING** day on Thursday 9th February.

REMEMBER – as a parent/carer, you make an enormous difference, to your child's chances of success in school, at home and in their later life.

Winter Ready 2017

If severe weather occurs and the school has to close parents/carers will be informed via GROUPELL. Please ensure our school office has the most up to date contact information (mobile phone, emergency contact numbers).

Health and Wellbeing – Healthy Eating

This session we will be encouraging and promoting healthy eating across the school. Recently we have noticed an increase in the amount of unhealthy snacks and packed lunches in school. Many unhealthy snacks don't provide children with the nutrients and energy needed to support their ability to learn. Through various activities we will be helping children to understand the importance of a healthy balanced diet. We do recognise that many children are fussy or picky eaters and are not keen to eat healthier options. So as a school we will try to encourage children to be more adventurous and try something new.

Health and Wellbeing - FAIRNESS, EQUALITY AND EQUITY

'It's not fair!' is a common cry from many children particularly when they feel they are not being treated equally. Some children can become jealous and angry when they are not treated fairly. As part of our social and emotional programme (ICE Pack) we will be looking at fairness what it means and how we ensure fairness across school, home and within our wider environment. We want to ensure all our children have a shared understanding of what it means to be fair.

Assessment of a Level

Attached to our newsletter you will find a leaflet explain how we assess children's progress. Many of you will be aware the Scottish Government will be introducing new national standardised assessments for every child in P1, P4 and P7. The assessment information gathered from standardised assessments will help your child's class teacher to understand how well they are progressing and what their next steps should be. Please read through this leaflet and if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact the school.

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 16/17

Sharing Our Learning
Thursday 9th February

Holiday

Friday 10th February - holiday
Monday 13th February - holiday
Tuesday 14th February - holiday
Wednesday 15th February - all resume

**Masterclasses
TECHNOLOGIES**
Friday 17th March

Parent Consultations
Thursday 23rd March
3.30 to 8.30pm

Easter Holidays
From 3rd April to 17th April
All resume Tuesday 18th April

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.



Healthy Kids Learn Better!!

We know getting your child to eat healthier foods can be difficult. So why not try these simple suggestions:

- Eat breakfast - best way to start the day and ensure your child is ready for learning
- Choose healthier snacks - everything in moderation sweets and crisps everyday may not be the healthiest option
- Drink water - hydrates the body and helps the brain to function effectively. Water gives the brain the electrical energy for all brain function
- Eat together - develop social skills while sharing a meal

Water Bottles!

Please provide your child with a **water** bottle with their name on it. Drinking plenty **water** keeps children hydrated throughout the school and helps them to focus. No glass bottles, cans or fizzy juice. Water helps the brain!



MILK MONEY £11.40



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

PAYMENT DUE BY THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Murrayfield Primary
Parent Council Meetings

6.15pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

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



SMARTIES FOR MONEY

We supply the smartie tubes, you eat the smarties then fill the tubes with money
FEBRUARY

SPONSORED 'DANCEATHON'

Raise money through non-stop dancing
Keep fit and raise money for school funds
MAY/APRIL

BUDDY BENCH COMPETITION

Our Parent Council have purchased 4 new buddy benches for our playground. Buddy benches are the ideal gathering spot for children to meet new friends.

COMPETITION

Calling all artists and designers!

All pupils are invited to enter our competition to decorate the buddy benches and make them more colourful.

Further details to come.

Good luck everyone!

St Andrew's Ceilidh

Thank you to everyone who came along to our ceilidh.

Don't miss out on the fun..

Save the date
Saturday 25th November

Watch out for further details

FUNDRAISING SO FAR...

St Andrew's Ceilidh - £751.00

Christmas Fair - £1470.00

PURCHASES...

Buddy Benches - £400



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

Sharing My 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:

Sharing My Learning - Thursday 9th February - 11.00 to 12.pm/2.00-3.00pm

Parent Consultation - Thursday 23rd March

Sharing My Learning - Wednesday 31st May/Thursday 1st June

REMEMBER TO COMPLETE YOUR INVITATION RSVP WHEN THE ARE DISTRIBUTED



Murrayfield Primary
Biscuits and Blether

*Would you like to find out more about learning and education?
Then come along and join us for a cuppa and a blether.*

Once a month following a Friday morning assembly we will be serving refreshments and sharing our learning. In an informal setting we will provide you with bitesize sessions on various educational developments. We hope this will provide you with more information which will help you to support your child's learning.

Biscuits and Blether
Dates

Friday 27th January - led by P1

Friday 24th February

Friday 31st March

Friday 28th April

Friday 26th May

Friday 30th June



Fair

Below are some conversation starters on the topic of fairness.
Please take the time to chat to your child
Choose the most appropriate conversation starter for your child

Talk about a time you felt something was unfair and why

How do my friends show fairness?

How do I show fairness for children at school who aren't my good friends?

Do I have to be fair with them?

Is the world fair?



How does my teacher show fairness?

What would you feel if you saw someone being treated unfairly?

How does my family show fairness?
My parents
My siblings
My grandparents

How do I show fairness?

How should Murrayfield PS promote fairness? Write your ideas here and send them back to school.