



Murrayfield Primary School Newsletter

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October '15

Parent Consultations

It was great to see so many parents/carers at the recent consultations. 95% attended. This session consultations were within classrooms rather than the hall. We wanted parents/carers to see the fantastic work happening around the school. Did you prefer this option? Please complete the self-evaluation form and let us know what you think and what improvements we could make.

Validated Self-Evaluation - Monday 12th to 16th October

A small team of West Lothian Council representatives will be in school the week beginning Monday 12th October to support the school self-evaluation and improvement process. The team will be visiting classes across the school, talking to staff, pupils and parents. We are looking forward to sharing our school journey and highlighting all the good work.

Staffing

After the October break we welcome back Mrs Mackie from maternity and Mrs Stewart from her recent Acting PT post at Mid Calder PS. Mrs Mackie will be working three days a week with a shared responsibility for Support for Learning and Raising Attainment. Mrs Stewart will return to her post as P4 class teacher sharing with Mrs McGlynn, Music and Maths/Numeracy Attainment. Unfortunately, Mrs Millar remains absent but hopes to return to school in the very near future.

Out and About

This session we are trying to develop learning within real life contexts, where pupils can transfer and link their knowledge and skills to the real world. Various classes have extended their learning wider than their classroom. Primary 7 pupils recently visited the Bank Museum in Edinburgh as part of their Numeracy context for learning. Primary 3 walked to the Mill Centre to learn more about role of the Post Office. Primary 4 are visiting Bathgate Tesco to learn about food to fork.

Community Action Blackburn

Throughout the year the school works collaboratively with many community groups. This session a group of Primary 3 pupils demonstrated their 'green fingers' by participated in the community Verges project. You will see their efforts along Bathgate Road where new landscaping and flower beds have been created. Primary 5, 5/4 and 4 pupils have been developing their local history knowledge learning about Blackburn House. Along with Our Lady of Lourdes, Pinewood and Blackburn Primary they have designed 'Knot' gardens as part of a local schools competition. The winner's 'Knot' garden design will be created within the grounds of Blackburn House. Fingers crossed for Murrayfield PS. All classes have created artwork for Community Action Blackburn Annual Calendar competition, winners will be announced before the October break.

Profiling

Each pupil has a profile which demonstrates their latest and best work from all curricular areas. Profiles also reflect pupil achievements and next steps in learning. This session we are looking to pilot 'online' profiling within the nursery and across Primary 7-6. Further details to come, including how to access and maintain profiles. We will also be looking at ways of regularly sharing our Profile folders with parents/carers.

Medicine in Schools Policy

A compulsory change to West Lothian Council Medicine in Schools Policy means parents/carers are now responsible for completing appropriate documentation with the relevant signature from Health Care Professional. Please assist the school by completing and returning the relevant documentation to school as soon as possible. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOU NEED FURTHER GUIDANCE OR INFORMATION

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

Christmas Fair

Wednesday 2nd December

Christmas Concert and Nativity

Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December

Christmas Parties

Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th December

Pantomime - Howden Park Centre

Thursday 17th December

School Sports Afternoon

Tuesday 7th June

or

Thursday 9th June
(reserve day)

P7 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 29th June

Holidays

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

Parent Council Meetings

6.15pm

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

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

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!

We still have parents/carers who choose to ignore school rules and are putting their children and self in danger. Please enter or leave the school through main gates as the majority of people do. A near miss was reported just last week and this is not good enough.

- ⊗ 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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6.15pm**

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Wednesday 7th October

GIRFEC PRESENTATION

Shared understanding of Wellbeing

Indicators

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND FIND OUT
MORE**

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**

Halloween Party
Thursday 29th October
Dress Down (Tartan) for £1
Friday 27th November
Ceilidh Night (adults)
Saturday 28th November
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**

MASTERCLASSES
CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY

Our first Masterclass of the session were a great success with all pupils providing positive responses to the experience. This session the theme was conservation, looking at endanger animals from across the world. Displays around the school highlight the super work achieved on the day. Well done to everyone. We look forward to our next Masterclass in March and will survey pupils to decide the next theme.

ASSEMBLIES
EVERY FRIDAY 9.15AM EVERYONE WELCOME!

Celebrating achievements
Head Teacher Awards - Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens, Successful Learners, Effective Contributors
Spotlight on You - highlighting best work from individuals across the school
Skillionaire - raising awareness of Blooms Taxonomy, skills language
House Points
Sharing school developments and educational themes
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Murrayfield Primary School - Parent/Carer Consultations October 15

Self-Evaluation

✓ or x

consultations in the school hall

consultations in the classroom

What are we doing well? 😊

What do we need to improve? ☹️

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Thank you for your continued support!

