

# Murrayfield Primary School Newsletter

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#### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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, were 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.

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)

### 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.

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

#### <u>Dates for Diary</u> Key Dates for 15/16

<u>Christmas Fair</u> Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

<u>Christmas Concert and Nativity</u> Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

<u>Christmas Parties</u> Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

<u>Pantomime - Howden Park Centre</u> Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

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<u>School Sports Afternoon</u> Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

> Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June (reserve day)

P7 Leavers Assembly Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

<u>Holidays</u>

October Break
17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October
Back to School
27<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas Holidays
19<sup>th</sup> Dec to 5<sup>th</sup> January
Back to School
6<sup>th</sup> January

February Break 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February Back to School 17<sup>th</sup> February

Easter Holidays 25<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April Back to School 11<sup>th</sup> April

May Day 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> May Back to School 4<sup>th</sup> May

Victoria Day 23<sup>rd</sup> May Back to School 24<sup>th</sup> May

End of Session 15/16 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Parent Council Meetings 6.15pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June

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









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Murrayfield Primary
Parent Council Meetings
6.15pm
Everyone is welcome to attend!

## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> October

Dress Down (Tartan) for £1
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November
Ceilidh Night (adults)
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November
Zumba Fitness Night
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January
Dress Down (Red) for £1
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February
Family Quiz Night
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March
Sponsor 'Walk'

Friday 29th April

Details will be posted on our school

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## 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
Spatiant on You - highlighting best work from individuals across the

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!

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Vhat are we doing well? ③	
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### **OUR SCHOOL RATIONALE**

Both pupils and staff have participated in dialogue to create our school rationale.

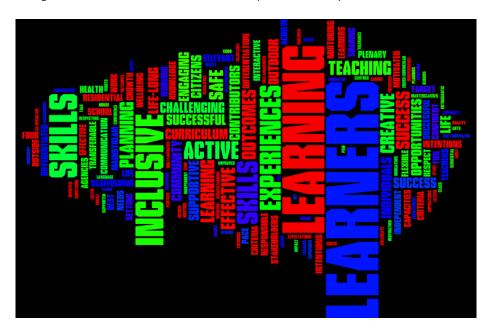
We asked the following questions:

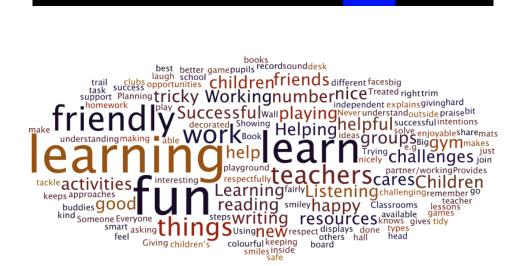
What makes a good school?

What makes good learning?

What makes a good teacher?

We created the following 'wordles' to describe what Murrayfield Primary means to all of us.





It is important to gather the views of all stakeholders. To gather the views of parents and carers please complete the attached self-evaluation form. Return to school by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.









