



Murrayfield Primary School Newsletter

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

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Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready for another exciting academic session at Murrayfield Primary. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new parents/carers and look forward to working with you all during your child's time at Murrayfield Primary.

Dates for your Diary - As far as possible you will find a number of key dates for your diary in this newsletter. Please note that some dates may change and you will be informed of changes accordingly. We hope by having these dates in advance it will help you to organise work patterns/shifts or childcare arrangements in order for you to attend school events.

Meet the Teacher - Come along to our open afternoon **'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 31st August from 4-6pm**. Meet your child's class teacher and who will share with you their plans and expectations for this session. Please note there will be parent consultations in October and March where you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in more detail. We will also be introducing 'Sharing Our Learning' sessions this term to provide parents/carers with further opportunities to discuss their child's progress.

Communication - Our school glow blog, termly newsletter and pupil mail are the main means of communication to parents/carers. Weekly reflection learning posts, achievements, events and developments will be posted on our school glow blog. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school to request a paper copy of any documentation. No password is required to access our blog and you can even 'google' Murrayfield Primary School Glow Blog and you will find us!!

Please note our school does not have an official Facebook page. When used appropriately, Facebook is a great way of communicating information. Some parents/carers have set up a useful and supportive facebook page to share information. However, the school does not support, contribute to or are responsible for this site. We recommend you regularly access the school glow blog to ensure you have up-to-date, accurate, official information regarding our school.

School Uniform

Wearing school uniform is an integral part of Murrayfield Primary. All pupils are requested to wear our school uniform. Pupils who choose to wear a **white shirt must also wear their school tie. Hoodies and football colours are not permitted.** Remember black is not our school colours, so please not black cardigans or jumpers. A list of uniform options is listed below. Please contact the school office if you require further details.

Murrayfield Primary is a 'growth mindset' learning zone and we encourage all our pupils to have a can do attitude to everything they attempt. My staff and I are really looking forward to working with your child and supporting them to reach their full potential. We have an open door policy and wherever possible staff are available to discuss any issues you have. Please contact the relevant member of staff through the main office if you have any concerns. By working together we can improve life chances for all our pupils.

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

Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 31st August

Masterclasses
Thursday 21st September
Friday 17th March

Parent Consultations
Thursday 6th October
3.30 to 8.30pm
Thursday 23rd March
3.30 to 8.30pm

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.*

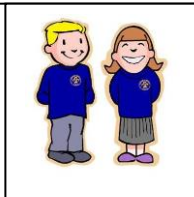
School Uniform Options

- blue school sweatshirt
- blue school cardigan
- white and/or gold school polo shirt
- white shirt with tie
- grey/black school
 - trousers
 - skirt
 - knee length shorts
- school shoes, appropriate outdoor shoes
- gym shoes
- waterproof jacket/coat

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P.E.

All pupils in Scotland must receive 2 hours of P.E. a week. Pupils will receive one indoor gym session and one outdoor (weather permitting). Please ensure your child has the appropriate gym kit for indoor and outdoor environments. Remember all clothing should be clearly labelled in their gym bag. Your child's teacher will inform you of gym days.



MILK MONEY £7.03



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

PAYMENT DUE BY FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

Murrayfield Primary
Parent Council Meetings
6.15pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Wednesday 7th September
 Wednesday 5th October
 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.

Murrayfield Primary
Parent Council Fundraisers
2016-17

Movie Afternoon
 Friday 23rd September
Halloween Party
 Thursday 27th October
Ceilidh Night
 Saturday 26th November
Christmas Fair
 Wednesday 7th December
Fitness Night
 Wednesday 1st February

Murrayfield Primary - School Term Dates 2016/17

<u>Term/Holiday</u>	
Term 1	Tuesday 23 rd August
September Break (all break)	Friday 16 th September
Term 1 (pupils resume)	Wednesday 21 st September
October Holiday (all break)	Friday 14 th October
Term 1 (pupils resume)	Tuesday 25 th October
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 21 st December
Term 2 (all resume)	
February Break (all break)	Thursday 9 th February
Term 2 (pupils resume)	Wednesday 15 th February
Last Day of Term	Friday 31 st March
Term 3 (all resume)	
May Day Holiday	Monday 1 st May
Term 3 (all resume)	Tuesday 2 nd May
INSET (school closed to pupils)	Thursday 4 th May
Term 3 (pupils resume)	Friday 5 th May
Victoria Day Holiday	Monday 22 nd May
Last Day of Term	Friday 30 th June



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!



Murrayfield Primary
Biscuits and Blether

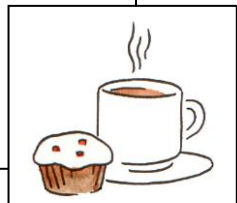
Would you like to find out more about learning and education?

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 2nd September
Friday 30th September
Friday 28th October
Friday 25th November
Friday 27th January
Friday 24th February
Friday 31st March
Friday 28th April
Friday 26th May
Friday 30th June



Murrayfield Primary - Our Development Priorities 2016-17

Regular self-evaluation helps us to recognise our strengths and select appropriate areas for school improvement. Throughout this session we will continue to involve all stakeholders in our self-evaluation process. This may take the form of questionnaires, surveys, focus groups or dialogue to gather evidence on how to improve our school.

(stakeholders: pupils, parents/carers, all staff, members of the community, West Lothian Council colleagues, other agencies)

Here are some of our key focus areas:

Raising Attainment - Numeracy

To raise attainment within numeracy and maths to ensure all learners reach their full potential, are equipped to select the appropriate numerical or mathematical strategy, develop mental agility and to talk confidently about numeracy/maths

Links to:

National Attainment Challenge
(achieving equity in educational outcomes, with particular focus on closing the poverty gap)

Raising Attainment - Assessment

To provide more robust opportunities for pupil involvement in planning and target setting. To embed a variety of formative assessment techniques to ensure learners are fully involved in all aspects of their learning. Further develop staff confidence in supporting and identifying next steps in learning

National Improvement Framework
(ensure excellence and equity in Scottish Education)

Raising Attainment - Literacy

To review our teaching and learning approaches to literacy. To introduce new literacy programmes to ensure all learners reach their full potential

New writing programmes:

The Big Write
The Big Talk
VCOP (Punctuation and Grammar)
Collins Treasure House - cursive script

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:

- Parent Consultation - Thursday 6th October
- Sharing My Learning - Wednesday 30th November/Thursday 1st December
- Wednesday 8th February/Thursday 9th February
- Parent Consultation - Thursday 23rd March
- Sharing My Learning - Wednesday 31st May/Thursday 1st June

Further details will be provided nearer the time.

