

Breakfast Club

Our Campus Breakfast Club continues to offer free breakfast to all pupils across the campus, and is well attended. Our Breakfast Club runs every Mon-Thurs from 8:30am. We would like to thank Scotmid for their past and continued support with this project.

Free School Meals

With the new school year in full swing it's important to ensure your application for free school meals, milk and the £100 clothing grant is submitted if you haven't already done so and you think you may be entitled. If you're unsure please contact the school office or our Home School Practitioner, Louise Bland, for further information.

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

Our school PEF Plan for session 19.20 is now available on our school website. This plan gives an overview of all of our interventions to support closing the equity gap for all learners in our school.

To summarise, funding is being used to:

- Employ 2 part time learning assistants to support our pupils across the school
- Employ an Outdoor Learning teacher for one day a week for two terms in school
- Employ a home school practitioner to support our families and learners
- Have access to therapeutic support and wellbeing services through being part of the Newbattle Learning Community
- Purchase resources and training for staff for a new writing programme for use across the school
- Purchase the SeeSaw App for all pupils and families

October Holidays

A reminder that **pupils finish on Friday 11th October 2019** for our October break.

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 23rd October 2019.

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Staffing Update

Mrs Hadden, our Depute Head Teacher will start her maternity leave in December 2019. We are currently in the process of recruiting an Acting DHT to cover her absence. We will provide you with further information shortly.

We are delighted to announce that we have recruited two temporary, part time learning assistants to support our pupils in continuing to raise attainment. We are currently in the process of finalising these contracts wo will provide you with more information as soon as we can.

Meet the Teacher Session

Thank you to all of our families for attending our recent Meet the Teacher session. The event was well attended by our families and we hope that this event provided you with the opportunity to hear about whole school initiatives and intervention, as well as offering the chance to explore your child's classroom and hear about the learning to take place across this school session.

Parent Council Halloween Party

Our Parent Council are currently organising their annual Halloween Party for our pupils and families.

Our Halloween Parties will take place on Wednesday 30th October 2019 in the shared hall.

Further information with regards to the parties will be provided shortly by our Parent Council.

Dogs in the Playground

A reminder that no dogs are allowed within the schools campus. All dogs should remain outside the school gates. This is to ensure the safety of all pupils and family members, and is Midlothian Policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Improvement Planning

Our School Improvement Plan for this session is available to view on our school website. Our School Improvement Plan builds on the very good return inspection of our school and the recommendations given to us to continue to support our positive approaches to raising attainment for pupils.

To summarise, some key interventions for this session are:

- All pupils and families to use SeeSaw as a tool to support learning across the school
- To introduce a new whole school approach to the teaching of writing, with training for staff
- To ensure consistent approaches to numeracy across the school using our strategy approach
- To develop staff awareness and teaching of science across the school
- To ensure all staff take part in some practitioner enquiry to support learning

Parent Helpers

As a school we are keen to involve parents and carers as fully as we can in the life of the school.

We are keen to have parental volunteers in school to support learners in class. If you would like to become a parental volunteer, please contact the school office and a member of the leadership team will contact you.

School Uniform

We experience large volumes of lost property across the whole school. Where possible we try to get it back to its owner but this can only be achieved if initial or names are marked inside the clothing. Please help by putting your child's name or initials inside their school uniform.

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