



# Midlothian



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Dear parent/carer,

Over the last 2 years we have been working hard to develop Visible Learning and have worked very hard to develop growth mindsets. Children have been taking part in a variety of tasks establishing Bonnyrigg's Learner Qualities.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September, we will celebrate International Dot Day. This day marks the anniversary of the publication of Peter H. Reynolds' "*The Dot*". Starting in 2009, a group of educators began celebrating this date as International Dot Day — a day for classes to explore the story's powerful themes: bravery, creativity, and self-expression.

"*The Dot*" is the story of a kind and compassionate teacher who dares an unenthusiastic pupil to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to "make her mark". What starts as a small dot on a piece of blank paper then turns into a remarkable journey of self-discovery and inspiration.

We will be reading and discussing the story of "*The Dot*" in our Learning Gatherings over the next couple of weeks, and would encourage you to ask your child about it.

As a celebration to "make our mark" on International Dot Day, we would like to invite pupils to add something "dotty" to their uniform. This could simply be a hair bow/band, socks, stickers or a scarf – it is entirely up to you!

We really hope that you will support us in celebrating this day. Keep an eye on our school Twitter account (@bonnyrigg1) to see how individual classes celebrate.

Thank you,

Sarah Stark and Caroline Findlay  
Depute Head Teachers

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CELEBRATE SUCCESS  
ENJOY LEARNING