



Middleton Park School

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Welcome

It has certainly been a very busy term at Middleton Park School. It is impossible to share all the learning and successes in this newsletter, so please keep checking the website for all the latest activities.

Dress as you please is this Friday morning and the Charities Committee have decided it will also be Mad Hair Day! Suggested donation of £1 for school funds.

Frogtober - Friday 16th October

11am - 2pm. Another cycling event at our school! Edinburgh Co-operative Bikes will be there with a fleet of frog bikes and a pump track and the Get About Team will be back. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

We **welcome Bill Paterson**, our new janitor to Middleton Park School. Bill will be in school for longer hours and we are very much looking forward to working with him. We thank Callum Davidson for all his work in the school and wish him the very best with his increased hours at Scotstown Primary and at Bridge of Don Academy.

Pupil Voice - our P7 pupils have been demonstrating excellent leadership skills by their organisation of our seven pupil committees. A separate update will share the huge amount they have achieved in a very short time!



Jenny Watson, Head Teacher

Open Mornings

Nursery - Wednesday 7th October (times in Nursery),
Primary 4 - Thursday 8th October - 9.30 - 10.30, rest of school - Friday 9th October - 9.30 - 10.30

This Open Morning is an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you. Pupils in P1 - P7 have each chosen three pieces of work that they are proud of and are looking forward to showing these to you, as well as showing you around their own classroom. You are welcome to arrive any time between 9.30 and 10.15 am. We hope this will help you find out more about what your child is learning and this year replaces our usual Parent's Evenings in October. We will send home photocopies of the work for any parent who is unable to attend. We will be looking for feedback with this new model. We will continue with our termly class news, our three other open mornings when there will be opportunities to look around the whole school, our weekly Live Learning films and our more formal parent meetings in May. As always, we have an Open Door policy so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss anything or to have a meeting.

Children and Young People's Awards

We were thrilled to attend this year's Award Ceremony at the Beach Ballroom. Mrs McDonald and P3 were shortlisted for the Sandra Burnett Award in recognition of all their work to improve the school grounds and we won the ICT award!



Scottish Learning Festival

Congratulations to our four pupil presenters, Ross, Maia, Skye and Jack and Miss Black for sharing our WW1 context and our work in the Allotment Garden at this international festival in Glasgow. The pupils were complimented on their confidence, enthusiasm and knowledge and were very worthy ambassadors for Middleton Park School.

Dates for your diary

9th Oct	Dress as you please! Last day of Term 1
16th Oct	Frogtober - Cycle Event at Middleton Park School
26th Oct	First day of Term 2
28th Oct	6pm - P7 Cromdale Meeting
11th Nov	Parent Council Meeting - 6.30
13th Nov	Issue of Whole School Space Homework Challenge
16th Nov	In-Set Day (closed to pupils)
17th Nov	Flu Vaccinations
27th Nov	Open Morning Space Context 9.30 - 10.30 (please note change from previous newsletter)
11th Dec	Christmas Nativity 1.30 - 2.30
15th Dec	P1 - 4 Christmas Parties Nursery Christmas Surprise
16th Dec	P1 - 7 - Pantomime at HMT
17th Dec	P5 - 7 Christmas Parties
18th Dec	Last day of Term 2
6th Jan	First day of Term 3
27th Jan	School Photographer
9th Feb	Parent council Meeting - 6.30
15th Feb	February Holiday
16th Feb	In-Set (closed to pupils)
17th Feb	In-Set (closed to pupils)
5th March	Issue of Whole School Homework Challenge
16th March	Parent Council Meeting - 6.30
18th March	Open Morning 9.30 - 10.30 A walk in the Past
25th March	Good Friday Holiday
1st April	Last Day of Term
26th April	Parent Council Meeting - 6.30
18th April	First Day of Term
29th April	School Reports Home
2nd May	May Day Holiday
3rd May	In-Set (closed to pupils)
10th May	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.00
11th May	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.00
13th May	Issue of Whole School Homework Challenge
25th May	Parent Council Meeting-6.30
27th May	Open Morning 9.30 - 10.30
31st May	Sports Day - first option
1st June	Sports Day - second option
2nd June	Sports Day - third option
6th - 10th	P7 Residential to Cromdale
14th June	Parent Council Meeting - 6.30
21st June	P7 Leavers' Celebration 6.30
24th June	Musical Celebration 1.30 - 2.30
1st July	Last day of term

Middleton Park Cycle Challenge - 22nd Sep Thank you to everyone who made this such a success. It may have been raining, but our pupils were enthusiastic, determined and resilient! We have had overwhelmingly positive feedback and after consultation with the Parent Council, pupils and staff we will now make this an annual event. Many thanks to our many volunteers who gave us constructive feedback to make sure that next year's event is even better! We are delighted that so many more pupils are now cycling to school. Our sponsor money is still coming in but we are now at £2,500! Fantastic effort.



John and Dawn McMillan have embarked on an ambitious series of challenges over the last few months and the school received £500 from their sponsor CNR International. Many thanks to John and Dawn!

Wee Green Spaces

Our Nursery have extended their use of our Holly Forest and during their fortnightly visits, parents are either dropping off or picking up from the site. This allows the children to have longer sessions in this valuable outdoor resource. Primary 1 and Primary 7 have also been exploring our Wee Green Space and creating their own inspiring Space Stories! They have been working with Storyteller Grace Banks and using natural resources to stimulate their imaginations. This has further enhanced our Buddy Transition Programme.



Prayer Spaces We had a very successful two day outdoor Prayer Space, facilitated by St Columbus Church. Feedback from our pupils signalled to us that they really appreciated the 'quiet spaces' and the opportunity to be still and reflect. We are now looking at ways of providing more regular opportunities for this at our school. Many thanks to Sue Thomson for bringing this opportunity to our school.

