

MOORFOOT PRIMARY

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK

I hope everyone enjoyed the October break? Our children have settled back well after the holidays and we are now looking forward to an extremely busy Christmas term here at Moorfoot Primary School.

Over the last few weeks, I have been working very hard to get to know all the children across the school: - working with them in class, through learning conversations and News, Nibble and Natter with the Headteacher. I am also in the dinner hall every day so that I can see and mix with all learners.

Since our last newsletter, we have said goodbye to Ms Wilson as she takes up an Acting Principal Teacher role at Cornbank Primary School until the end of this school session. We wish her well and I know she very much appreciated all the kind gifts and best wishes she received. We have now welcomed Miss Hutchison to Class 4. She has settled extremely quickly and is very much looking forward to working with our P6 and P7 learners and being part of our school community.

We regularly tweet about our busy days at Moorfoot as this is a good way of keeping families up to date with the daily goings on. Please take the time to follow on us Twitter @MoorfootPS and I have also been keeping the Moorfoot app updated with key dates for your diary - please check this regularly. The office and I have also been using the app to send messages home. Please let us know if you need any support to get up and running with this.

Kind Regards,

Lynsey Stevenson

Acting Head Teacher



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A copy of our School Improvement Plan and our Pupil Equity Funding Plan are on our school website for all to see. A reminder of our school priorities are:

- Raising attainment in Numeracy
- Improving the Health and Wellbeing of all learners
- Use of PEF to close attainment gap
- Improving learning and teaching by improving feedback given to learners and improving the quality of Learning Intentions and Success Criteria

I hope to provide regular updates about our School Improvement Plan throughout the session.

WELLBEING INDICATORS

I am using assembly time and working with our school Learning Patrol to look at how we use the wellbeing indicators across our school. These are:



SAFE HEALTHY ACHIEVING NURTURED ACTIVE
RESPECTED RESPONSIBLE INCLUDED

WORDLE

I have worked with the children at a recent assembly to create a Moorfoot Wordle. Each pupil and member of staff has contributed one word to best describe Moorfoot Primary. I am sure you will be seeing more of this tree!!!



HALLOWEEN



Thanks to all the children for the creativity they displayed in our Halloween Pumpkin Competition and well done to all our winners. Photos were posted on Twitter for our families to see. Can I also say a huge thank you to the PTG for organising a fantastic Halloween Disco for the children last week. This was well attended and was enjoyed by all who came along. Thanks to all who made it possible.

POPPYSCOTLAND APPEAL



It has been 100 years since the end of World War 1 and we plan to have an in school focus on this. Poppyscotland provides and funds a variety of services. They aim to help as many people in the Armed Forces community as possible. They support people of all ages, whether difficulties have arisen during time in the Armed Forces or many years later. Also, they help the families of ex-Servicemen and women, including partners, widows, widowers and children. Class 3 are currently learning about WWI and have taken responsibility for the selling poppies across the school.

CHILDREN IN NEED



We are also supporting BBC Children in Need this month. The Pupil Council has worked hard with me to organise some events across the school - separate information about this is coming home to you.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

Our Parent Consultations are due to take place on Tuesday 13th at 6-8pm and on Wednesday 14th November at 4-6pm for Classes 1 -3. Letters will be coming home soon with appointment times. Thank you for your support.



NEWS, NATTER AND NIBBLES WITH THE HEADTEACHER

I have been inviting two learners from each class to join me each week for News, Natter and Nibbles on a Thursday. This allows me to get to know the children better and talk to them about their learning. The feedback has been really positive and I am enjoying this quality time with the children.



HEADLICE

There have been a few cases of head lice reported to us recently by parents. We do not send letters home when this happens, but we would ask parents to be vigilant and check their child's hair regularly. There is further advice on www.chc.org/bugbusting.

CELEBRATING WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS AT MOORFOOT

We are always very keen to share and celebrate our children's achievements outside of school. We do this on a daily basis in class and through our twitter feed and also at our Assemblies on a Monday. If your child has celebrated an achievement, no matter how big or small, then please e-mail the school at moorfoot_ps@midlothian.gov.uk or complete the slip below and hand it in to your child's teacher. We look forward to hearing about all of their achievements and sharing their successes.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Child's Name:

Class:

Details of achievement:

