



Mossheadlines

NEWSLETTER

October 2022

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grow and succeed.



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Dear Parent

We celebrated Maths Week at the end of Sept, promoting a growth mindset in Maths and looking at the theme 'The Beauty of Maths'. The children attended Maths Week assemblies, participated in online events, explored Maths related to Art and STEM and took part in quizzes and competitions. If you haven't had a chance to see some of our Maths Week work please have a look on our Twitter site @MossheadPS where we have shared work from all stages.



Our newly recruited Primary 7 Young STEM Leaders (YSL) will be supporting the national launch of the exciting YSL programme. Monday 31st October marks the beginning of Young STEM Leader Week. Our P7 YSLs are looking forward to taking part in YSL workshops that week then planning activities to support STEM across the school. The overall theme of this year's event is the Future of STEM, with each day representing the future of a different aspect of STEM: energy, nature, space, transport and careers. We previously shared our work for our STEM Nation award and our YSLs will continue to build on this.

Our Harvest Service took place in the school hall on 13th October, led by Rev. Roddy Hamilton. It was lovely to welcome so many parents and other family members along to join our Service.



Thank you for your generous Harvest donations for the EDC foodbank. These will be used to support families in need of a helping hand.

Yours sincerely
Susan Yeoman
Head Teacher

Sharing the Learning

We look forward to inviting everyone in during the year to see some of the learning the children have been engaged in. P7 will be showcasing their pupil enquiry topic with a display of their term's work, P1-6 will perform short assemblies to show some of their learning and then invite parents/carers back to their classrooms. Sharing the Learning sessions are planned to take place from 2:15-3 on the dates shown below and we will notify you if these dates have to change for any reason:

- P1 – 8th June – Toys theme
- P2 – 30th March – Scottish Wildlife
- P3 – 23rd March – Knights and Castles
- P4 – 22nd March – Romans
- P5 – 8th December – Solar System
- P6 – 30th November – Rainforests
- P7 – 7th December – Plastic Pollution



2022 Sponsored Walk

Once again, the pupils and staff took part in the annual sponsored walk on behalf of the Beatson Institute. We have had your overwhelming support for which we are most appreciative. So far we have raised £3182 which will be put to great use by the Beatson Institute. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

Mosshead is participating in the Scottish Poppy Appeal 2022 to support veterans and their families. On Friday 11th Nov we will be having a short Peace assembly for P4-7 to help children understand the importance of remembrance. The school will be selling poppies from Mon 7th - Fri 11th Nov.



Children in Need

Children in Need Day is Friday 18th November. We will be selling some Pudsey merchandise to help us raise funds for Children In Need. Merchandise (badges/ wristbands, etc) will all cost £1. This will be on sale from Mon 14th Nov until sold out. We are also asking everyone to wear something spotty or 'Pudsey' if they have it on Friday 18th November.



Extra Curricular Activities



Active Schools and a member of our Parent Council have been working with local clubs to try and organise some volunteers for after school clubs. We now have a few things in place including 2 volunteer teachers for netball for P7, an SFA football coach for P6, a volunteer basketball coach for P5, Bearsden Academy Young Leaders for dance for P3 and parents and a volunteer teacher who will be running a minifit club for P4 after the October break (details to follow). A few other parents will become involved in clubs as

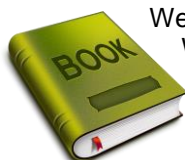
PVG checks are completed.

As we can only have 1 sports club running each day we are also looking for volunteers who could offer something different – chess, sewing, art, music, board games, book club, etc. If you have a skill you would be willing to share please contact the school office and we will carry out the necessary PVG checks and create a plan with you. Thank you.

Playground Equipment

We were approached by Corum Property offering support to the school as a contribution to their local community. This arose from a connection with one of our parents and we are grateful to her for making the link. Corum have offered to donate £500 and this has been used to purchase a range of equipment for playtimes this term. A huge thanks to Corum for supporting us in this way. If you work for a company that may consider donating we would be delighted to hear from you/ them.

Book Week Scotland



We will be celebrating Book Week Scotland again this year from Monday 14th Nov – Friday 18th Nov.

We are planning a week of events focussed around reading for enjoyment. We will be out and about on a book hunt, we have author visits booked, we will enjoy some online stories and we would love to have parents come in to read stories to classes. If you would be willing to come in to read a story (you can choose or we can help with this) please email the school office and let us

know your availability and what stage you would like to read to and this will be passed onto Mrs Governo who co-ordinates the week's events and visitors.

Nativity

We will be having 2 nativity performances on Thurs 15th Dec. These will be led by P3 who will do the performing, supported by P1 and P2 with the nativity songs. The choir will also support this event and entertain the audience with a few songs. The performances will take place in the afternoon and evening (6:30pm). Information about tickets will follow nearer the time.

Absences

The following information related to absences was shared and discussed with the Parent Council last month. Between Sept 2021- Sept 2022 there were over 2500 days of absence. 1725 days were for authorised absence which is approximately 5 days per child. This would be in line with our attendance targets and we do not ever expect children to come to school when they are unwell. However, there were over 800 days of unauthorised absence (mostly for family holidays). The unauthorised absence accounts for 32% of Mosshead absences and research shows this has a significant affect on pupil's learning as well as adding greatly to staff workload as they have to help with lost learning time. The attendance officer will be supporting the school to improve the unauthorised absence rates and may be in touch with you if you plan holidays during term time. We would ask you again not to take your children out of school for any additional days unless it is for illness.

Parental Engagement

As part of the Parent Council Meeting we looked at Parental Engagement and have noted below all of the ways parents/ family can join in at Mosshead with both learning and other activities. Some of these have already taken place and others will follow. Dates for your Diary below will have the dates for any confirmed events. We will get information about the others to you asap.

- **Beatson Walk**
- **Meet the Teacher**
- **P1 Workshop – literacy, numeracy and general**
- **P2-4 numeracy workshop**
- **P5-7 numeracy workshop**
- **'Let's Focus On' leaflets to provide info (Spelling and Maths this session)**
- **Assemblies – Harvest, Christmas, Easter, Summer**
- **Nativity Concert – P1-3**
- **Sharing The Learning – assembly and class visit per stage staggered throughout the year P1- P7**
- **Parents' Nights**
- **Scottish Book Week (volunteer readers will be needed)**
- **Careers' Week (volunteers will be needed)**
- **Scottish Opera – P6 and P7 (Feb/ Mar) – parents will be invited to a performance**
- **Daffodil Tea – grandparents and P7 (Mar)**
- **Sports Day – all invited**
- **P7 Memories Assembly**
- **P4-7 end of year concert**
- **PTA events**
- **Volunteers for clubs**

Dates for the diary

17 th –22 nd October	School Holiday
25 th October	Wear red for Show Racism the Red Card day
27 th October	P3 Excursion – National Museum of Rural Life
w/b 7 th November	Poppies on sale
9 th and 10 th November	Parent Interviews 3:30-6:30pm
w/b 14 th November	Children in Need merchandise on sale
w/b 14 th November	Book Week Scotland
18 th November	Children In Need Day
24 th -25 th November	Dogs' Trust workshops (P4-7)
30 th November	P6 Sharing the Learning - Rainforests
7 th December	P7 Sharing the Learning - Plastic Pollution
8 th December	P5 Sharing the Learning - Solar System
9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
15 th December	Nativity afternoon/ evening show (P1-3)
16 th - 21 st December	Christmas parties
22 nd December	Christmas Service 9:30 – all welcome
23 rd December	Christmas holidays – close 2:30pm (start back Mon 9 th Jan)

