



Showcase September

Showing How Good Can We Be?

I was going to start with MacMillan and your support but the careers day P7 had at Whitburn Academy was just so amazing, they learnt practical engineering skills, The Royal Navy was there with activities around engineering, some groups took part in Science experiments, others learnt about the use of AI (artificial intelligence) in the workplace and in creativity.

MacMillan Coffee morning – Thank you for a fantastic turnout – we raised over £160 for MacMillan. We hope you enjoyed the children showing you their thinking skills, their meta-skills and rich tasks.

P1 Parents learning – Mrs Gunning enjoyed sharing the Numeracy learning with P1 parents last Tuesday and is looking forward to sharing Literacy learning with even more of you this Tuesday at 4pm. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

P1 – P3 family learning – the group working with the family learning team on a Wednesday have had a great time, it is the last week this week but we will be looking to do some more later in the year.

P6 digital learning project – P6 have been producing some excellent work and learning lots using their digital technology and literacy skills. They were also commended for their engagement and interactions on their Dynamic Earth trip on Wednesday.

Big shout out to Ellis in P6 who in a Sumdogg competition involving 52,000 participants he finished in the top 150, the top 0.3% - Well done Ellis!

Maths Week – thanks again to Daniel and Morgan in P6 for leading the learning with Miss Graham this week and producing activities and signposting activities for classes to complete – we have seen lots of these being used this week.

Updates and reminders



Support with numbers and managing money

Multiply is a project delivered by Adult Learning, offering free informal education on everyday maths and money matters.

- Cost-of-living cookery
- Arts and crafts using numbers
- DIY and gardening
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- Family learning in primary schools
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SKILLS FOR LIFE

MULTIPLY

- See the photo if you are interested in support with skills for life.
- Parents Evening – please do book an appointment.
- Bikes and scooters – a reminder that no-one should be riding bikes or scooters on the playground or on the path to the P1-P3 playground.

I will be making phone calls regarding attendance and writing to families where the attendance has dropped below 90%.

Missing 10% of school means that you are missing at least 2 core lessons every week.

That's **14** lessons missed by the October holiday, **30** new periods of learning missed by Christmas and over **100** hours of learning missed in a year – that is a lot to make up!

Nursery

'This week in nursery, the children have been exploring different ways of how to build bridges, using large and small bricks. We have been looking at bridges around Scotland and the world around us comparing their sizes and style of how they are built. The children are becoming confident individuals as they share their thinking and curiosity skills.'

Falla



Falla Has been working on a range of activities in P5 this week, including PE, Reading, creating comics as part of Maths Week and a very interesting French lesson with the Royal Zoological Society Scotland.

This week Falla is off to P3 who had both the highest attendance and the most improved.

Fantastic @ Falla Hill

Reaching for the Stars

Reaching for the Stars is where children demonstrate being a responsible citizen, effective contributor, confident individual or a successful learner – which are the four capacities for learning in the Curriculum for Excellence.

<u>Confident Individuals</u>	<u>Responsible Citizens</u>	<u>Effective Contributors</u>	<u>Successful Learners</u>
James – P5 Steel – P6 Kai – P6 Cooper – P6 Cameron – P7	Lochlan – P1 Thomas – P1 David – P3 James – P3 Jessica – P4 All of P6 All of P7	Kyler – P1 Daniel – P6 Kaitlyn – P7 Lannah – P7 Lauren – P7	Jaxon – P1 James – P2 Lily – P2 Carson – P2 Harper – P2 Skye – P2 Skylyr – P2 Brody – P2 Theo – P2 Blake – P3 Brooklyn – P4 Logan L – P5 Ellis – P6 Lake – P6 Chloe – P7 Iona – P7 Grace – P7 Katie – P7

Diary Dates

New Term 2024 - 25	
Tuesday 1 st October	P1 – Parent Literacy session – 4pm
Monday 7 th October	Parents' Evening – 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday 8 th October	Parents' Evening – 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 11 th October	Term 1 finishes
14 th – 18 th October	October Holiday
Monday 21 st October	Staff INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd October	Children resume
Wednesday 30th October	Halloween Disco (P1- P3 & P4 – P7) – details to follow
Monday 25 th November	2:15pm – P4 Advent Service
Monday 2 nd December	2:15pm – P5 Advent Service
Tuesday 3 rd December	Pantomime in School
Monday 9 th December	2:15pm – P6 Advent Service
Tuesday 10 th December	P7 at SKY – back by 12pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 13 th December	9:10am – P7 Advent Service