

# February 2022 Newsletter

Dear parents, carers and friends,

After a long, cold and wet January, February is finally here and hopefully Spring is just around the corner.

The third term is always busy and I have shared the diary for February below. Our children made an excellent start to the term and are working hard in all classes. We started the year by celebrating Scottish Literature across the school with poetry recitals, Scottish songs and classics, like the Gruffalo retold in Scots. Primary 4 have welcomed 200 brown trout eggs to their class as part of the Clyde in the Classroom Programme and P5 enjoyed a fun filled visit to Glasgow Science Centre. School outings are a fantastic opportunity for pupils and we are delighted to have more trips booked in the coming months.

We have just awarded the first Special Commendation letters of 2022. It is always a pleasure to recognise the talents, commitment and positive attitudes of the children in Mount Vernon.

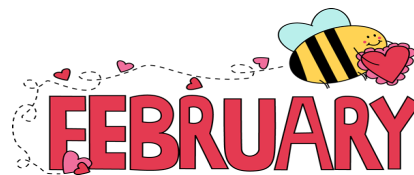
Last month we held our senior football trials and our coaching staff had the challenging role of selecting a school team. It has been a long time since we have been able to play with teams from other schools. The players are really excited and I know you'll all join me in wishing them good luck for their first game at Stepford next week.

There is always a lot happening so please make sure you are able to receive my weekly update email as well as texts from the main office. This way we can keep you as up-to-date as possible with school news. If your email address or mobile phone number has changed, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

As always Lindsay Cullen ADHT and I are happy to help. No matter what the question or concern please get in touch with us by telephone or email.

Kindest regards,

Victoria Collins  
Acting Head Teacher



## FEBRUARY DIARY



1st - P4 Clyde in the Classroom - Fish Eggs arrive

- RSHP lessons starts across P1 - P7

7th - Children's Mental Health Awareness Week starts

8th - 1st Football Game at Stepford - Good luck!

11th - Valentines' Dress Down Day

- Pupil Council will draw their 50/50

14th & 15th - February Holiday (School Closed)

16th - Staff In-Service Day (School closed to pupils)

22nd - Afterschool Football Game at Stepford

23rd - BHS Dance Academy showcase for P7 year group

28th - Whole School Book Week Fundraiser starts

4th March - Favourite Character Dress Up Day

To mark the end of our Book Week we invite pupils and staff to dress as their favourite storybook characters.

7th March - Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm

## Sweet Free School

### No -

- Chewing gum
- Sweets
- Chocolate bars
- Fizzy drinks
- Cakes



### Yes -

- Water or juice
- Fruit or veg
- Cereal bars
- Crisps
- Popcorn
- Rice Cakes
- Yogurt
- Raisins
- Plain or oat biscuits, crackers



## Dress for Success - School Uniform @ MVP

Please note the formal Mount Vernon School uniform consists of:

- ◆ Grey school trousers/skirt - not black.
- ◆ Pale blue shirt or blouse. Shirts should be tucked in at all times.
- ◆ Grey sweatshirt, grey cardigan or jumper/royal blue school cardigan.
- ◆ Blue striped tie, P7 pupils wear our school tartan tie.
- ◆ Black shoes - if children are wearing trainers to school these must be black.
- ◆ All children must have a pair of black indoor shoes.
- ◆ Pupils must bring their P.E kit in their school bags and change for lessons.



**Please support us by ensuring that all clothing, packed lunches and water bottles are labelled.**

We will be continuing to follow government guidelines and keep classrooms and communal areas in school well ventilated. We ask that pupils come to school with a jumper or cardigan to wear if needed. Many thanks.

## ParentPay



Mount Vernon Primary is now using ParentPay for all school trips, clubs, school meals etc. This will enable us to remove a lot of the cash and cheques from schools. Our system shows that only half of our families have set up a ParentPay account. Please contact our school clerical team who are happy to help guide you through this process.

From April 2022 you can use ParentPay to order/select your child's school meals.

**School fundraising** still comes directly to the school and not through ParentPay. This allows us to bank this money into the school fund and avoids the service charge taken by ParentPay.

## Parentsportal

Education Services linked Parentsportal to our Mount Vernon Primary at the start of November. However, we still have a number of families who have not logged on. Parentsportal will enable schools and parents/carers to manage many of the administration processes more efficiently online. It is available 7 days a week and 24 hours per day.

Parents and carers using Parentsportal must have a MyGov account. You can open a MyGov account online. Parents and carers should use the same login and password details for your MyGov account to log into parentsportal.scot

The first time you access Parentsportal, you are required to make a digital link to your child. This is an essential step to allow you to use Parentsportal. Please login and link to your child's account now. It is essential that we have all your current contact details. If your contact details have changed recently, please advise the school as soon as possible.

Many thanks.



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## If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise!



We were delighted to have Nick and Martin back from **MJM Projects** to give our Woodland Walkway some much needed maintenance.

### Before



### After!



The wooden edging at the sides of the path have been replaced and new bark spread, the outdoor play kitchen area has been reinforced and bark flooring added.

We also have a new bird feeding area tucked away at the back of the walkway. We are hoping that future fundraising projects will allow us to further develop this new space with some bird feeders, bug hotels, hanging baskets and 'bee friendly' wild flowers.



## Japanese Cherry Tree Project

We have formed links with the Sakura Cherry Tree Project and been gifted a Japanese Cherry Tree for our Woodland Walkway.

Our tree is one of 6,000 that is being planted across the United Kingdom as a symbol of friendship between Japan and the UK. We have planted our tree at the entrance to the walkway for all to enjoy.



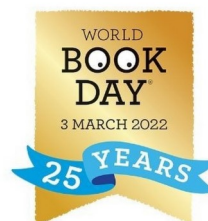
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## Mount Vernon Primary

# Book Week and Whole School Fundraiser

w/c Monday 28th February 2022



At the end of February we are organising a whole school focus week celebrating the wonderful world of books. Pupils will take part in a range of activities and opportunities over the 5 days, including, paired reading, baking, quizzes, digital events, scavenger hunts, competitions, author visits and much more.

*The more that you read, the more things you will know.*

*The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.*

- Dr. Seuss



## Book Week Fundraiser

Every child will receive a sponsor booklet filled with reading challenges for their stage.

Pupils are invited to complete these challenges at home during the week to help raise money for school funds. You can help by sponsoring your child.

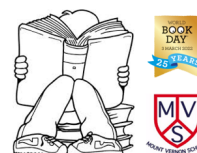
### Sponsor Money

Pupils should aim to return their sponsor booklets and money to the school office by **Friday 11th of March**. Thank you for your support!

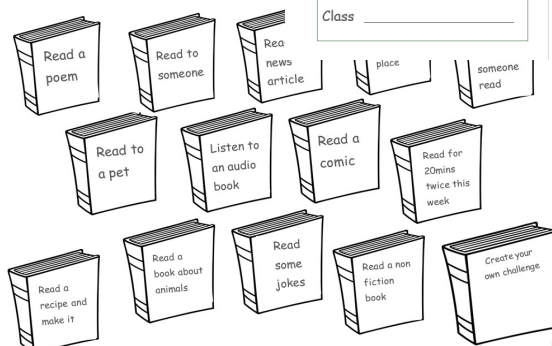
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School Fundraiser

### Book Week



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Class \_\_\_\_\_

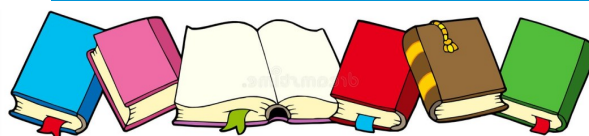
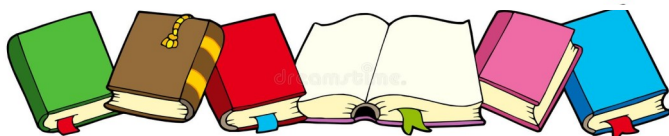


## Dress Up for World Book Day - Friday 4th March 2022

Pupils and staff are invited to bring their favourite book characters to life to mark the end of our Book Week Fundraiser. Our pupils love dressing up for World Book Day and sharing their favourite characters with their teachers and friends. It's also a great way for pupils to pick up reading recommendations from others.

For ideas please visit -

[www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas](http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas)







## Fundraising Update



**Current Total - £6251.80**

Thank you so much for all your support with fundraising so far this year.

We have recently bought a class set of headphones to use with the iPads and some of our infant classes enjoyed a Scots workshop with the team from Wee StoryBox.

We have also had some much needed maintenance carried out on our Woodland Walkway and the children have been back enjoying this area over the past few days.

Thank you!

## Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to Blair P5, who came 2nd in the Simon Howie Space Haggis Competition with his amazing flight badge design. £50 prize donation for the school and a goody bag of Simon Howie products for his family. Well done Blair!



## Free School Meals

for ALL pupils from August 2022

The Scottish Government recently announced that all Primary children will get a free school meal from August 2022.

Currently P1—P5 children get free school meals in Glasgow. P5 pupils started receiving free school meals from January 2022 and pupils in P6 and P7 will start from August 2022.



## Valentine's Dress Down Day

On the 11th of February pupils and staff can come to school in their casual clothes. We ask that pupils bring a small donation to support our school funds.

Many thanks.



## January Special Commendation Winners

Congratulations and a huge well done to all our amazing commendation winners!



<b>P1m</b>	Aria McBain Emma Cumming	<b>P3</b>	Liam McClusky Stella Dougan	<b>P6</b>	Jude Johnstone David James Gilchrist
<b>P1r</b>	Gyan Purewall Penny Ramsay	<b>P4</b>	Sophia Anderson Leyton Corrigan	<b>P7/6</b>	Kai Singh Laiba Hussain
<b>P2</b>	Luke Miller Ashleigh Coutts	<b>P5/4</b>	Mia Nixon Amelie Martone	<b>P7</b>	Leyla Tibbitt Kristian McKelvie
<b>P3/2</b>	Myla Cunningham Arran Lalli	<b>P5</b>	Mollie Menzies Sonny Brown		

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