January 2022 Newsletter

Dear parents, carers and friends,



Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3 at Mount Vernon Primary School. This term is always very busy and below you will see the diary for the month ahead. The vacancy for the Head Teacher role will be advertised over the next few weeks and I will notify you when the position is filled. This is a really exciting time for the staff and pupils; we are all very keen to find out who will be stepping into the role. We would like to welcome back Mrs Teresa Owens who is returning from maternity leave and will be teaching Primary 2 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Miller will be remaining in school until the HT post is filled and will be covering Mrs Cullen's timetable.

All families should now have set up access to Parentsportal and ParentPay. If you have not done so please contact the school office for support with this. Glasgow will soon be launching the 'meal selector' feature on ParentPay and you will need to have access to allow you to select school meals for your child/ren.

This month we are delighted to have some school trips in the diary and a few of our classes will be visiting Glasgow Science Centre. Our Primary 4 pupils will be taking part in Clyde in the Classroom and their hatchery and trout eggs will be arriving at the end of January. Our school will be working alongside Marissa our link scientist who will support the pupils in caring for the eggs and releasing the fish at the end of the project.

Our classes will be exploring our fabulous Scots language as part of Reading Week this month and in the lead up to Burns Night P2, P3/2 and P3 will be involved in a special Robert Burns themed workshop delivered by the team at Wee StoryBox. Look them up on Twitter @weestorybox #supportingsmallbusinesses

Sexual Health and Relationships Education lessons will be taking place in all classes over February and March. Further information is included in Termly Information sheets which are available through our school app soon. Please take a look at these where you will find an overview of the lessons your child will be covering in class. If you would like to see any lesson plans or resources please contact the school office to arrange.

Please remember that you can make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher at any point during the year should you have a question or concern. Mrs. Cullen ADHT and I are also available so please do not hesitate to contact us through the main office or by e mail, we are always happy to help.

Kindest regards,

Victoria Collins

Acting Head Teacher



Indoor Shoes



All children, from P1- P7, MUST have a pair of indoor shoes. Please can you ensure your child has a pair of clean, black, labelled indoor shoes to wear when inside? This is particularly important in winter months when children are wearing big boots and wellingtons to school.

All of our classrooms are carpeted and we endeavour to keep these clean and in good condition. Children also need to wear indoor shoes for their PE lessons. Children cannot participate in PE without these. Thank you!

JANUARY DIARY

5th - School reopens to staff and pupils

1st Week - Scots Reading Week

- P1-7 January Baseline assessments

10th - Termly Info booklets posted on school app Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm (Teams)

19th - P4 Class Trip to Glasgow Science Centre

20th - Super 7s athletics

24th - Marty Robot 2 week visit to MVP

20th - Wee Storybook Workshops in P2, P3/2 & P3

25th - Robert Burns Day



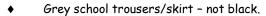
28th - P5 Class Trip to Glasgow Science Centre and IMAX

31st - P4 Clyde in the Classroom - Egg Delivery



Dress for Success - School Uniform @ MVP

Please note the formal Mount Vernon School uniform consists of:



- Pale blue shirt or blouse. Shirts should be tucked in at all times.
- Grey sweatshirt, grey cardigan or jumper/royal blue school cardigan.
- Blue and white school 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.
- On PE days children can wear our more informal uniform: polo shirt, black/grey leggings or joggers

Please support us be 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. We also aim to have pupils outside for breaks as much as the Scottish weather permits. Please ensure that pupils have suitable footwear and waterproof jackets. Many thanks.

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood Education (RSHP)

Term 3 Planning

Our RSHP curriculum has been in place at Mount Vernon for some years; it is a fundamental part of

Curriculum for Excellence. This session we will be adopting some of the new materials from the national teaching and
learning RSHP resource. Children and young people do not just learn in formal settings, they also learn at home and so
the updated RSHP resource makes that connection by recognising the role of parents and carers as the child's first and
lifelong educator. Many of the learning activities provided in the resource have information that can be shared with
families, there are also helpful book lists and information leaflets which we will share. Although the content covered is
largely similar to our existing SHRE (Sexual Health Relationship Education) the updated lessons do reflect a more modern and inclusive Scotland where we value and respect the human rights of everyone. We need to deliver RSHP
education that helps protect children and young people from harm and supports them to understand that friendships
and personal relationships should be healthy, happy and safe. The resource was developed by a partnership of Local
Authorities and Health Boards, with advice from Education Scotland and the Scottish Government. A great feature of

A copy of the lessons that we will be covering in classes/stages will be issued in our termly information booklet this week. As with previous years our composite classes will be taught in stage groups to ensure pupils are receiving the suggested lessons for their age group.

the resource is that it is accessible and open to everyone; parents and carers can see what is being delivered in school, access the parent info section and utilise the FAQ section. There are also lots of helpful videos to support families

For more information please visit https://rshp.scot/

when talking to their children about sexual health and relationships.







National Online Safety - What Families Need to Know!

The expert team at National Online Safety (NOS) believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit **www.nationalonlinesafety.com** for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.







Introducing Marty Robot and STEM Education

In January we will be welcoming Marty Robot at MVP for a two week holiday. Marty is a humanoid robot with a big personality. Marty uses the Build-Play-Learn ideology and can be utilised in most core areas of the curriculum, particularly literacy and numeracy. In addition to this, Marty helps address the growing demand for teaching STEM in the classroom.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, four subjects that play massive roles in our daily lives. For example, science explains the world around us; technology allows us to form connections and expand our knowledge; engineering provides solutions to problems as diverse as transport and climate change; and mathematics underpins almost every job and activity we do. Because of this, STEM education is vital for students to succeed in our technology and information-based society.

Keep an eye out for Marty popping into classes throughout January!









Birds come to roost at MVP

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Peter Miller (Ms Miller's Dad) for kindly making and donating these beautiful hand carved wooden birds. Mr Miller worked with our Gardening Gang to choose where the birds would go and securely attach them to their new homes. There are 6 birds hidden around our grounds and our children have really enjoyed looking out for them. We are keen to further develop our outdoor play kitchen area, fill our new planters with compost and replenish the bark in our woodland walkway path. We plan to use some of our fundraising money to support these projects.







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MVP Community Hampers

On behalf of our senior classes and staff I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed items for our community hampers. This year we were able to deliver hampers to the following community partners and spread some festive joy.

- Mount Vernon Lollypop person
- Foxley Care Home
- Georgia Park Care Home
- Dogs Trust
- Greyfriars Nursing Home
- Action for Children
- Haydale Nursing Home
- Stepps Children's Hospice
- Glasgow North East Food Bank





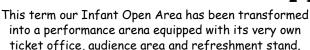


This is the Greatest Show!



Roll up! Roll up!

Come one! Come all!



We're looking for some of our budding superstars to showcase their talents and try their hand at magic, ribbon twirling, mime, comedy, dancing, singing, plate spinning and much more. Look out for photos and videos appearing on pupil's Seesaw journals.

If you have any unwanted costumes, magic sets, wigs or any other resource that you think might support this theme then please contact the school office or your child's class teacher. Many thanks.



Fundraising Update

Current Total - £6201.80

Thank you so much to our amazing Parent Council and to all our families and friends who helped by selling and buying raffle tickets.

Our Big Christmas Raffle was a huge success and raised £3582 to support school funds.

Our PJ Day also raised £352.

We will keep you updated with some of our new exciting projects that this money will help fund.

Thank you!



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December Special Commendation Winners

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



P1m	Bianca Teixeira Keian Chakarov	Р3	Millie Norval Ella Brooks	P6	Nathan Letham Olivia Boyd
P1r	Layla Wilson Lucca Duff	P4	Gabriella Connelly Adam McCormick	P7/6	Maria Hanif Harlie Merrick
P2	Olly Gray-Gardner Ella MacDonald	P5/4	Harry Murphy Yasheil Kumarage	P7	Eilidh McCance Harry McPartlin
P3/2	Zak Barret Millie McMunn	P5	Theo McFadden Olivia Lennon		

