

# October 2021 Newsletter

Dear parents and friends,

It is hard to believe it is October already and the first school term is almost over. We have had a busy first term in MVP and are looking forward to the October break.

It has been a delight throughout Term 1 to award Special Commendations, Thursday stickers and Golden Book letters. Our children are working extremely hard in school and it is a pleasure to share their achievements with you. All of our classes have also been learning about Climate Change and planning for COP26. Our children have created wonderful window displays of their learning. Please check out our Twitter page and Seesaw for updates.

We are delighted that we will be able to offer some afterschool clubs in the second term. Due to current restrictions and staggered breaks we will not be able to run lunchtime clubs and afterschool clubs will be limited. All information about clubs will be posted on our school app. You also need to use the school app to apply for a place at any club. Keep your eye peeled for more information.

The school closes for the October holiday on Thursday 7th October. We reopen on Monday 18th October at 9 o'clock.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or my DHT, Mrs Victoria Collins, by telephone or email.

Kindest regards,

Gayle Clarkson  
Head Teacher



## Parent Pay

Glasgow City Council are introducing an online payment solution called ParentPay into all primary and secondary schools across the city. ParentPay will be used to pay for all school trips, concert tickets, uniforms, meals etc and will enable us to remove all cash and cheques from schools. This also includes a new cashless catering solution although the option to pay for meals online will not be available immediately. Further details on the catering solution will be issued at a later date.

Please keep an eye on your email inbox as an activation letter, allowing you to set-up Parent Pay will be coming to you. When you receive this letter you will have a unique username to allow you to set up details for your child(ren.)

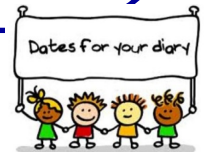
## #RefugeesWelcome

Thank you so much to everyone in the MVP Family for the huge amount of donations we received to help refugees arriving in Glasgow. We are overwhelmed by the support you have shown.

The Halliday Foundation collected your donations this week. They are so grateful for your kindness, support and generosity. This will be a huge help to many families beginning life in our city.



## OCTOBER DIARY



- 8th - In-Service Day
- 11th-15th - OCTOBER HOLIDAY WEEK
- 25th - Photographer in School - Class Pictures
- 26th - Flu Immunisation
- 29th - Hallowe'en Dress- up Day and Parent Council Hallowe'en Draw

## Parent Council

Our super Parent Council are still meeting 'virtually' to support our school.

They have many great plans in place for this school session. Look out for information on their super Hallowe'en Draw!

Huge thanks to our Chair, Lorna Mackechnie and the members of the Parent Council for the fantastic work they do.

## Parents as Partners



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## MVP is Good to Grow!

The staff and pupils at MVP are so pleased to see the return of our poly-tunnel which is now situated in our senior playground. This area provides an exciting environment for pupils to learn about plants, nurture seedlings and explore how nature works. We will keep you posted with updates from our poly-tunnel and please watch out for our 'Home Grown' trolley at the school gates.

At the end of September, we harvested our apples and carrots. We've had another outstanding crop this year and lots of families were lucky enough to receive some of our produce. We are always happy to receive any donations of seeds, compost or pots. Alternatively, if you have any advice or expertise you wish to share please contact the school office, we'd love to have you involved.

You can also support us by donating your Morrison's 'Good to Grow' vouchers on the My Morrisons app. We are able to trade the vouchers in for a wide range of gardening equipment and teaching resources.



"Morrisons is giving away FREE gardening equipment to schools! With a MyMorrisons account, collect Grow Tokens when you shop online or in store and donate them to our school. For more information visit [itsgoodtogrow.co.uk](http://itsgoodtogrow.co.uk). #itsgoodtogrow #makegoodthingshappen #morrisonss"





## Seesaw

Home Learning provides an opportunity for children to consolidate, reflect and build upon learning experiences in the classroom and promote good study habits and independent learning. It is integral to the learning and teaching process and helps to strengthen home and school links, enabling parents and careers to participate in their child's learning.

Home Learning tasks will be issued on a Monday each week - on Seesaw - to be completed and uploaded by Friday morning.

We will also upload wider school achievements into pupils learning journal on Seesaw. We are keen for families to see when children receive a Special Commendation, a Golden Book letter or a Thursday Sticker. We know children have many achievements outside of school and we love to hear about them. Please upload pictures or videos onto Seesaw for your child so they can share their achievements with the rest of the class.

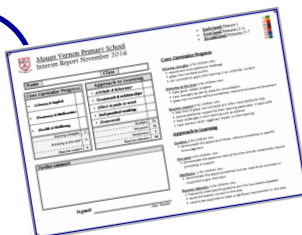
Thank you for your continued support with the use of Seesaw for Home Learning.



## Interim Reports & Parents' Evening

Interim reports will be sent home to parents on Friday 12th November. Please complete the feedback slip and return to school.

Parents' evenings will not take place in their pre-pandemic format any time before March 2022 when the position will be reviewed again. We intend to follow the same procedure as last session. Interim reports will come home on Friday 12th November. Any parent who would like to speak to their child's class teacher can request a telephone appointment. If you wish a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher, please indicate what you wish to discuss on the feedback form and we will be in touch with you.



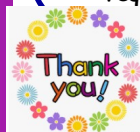
## Child Protection: Absence From School

It is the responsibility of all parents to inform the school, before 9am, of any absence from school. Failure to alert staff or the absence line that your child cannot attend causes concern for us under our child protection procedures. We must be satisfied that every child is accounted for on every school day.

When a parent or carer fails to inform the school/absence line our clerical staff can often spend the whole day trying to establish that the child is safe.

Please record your child's absence online or phone the dedicated absence team based at 220 High Street on: **0141 287 0039** from 8am on the first day of absence **AND** every subsequent day. It is important that the school is kept up to date during any long term absences.

Parents are strongly encouraged not to take their children out of school for family holidays. Should you wish to remove your child from school for any reason you **must** put your request in writing to the Head Teacher.



## Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone in the MVP Family for the support and kindness you have shown me. It has been a delight and a privilege to be HT at Mount Vernon.

Mount Vernon Primary is a unique school and has always felt like a family to me. I will miss everyone dearly. I do not have a leaving date yet but I will keep you updated with any information.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to the MVP staff for **EVERYTHING** they have done this term. They always work tirelessly, enthusiastically and with passion, dedication and courage.

Have a wonderful October break, see you in term 2!

**Can you guess the name of Luna the Witch's Cat?**

**Can you guess the missing potion ingredient?**

**We have amazing prizes full of spooktacular goodies for each class if you can!**

**Our P7 Pupils will be collecting your entries on a TUESDAY and a THURSDAY starting TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER.**

**You can have one guess or five it's up to you! Enter as many times as you'd like, BUT BE QUICK, GUESSES FILL UP FAST. Each entry is £2**

**All Class Draws will take place on Friday 29th October.....Good Luck Everyone!**

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