



# Musselburgh Burgh Primary School

## Newsletter 7 - May 2022



Dear Families,

Firstly, please let me apologise for the delay in producing this newsletter, which you should have received in April. The new term has been even busier than expected but communicating with families is a priority for us, so I am very sorry that I've not been able to share these updates with you sooner.

### Latest Covid Guidance

With the most recent updates to national and local guidance for schools, we have been able to lift further restrictions in and around the school this term. We are delighted that our playground can now be re-opened to all parents and carers at drop-off and collection times rather than being restricted to our P1-P3 families.

The wearing of face-coverings, while no longer mandatory by law, continues to be encouraged for adults when in crowded areas indoors. Different people have different levels of comfort with face-to-face contact and anyone who wishes to wear a face covering will be supported to do so.

School staff will no longer be undertaking twice weekly lateral flow testing and schools are no longer required to issue warn and inform letters to low risk contacts when positive cases are identified.

We are really looking forward to welcoming more of our families back into our school this term after a long, lonely two years. This will be a gradual process with the initial focus on working together with parents and carers to support transition from Nursery to Primary 1. We are also hoping to be able to invite our families in to school for our annual P1 Induction Evening and our P7 Leavers' Assembly in June.

### Playground Fundraising

As part of the Burgh Parent Council's continued efforts to raise funds to support the development of our school playground, two teams of committed parents and teachers will be running the 'Hairy Haggis Relay' in this year's Edinburgh Marathon on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. While the event is being billed as a 'Parents vs. Staff' race, I am assured the rivalry here is very much a friendly one; although I've no doubt that the intense training currently being endured by our runners will add a competitive edge to the proceedings!

The determination of each competitor to support our school's playground improvements is admirable and very much appreciated by us all. Any donations and gestures of moral support on the day will be very gratefully received. You can donate to their combined fundraising target using the following link:

[www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/musselburghburghprimary?utm\\_term=9eBp6NVd2](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/musselburghburghprimary?utm_term=9eBp6NVd2)

### DIARY DATES

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Launch of Parents Portal

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May**

P7 Leavers' Photos

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Olympic Tribal Rainforest workshops in P3, P3/4 & P4

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

In-service for school staff

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Pupils return to school

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

May Day of Play

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Edinburgh Marathon parents/staff team relay

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May @ 6.30pm**

P1 Induction Evening

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

P1 Transition begins  
(more details to follow)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

School closed

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

7.00-9.00pm

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### Classes and Staffing for Session 2022/23

We are currently in the process of organising our classes for next session and will share information about your child's new class and teacher and begin transition planning as soon as possible. Unfortunately, due to a drop in our school roll, we will have one class fewer at the Burgh next year and this will have an impact on our staffing with potential redeployment of some current teachers. This is likely to be very challenging for our staff team. We will keep you informed of any changes when we know more.

### Parents Portal

The new Parents Portal web platform will be "going live" from next week (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May) offering parents access to an online "one stop shop" for educational services and information related to their child, as well as simple and secure engagement with their school. Parents can access the new system using their MyAccount login (the same account used for iPayimpact online payments) but if you have any difficulty accessing the Parents Portal, please don't hesitate to contact the school office for help.

### Health and Safety

I would like to ask for your support in making the environment around our school and nursery grounds safer and healthier for our children. We are aware of regular gatherings of adults around our school entrances, particularly the Manse Lane area outside our Nursery garden, with reports of choice language and smoking at drop-off and collection times. This has an impact on the health and wellbeing of our Nursery children and I would like to encourage our parents and carers to refrain from congregating in these areas or to be more considerate of the children who are playing and learning outdoors. Thank you for your support with this.

### Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme

Since January 2022, all children and young people in Scotland aged between 5 and 21 years old are eligible for free bus travel. A National Entitlement Card (NEC) or Young Scot NEC with valid free travel entitlement is required to travel without charge on all buses. Parents and Carers can apply for one of these cards online at [www.getyournec.scot](http://www.getyournec.scot). You will also be able to apply for your child's free travel card through the Parents Portal from next week.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about anything that is happening in school this term.

Jon Doyle  
Head teacher

12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### DIARY DATES

(continued)

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June

3Sixty Bicycle Stunt Team  
exhibition for P1-7

#### Tue 14<sup>th</sup> & Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June

P7 2-day Transition Visits  
to Musselburgh Grammar

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Pupil Progress Reports  
issued to families

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

P1-P7 Sports Day @ Pinkie  
Playing Fields  
(Provisional date TBC)

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Science Showcase  
workshops for classes

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Achievement Reward for  
Accelerated Reader

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June

P7 Leavers' Assembly

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Whole School Trophy and  
Medal Presentation  
Ceremony

12.20/30pm - End of  
Session 2021/22

#### Mon 15<sup>th</sup> & Tues 16<sup>th</sup> August

In-Service for school  
staff

#### Wed 17<sup>th</sup> August

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session 2022/23