

Mid Calder Primary School



Primary 6!

Meet the Teacher: Mr. Kerr

Wednesday 26th August 2026





Structure of the School Day

Monday to Thursday

- 8.00 Breakfast Club (Optional)
- 8.30 Playground supervision
- 8.45 School Day starts
- 10.15 - 10:30 Break
- 12.10 - 12:50 Lunch
- 15.05 End of School Day

Friday

As above but...

- 12:25 End of School Day

Weekly Timetable

Monday	8:45 - 9:00 Register/Lunches		10:30 - 10:45 BREAK		10:45 - 11:00 Milk & Newsround		12:30 - 1:10 LUNCH			
Monday	9.00 - 10.30 LITERACY Spelling and Handwriting								1.10 - 1.45 LITERACY Reading For Writing	1.45 - 3.05 DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
Tuesday	9.00 - 10.30 LITERACY Guided Reading Sessions								1.10 - 2.00 LITERACY Writing	2.00 - 3.05 IDL
Wednesday	9.00 - 10.30 LITERACY Guided Reading Sessions								1.10 - 1.30 LITERACY Modern Languages	1.30 - 2.00 HWB
Thursday	9.00 - 10.00 LITERACY Spelling and Grammar	10.00 - 10.30 LITERACY Class Novel Comprehension								
Friday	8.45 - 9.45 HWB P.E. with Mrs. Redmond	9.45 - 10.30 MATHS Beyond number with Mrs. Redmond			10.45 - 11.30 MATHS Beyond number With Mrs. Redmond	11.30 - 12.00 Skills Builder	12.00 - 12.25 Fun Friday			
									1.10 - 2.05 Discrete Subject	2.05 - 3.05 HWB P.E.

School Uniform

- Children will be outside for play time in all weathers so please ensure your child is equipped for the day and changing elements!

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!

*Nearly New/Used Uniform Available from School Uniform 'Swap Shop' (see Mrs. Bell!)



Any clothing donations welcome.

Lunch Reminder

- School lunches are ordered at home through iPay Impact.
- Any issues with accessing iPay please call the school office and Mrs. Bell will sort it!



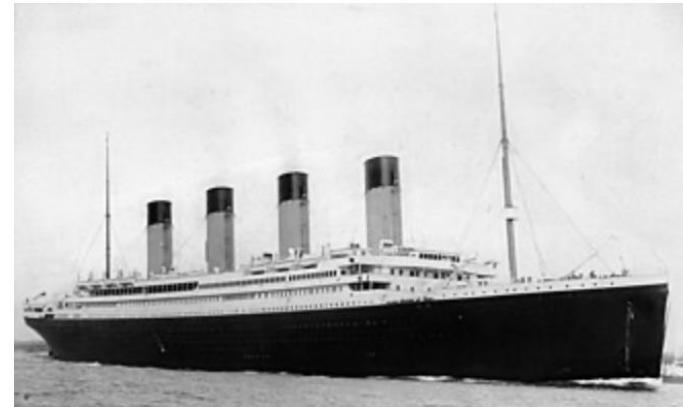
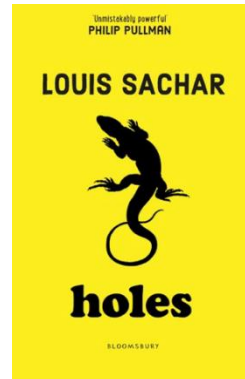
Important Documents

- EE2 forms have been sent by group call this week. Please return these as soon as possible.
- If there are any changes to **photo permissions** please let us know.
- Please ensure that all **medical forms** are up to date and any medication is handed in to school.
- We cannot issue medication to children unless the relevant form is completed and boxed/prescription information is shared.
- Please update the school office if there are any healthcare changes throughout the year.



Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

- Across our school we use consultative planning methods which means that our “topic” based learning comes from our pupils.
- The focus and content of this learning is determined by questions, investigations and interests from our children – they help to design what they would like to learn.
- The teacher then crafts and builds activities to support and develop this learning, alongside curriculum experiences, outcomes and planned assessments using our national Curriculum For Excellence benchmarks.





Literacy

Spelling

- We will be using the Phonics International progression to develop spelling patterns, encouraging the pupils to apply these confidently in their writing.

Writing

- We will be using PM Writing to support our writing skills, with our focus being '**Description**' writing. We will also teach grammar rules through our writing.
- Other genres this year: **Recount**, **Report** and **Discussion**

Reading

- Reading will be a key part of our timetable this year, with reading lessons taking place 3 and reading for enjoyment opportunities every day.
- Reading for Writing links texts to our writing focus to help identify features and language to support our writing lessons.



Numeracy and Maths

Numeracy

- multiplication and division revision/strategies
- decimal place value and calculations
- Number Talks

Maths (Beyond Number)

- Mrs. Redmond will be working on data collection and handling

Building Thinking Classrooms

- pupils encouraged to work collaboratively to solve problems, use different strategies and explain their reasonings
- working in random/mixed groupings



Our Health and Wellbeing

- UNCRC Focus – Children’s Rights
- SOAR Values
- Positive relationships – Ready, Respect, Safe
- Daily HWB check-ins (zones of regulation)
- Class Charter
- One Trusted Adult
- WL HWB Trackers
- RSHP education

<https://rshp.scot/>



PE

P.E. will take place on Thursday afternoons with myself and Fridays with Mrs. Redmond.

Our key focus for this term will be basketball and team building games.



Homework

Homework will be issued on a Tuesday to be handed in the following Monday.

Tasks will be posted to our P6 Teams page within the Homework channel, and jotters will also be given for any written tasks.

Format:

- **reading task** – pages/chapters of group text
- spelling task
- maths/numeracy task
- occasional topic/project tasks





Digital Learning

- Digital Creativity – presentations, posters, videos and graphics using Adobe Express.
- Microsoft 365 and Glove – developing their confidence using Teams, Word and PowerPoint.
- Coding - developing problem-solving skills
- Online Safety – understanding privacy, passwords, digital footprints and how to stay safe online.



Skills

We have a weekly Skills Builder slot on our timetable during which we will undertake various tasks to develop the key skills.



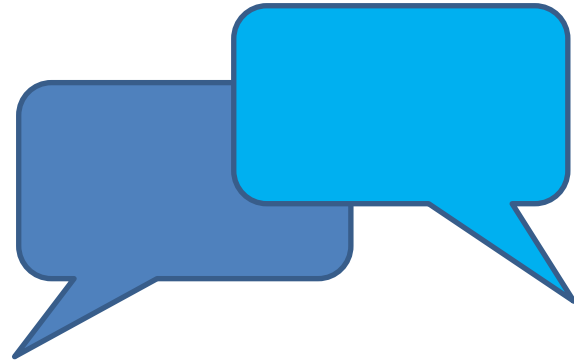
Skills Builder
Gold Award
2025 - 28

We are currently the only school in Scotland that has Gold award accreditation!



Pupil Voice

- Consultative planners for topics
- Teams used for uploading achievements and milestones
- SIP-ORT groups
- House Meetings





Important Dates

- Parent consultation 1 and 2:

Tuesday 13th October 15.30-17.00pm

Wednesday 14th October 16.00-19.30pm

- Parent consultation 3 and 4:

Tuesday 9th March 15.30-17.00pm

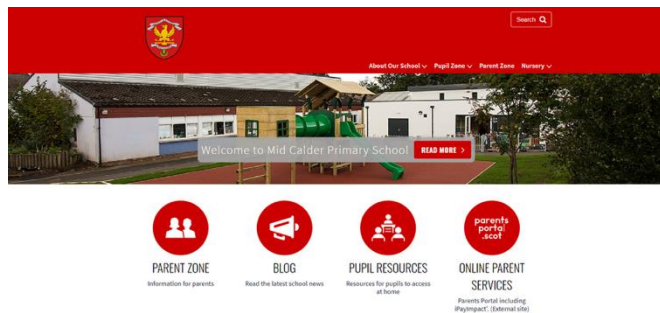
Wednesday 10th March 16.00-19.30pm

- Parent pop in 1:

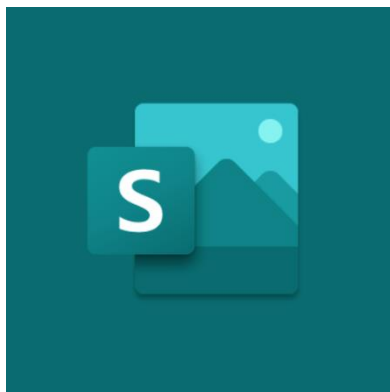
Thursday 26th November 14.00-15.05pm

Website:

<https://midcalderprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>



School/Class Newsletter:





Thank you!

Thank you for coming to support your child
and Mid Calder Primary!

If you have any questions or concerns
throughout the year, feel free to contact me
via the school office!