

Mid Calder Primary School



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ACCESS TO
EDUCATION

Primary 6/7 - Miss Hawes

26th of August 2026

6:00pm - 6:30pm and 6:30pm - 7:00pm





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

08:45am - 09:00am		09:00am - 10:15am		10:15am - 10:30am		10:30am - 12:10pm		12:10pm - 12:50pm		12:50pm - 3:05pm	
Mon	SOFT START 8:45am - 9:00am	LITERACY Spelling / Handwriting / Grammar 09:00am - 09:40am	LITERACY Reading 09:40am - 10:15am	B R E A K	NUMBER TALKS 10:30am - 11:00am	MATHS & NUMERACY Numeracy 11:00am - 12:10pm		L U N C H	P6/7 LEADERSHIP - SKILLS BUILDER Weekly Rotation A: P6 - Digital Literacy P7 - Intervention Groups / House Captain Weekly Rotation B: P6 - Digital Literacy P7 - Leadership		
Tues	SOFT START 8:45am - 9:00am	LITERACY Spelling / Handwriting / Grammar 09:00am - 09:40am	LITERACY Reading 09:40am - 10:15am		HWB Daily Mile 10:30am - 11:00am	NUMBER TALKS 11:00am - 11:30am	MATHS & NUMERACY Maths 11:30am - 12:10pm		MATHS & NUMERACY Maths 12:50pm - 1:10pm	HWB P.E 1:10am - 2:10pm	MATHS & NUMERACY Maths 2:10pm - 2:40pm
Wed	SOFT START 8:45am - 9:00am	LITERACY Reading for writing 09:00am - 09:40am	LITERACY Languages 09:40am - 10:15am		NUMBER TALKS 10:30am - 11:00am	MATHS & NUMERACY Numeracy 11:00am - 12:10pm			IDL TCH, SCN		
Thurs	SOFT START 8:45am - 9:00am	DYW / RME / RSH / Brass 09:00am - 09:20am	LITERACY Writing 09:20am - 10:15am		NUMBER TALKS 10:30am - 11:00am	MATHS & NUMERACY Numeracy 11:00am - 12:10pm			IDL TCH, SCN		
Fri	SOFT START 8:45am - 9:00am	LITERACY Feedback Friday 09:00am - 09:45am	(HOUSE) ASSEMBLY / COMMITTEE GROUPS 09:45am - 10:30am		HWB P.E 10:50am - 11:50am	CLUB 3I					

All pupils are entitled to learn about all subject areas. Sometimes these are taught on their own and other subjects are incorporated within IDL. All areas of the curriculum will be covered in Primary 6/7. This timetable will change each term and you will be update of changes via future learning letters.

School Uniform

- Grey trousers/skirt/ shorts and white shirt/blouse and red & grey striped school tie (grey/red cardigan optional)
- Grey trousers/skirt / shorts and red school polo shirt with school badge and grey school sweatshirt with school badge
- Grey school cardigan
- **Summer:** Red and white gingham dress with red or grey cardigan
- **P.E. Kit:** As we promote physical activity and outdoor learning, we recommend pupils wearing school logo joggers and jumpers on active days. Please also provide wellies, jackets, sunscreens etc. where appropriate - we aim to be outside in all weathers so please ensure your child is equipped for the day and changing elements!
- **P7 - Hoodies (Fri) and Ties (any day)**

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!

*Nearly New/Used Uniform Available from School Uniform 'Swap Shop'
Any clothing donations welcome.



Lunchtime Reminder

- School lunches are ordered daily through iPay impact - All P1-5 children are entitled to free school dinners
- You can look at the lunches at home with your child and **YOU MUST** pre order your child's lunch - This applies to all lunches, including a Friday.





Important Documents

- Please return digital documents (photo permission forms and EE2 forms) as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. We cannot share any photos to SWAYs until these are returned.
- Please ensure that all medical forms are filled in fully and handed back promptly with any appropriate medication.
- 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 during the year.
- This is only relevant to you if you are changing any forms (medical / photos). This can be done via the office.



Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

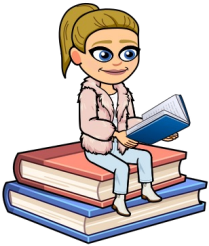
- Across our school we use consultative planning methods which means that our “topic” based learning comes from our pupils.
- The focus and content of this learning is determined by questions, investigations and interests from our children - they help to design what they would like to learn.
- The teacher 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.
- This term, our learning context will begin with “The Night Bus Hero” by Onjali Q. Rauf and then “Titanic”.





Literacy - Reading

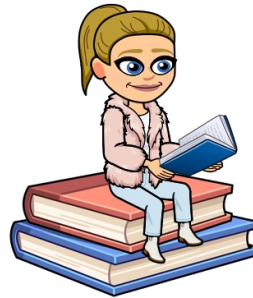
- We will be focussing on key reading skills and developing our independence to introduce these skills in literature circles.
- Each child will have a reading book but homework might not revolve around the book and more on skills.





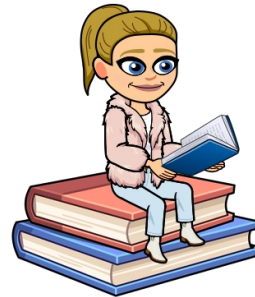
Literacy - Writing

- We are using the PM writing scheme to focus on key writing skills which will link with other curricular areas.
- Our first genre for learning is 'Description'.



Literacy - Listening & Speaking

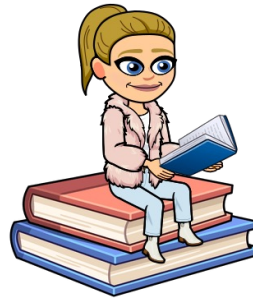
- We will focus on listening and talking throughout the term. We will incorporate this during our IDL and reading lessons.



Literacy - Listening and Talking

Opportunities for Listening and Talking:

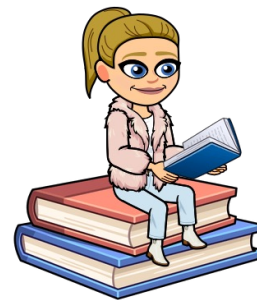
- Guided reading sessions
- Learning discussions - writing
- Number Talks
- Group tasks/Partner work
- Check in/news time
- Prepared class talks
- Whole school assemblies
- Leadership Lessons
- House and Vice Captains





Literacy - Spelling

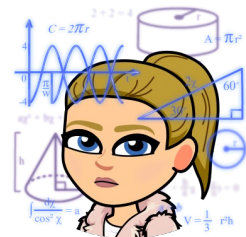
- We will continue to follow the 'Phonics International' spelling programme.
- Children will focus on a new spelling rule each week and there will be tasks to develop these skills alongside homework.





Numeracy and Maths

- Numeracy - The focus this term will begin with expressions and equations.
- Maths - The focus for this term will be data handling.
- We will also continue to develop mental strategies using 'Number Talks' and explore problem solving through real life contexts.
- We continue to use a range of resources and programmes to support our numeracy and maths.





Health and Wellbeing

- UNCRC Focus - Children's Rights
- SOAR Values
- Positive relationships - Ready, Respect, Safe
- Daily HWB check-ins
- Class Charter
- One Trusted Adult
- WL HWB Trackers



Health and Wellbeing

- Throughout P6/7 we will be focussing on lots of areas within health and wellbeing that will be taught using the RSHP resource and the Emotion Works programme.
- PE - Tuesday and Friday
- Daily Mile - Tuesday





P7 - House Captains and Leadership Roles

- P7 will have the chance to put themselves forward for the following roles:
 - House Captain
 - Vice Captain
 - Leadership Lesson
- 17th and 18th of September- House Captain presentations. Leadership lesson roles arranged after this.
- P7 will take on the important role of 'buddy' this year! They will spend time with their buddies every other Monday,
- Please don't put money towards your child's house captain campaign to keep it as equitable as possible.



P6 - Leadership Roles

- P6 will take on the role of foodie friends, library lions and wellbeing warriors. The pupils will support the infants at lunch and break. They will also support our continued 'reading schools' journey. Mr Kerr will organise this to make sure all P6s are involved and included!

Skills

Introduce skills builder - common language, consistency and progression across the school.



Skills Builder
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Pupil Voice

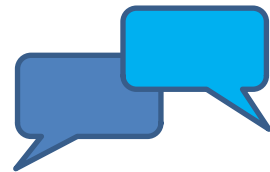


Within the classroom, there are many ways for the class to express their thoughts and opinions. For example, our class bank and class charter.

We will be continuing committee groups

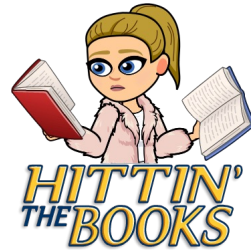
The P7s will have the chance to go for house captains and leadership roles.

We will have house meetings where pupils can share their thoughts and ideas.



Homework

- Homework will be posted on our P6/7 Teams each week. Activities should be completed and uploaded into personal files or completed in their homework jotter. Homework will be issued on a Tuesday and will be due the following Monday morning.
- Homework may include; literacy, numeracy and maths and IDL.
- How to get onto teams ...





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Miss Hawes 9:03 PM

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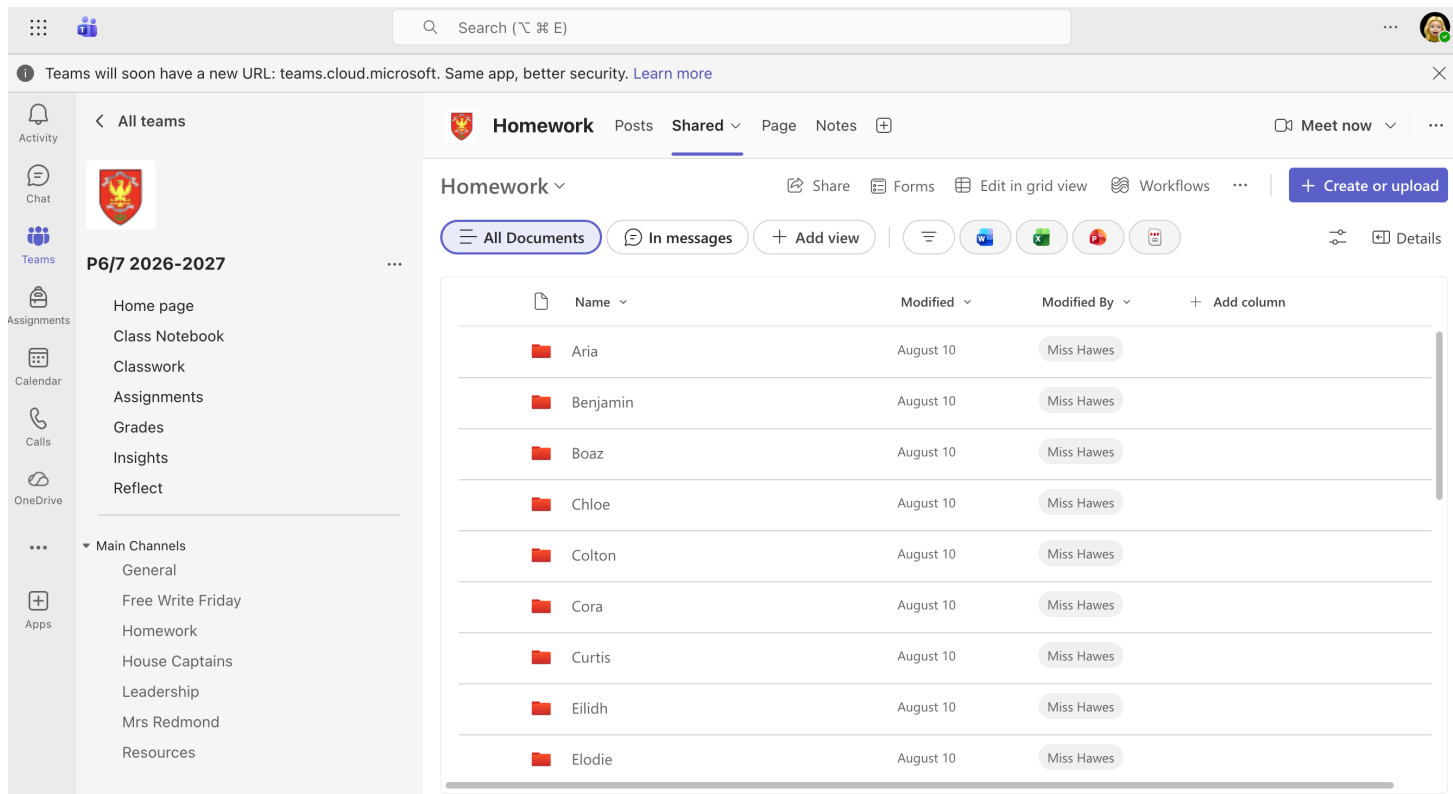
Welcome to P6/7! We are going to have a great year!

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Digital Learning

- We are using digital learning every day in P6/7 and encourage the use of safe digital use outlined in our BYOD form



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<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/uk/midcalder/>
Head Teacher: Robbie Taylor

Tuesday 15th August 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Staff and pupil use of digital tools in Mid Calder Primary School has been recognised and celebrated across West Lothian Council and beyond, and we wish to continue using this powerful tool to motivate and engage our learners. In our school, we have an Anywhere, Anytime Learning (AAL) wireless network. This allows personal mobile devices to connect to the internet using a password protected, audited connection. As we hold the Digital Schools Award status, we offer the opportunity to bring handheld devices that the children use at home into school. This is called Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). In doing this, we aim to enhance children's learning experiences and prepare them with skills for learning, life and work.

To ensure we have a shared understanding of what being a BYOD school entails, the children have created a 'BYOD Responsible Use Contract'. A number of key points to highlight from this are:

1. When the devices are not being used, they will be kept in a class box to keep them safe.
2. Pupils are responsible for the safety of their own devices in school.
3. Pupils will only use their devices when they are asked and are expected to use them responsibly to support their learning. Any misuse of trust will result in a loss of device time for individuals.
4. Devices will not be permitted to be used out with school learning hours. This includes breakfast club, soft start, break times or lunch times.
5. Using the permission slip attached, parents/carers must give permission for pupils to bring in and use their own device.

We understand that families have different experiences and views about the use of devices at home. In school, our children have access to a variety of digital tools which will always be available for their use. We would like to stress that there is no expectation to take part in BYOD, and that the AAL network is available to give greater choice to parents and learners. Please do not feel that this is a necessity.

Thank you for your support.

Miss ~~Stobson~~

I have read the 'BYOD Responsible Use Contract' and discussed it with my child. I give permission for my child to bring their own device to school to support their learning across the curriculum.

Name of child (please print): _____

Class: _____ Device they will be bringing to school: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____



Digital Learning

- Continued use of digital technologies to enhance and engage learning across the curriculum.
- Children use a range of devices and digital platforms:
 - Sumdog
 - Hit the Button
 - Top marks
 - First News
 - EPIC reading
 - Procreate
 - Minecraft
 - Kahoot
 - Netbooks
 - iPads
 - Spheros
 - Green screen
 - Stick bots
 - Beebots/botleys
 - BYOD
 - Blooket





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



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Resources for pupils to access at home

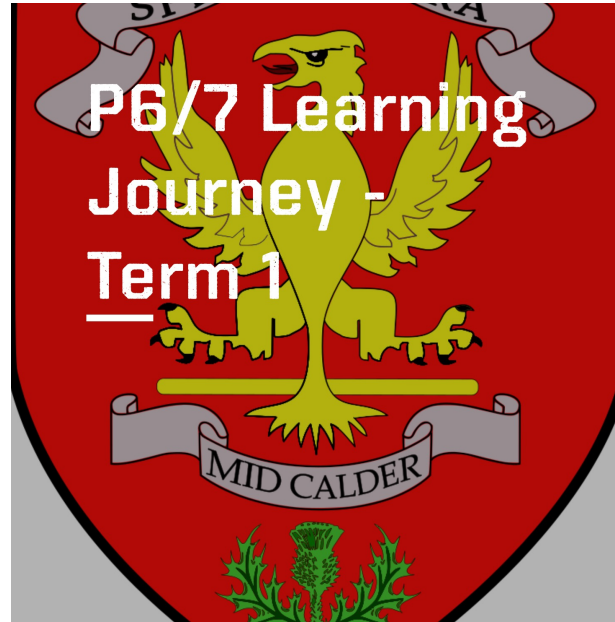


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Parents Portal including iPayImpact*. (External site)





P6/7 Term 1 SWAY



P6/7 Learning Journey - Term 1



P6/7 Important Dates

- I will share important dates ASAP via the school office.
- Term 1 and Term 2
 - P7 House Captain presentations (class): 17th of September
 - P7 House Captain presentations (school): 18th of September
 - Parents evening: 13th and 14th of October
 - P6/7 Assembly: 6th of November @ 9:45am
 - Camp parent and pupil meeting: 18th of November @ 6:30pm
 - Parent Pop In: 26th of November @ 1:30pm
- Term 3
 - Parents Evening: 9th and 10th of March
- Term 4
 - Camp: 21st - 23rd of April 2026
- Other important dates will follow. Including trips and P7 leavers events.



Thank you!

- Thank you for coming this evening, it's lovely to see you all!
- If you wish to attend a further workshop with another teacher, then please head back to the hall and Mr Taylor and Mrs Bates will point you in the right direction!

