



Melrose Primary School

Weekly Home Learning Bulletin 7: 8th June 2020

These are incredibly challenging times for all of us. We hope that you are looking after and supporting one another and remembering that throughout all of this, your own and your child's/children's health and wellbeing is of upmost importance. All we need from you is that you try to share your calmness, resilience and laughter with your children. It is not your job to progress your child's learning or carry out the role of a teacher – those are our roles and we will continue to plan how to do this over this period of disruption. If you have any queries or concerns during this period please contact us. We are here to support you.

Learner Progress Overviews / Teacher Availability

Over the next couple of weeks our class teachers will be preparing Learner Progress Overviews. Progress Overviews form part of our reporting process and would normally be sent out at this time of year. They are designed to communicate learner progress over the course of the academic year. The main information you need to know just now is that:

- Progress Overviews will be based on assessment information gathered from August 2019 to March 2020
- Class teachers will be unavailable for two half days to allow completion and distribution of progress overviews – during these times teachers will not be active on Teams. You will be informed of availability interruptions

Transitions – ELC, P1 and P7

At this time of year we carry out additional final preparations to support both learners and their families through important transitions, namely:

- Children joining the ELC setting
- Children moving from ELC to P1
- Children moving from P7 to S1

Both the school closure and the school's current use as a HUB have made this process more challenging. We want to reassure you that we are planning transition supports and will update you as soon as we have a workable structure in place.

Virtual Sports Day

Melrose Primary School and ELC are holding a Virtual Sports Day on **Tuesday 9th June**. Details of the day including activities and score sheets have been emailed to all parent/carers emails. Class teachers will post the details on Teams and it will also be available on the school website.

Parent/Carer Numeracy Learning Sessions

The Education Scotland Numeracy and Mathematics team wish to highlight a series of events that have been organised by the National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPFS) and are designed in partnership with Education Scotland, Making Maths Count and Count on Us. These 'Learning Together' events are aimed specifically at parents to support their child with learning at home, within the area of numeracy and mathematics.

Details can be found at: <https://www.npfs.org.uk/2020/06/03/learning-together-online-numeracy-and-maths-sessions-for-parents-to-support-learning-at-home/>

The organisation of Home Learning

Home learning activities are available from the school website and through your child's/children's' Microsoft Teams page on GLOW. We want to be clear that these are learning ideas – do not feel pressured to complete all of them, especially if they are causing additional stress for you and/or your child/children.

Home Learning Grids are available from our website - <http://melroseprimary.school/resources> We are using Microsoft Teams *in addition* to our Home Learning Grids. Use of this continues to be developed by our Teachers. Learners can log onto GLOW to access their Teams - <https://glow.rmunify.com/>

Home Learning Grids

- available from the school website and updated every 2 weeks
- contains activities to develop learning in Literacy and Numeracy
- contains activities to develop learning in Health and Wellbeing
- activities to focus on application of skills and concepts
- will have a mixture of activities that can be done electronically and without the need for technology

Microsoft Teams

- a place where learners/parents can have general communications with their teacher
- a place where learners can share pictures, videos and news of their achievements
- a place where teachers can set activities to develop children's learning

Top Tips for Microsoft 365 and Microsoft Teams

As we develop our use of and understanding of Microsoft Teams (a Microsoft 365 application) we aim to provide you with access to training materials that will help you and your child/children interact with their class teacher on Team. Please, if you have any ideas or would like specific training materials, e-mail your suggestions to melroseps@scotborders.gov.uk and we will begin to build up a library of specific materials. In the meantime...

How to I download Microsoft 365	There is a help document available on the website http://melroseprimary.school/resources in the 'Downloads' section.
How do I access Teams / download the Team desktop app?	https://youtu.be/hVVGdml29i0
How do I make sure my teacher reads my comment?	Whenever you are commenting tag the person(s) you want to see the message by using the @ symbol e.g. @Mrs. Innes here is a picture of my latest achievement
How do I download and upload documents?	There is a help document available on the website http://melroseprimary.school/resources in the 'Downloads' section.
How can I increase the font size when viewing items on my PC	For windows machine you can often use 'ctrl' and '+' or 'ctrl' and '-' to increase or decrease the viewing size

How to access support

We are here to support you. During this period you may require different types of support. We want to ensure you access the support you require. Please use the table below to help you find the support that you need.

Support Required	Place(s) to access support
I require technical support e.g. accessing GLOW/Microsoft Teams	Please contact the school at melroseps@scotborders.gov.uk and a member of our team will direct you to the best support
I have a query about my child's / children's learning e.g. advice, questions about the Home learning Grids etc.	Contact your child's class teacher using their GLOW e-mail address (see below) Or Contact the school at melroseps@scotborders.gov.uk
I have a general query or concern	Please contact the school at melroseps@scotborders.gov.uk and a member of our team will direct you to the best support

Staff GLOW e-mail addresses

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Thank you...

There will be an updated bulletin at 0900 on Monday 15th June 2020. In the meantime, stay well, stay safe and do not hesitate to contact us should you require support.

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