



# Midlothian



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Dear parent/carer,

Since the beginning of the new school year, the whole school have been recapping all our wonderful work on Visible Learning and working very hard to develop growth mindsets. Children have been taking part in a variety of tasks to review Bonnyrigg's Learner Qualities.

On Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, it is International Dot Day. This day marks the anniversary of the publication of Peter H. Reynolds' "*The Dot*". Starting in 2009, a group of educators began celebrating this date as International Dot Day — a day for classes to explore the story's powerful themes: bravery, creativity, and self-expression.

"*The Dot*" is the story of a kind and compassionate teacher who dares an unenthusiastic pupil to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to "make her mark". What starts as a small dot on a piece of blank paper then turns into a remarkable journey of self-discovery and inspiration.

We will be reading and discussing the story of "*The Dot*" in our Learning Gatherings over the next couple of weeks, and would encourage you to ask your child about it.

As a celebration to "make our mark" on International Dot Day, we would like to invite pupils to add something "dotty" to their uniform. This could simply be a hair bow/band, socks, stickers or a scarf – it is entirely up to you!

We really hope that you will support us in celebrating this day. Keep an eye on our school Twitter account (@bonnyrigg1) to see how individual classes celebrate.

Thank you,

Sarah Stark and Caroline Findlay  
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