

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Bulletin



Friday 13 March 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Monday saw several members of our school community attend a ceremony at the Linn Crematorium to celebrate the life of Mr Steven Brown. The ceremony was both poignant and personal and I left feeling a real sense of the man Steven was, of the values he held dear and of his overwhelming love for his family. I am sure you will want to join me in sending Lindsay and her girls all the love and support of our community.

The rest of the week has been dominated by the start of the recruitment process for next session, a process that will no doubt continue from now into June. With four new teachers, several Child Development Officers and a Principal Teacher to recruit, this is a really exciting opportunity to continue to build and strengthen our staff team.

And let us not forget- just for a moment- the subject that has dominated the wider public discourse recently:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus>

I would like to take this opportunity to really commend our children. They have adapted to the small changes in our routines in class and in the lunch hall and nursery class snack area (structured handwashing is 'fun' apparently) with resilience, enthusiasm and their customary common sense. They really are stars!

Spring Disco- REMINDER

Don't forget- our fantastic Parent Council volunteers have organised another disco for the children on Thursday March 19th. Primary 1-2's disco is from 6.15-7.15pm, with Primary 3-5 from 7.30-8.30pm. Tickets cost £5, including snack and 'mini-stalls', and are available on the door.

Authority Questionnaire Programme- REMINDER

Maidenhill Primary has been selected to be part of East Renfrewshire's Authority Questionnaire Programme for this year and I would be grateful if parents of children in Primary 1-5 could take time to complete the following survey:

<https://getinvolved.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/education/80b6ba5a/>

As we have only been open for 6 months and our first school session is yet to run its course, I appreciate that it may be difficult for you to fully comment on all aspects of school life. However all and any feedback will be of significant use to us and to the Education Department in planning for improvement and I would appreciate if you can spare some time to let us know what you think. Our older children and our staff will also be asked to complete questionnaires in order that the process can be triangulated.

Parent Coffee Morning

Our next Parent Coffee Morning is scheduled for Wednesday April 1st at 9.15 am. We look forward to seeing you there. In the spirit of sustainability, don't forget to bring your mug.

Key Dates for Terms 3 and 4

w/b Monday March 16th – Nursery Parent Consultations (sign-up sheet in nursery)
Thursday March 19th – Parent Council Spring Disco
from Tuesday 24th March – Scholastic Book Fair comes to Maidenhill
Thursday March 26th – Parent Consultation Evening 2, from 3.30pm
Friday April 3rd– P4/5 Assembly @ 11 am; P4/5 Parents/ carers welcome to attend
Friday April 3rd– School closes for Spring Holiday
Monday April 20th– School re-opens for Term 4
Thursday May 7th– INSET Day
Friday May 8th– Holiday
Friday May 15th– P1 Assembly; P1 Parents/ carers welcome
Friday May 22nd and Monday May 25th– Holiday
Tuesday May 26th– INSET Day
Tuesday June 2nd– Nursery Sports
Thursday June 4th– School Sports
Friday June 12th– Summative reports issued to parents/ carers
Thursday June 25th– Nursery Graduation, am

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