

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Bulletin



Friday 26 June 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Today marks the end of Maidenhill's very first year- and what a year it has been!

From the excitement of our open afternoon on August 16 when our children first had the chance to see their fantastic new school, right through to today as we wind up our 'hub' and wish all our nursery class leavers the very best for an exciting new chapter in their lives, it has certainly been the most memorable year in my long, long teaching career!

Our first year has given us some amazing memories; our Learn With Us Afternoons, Maths Week Scotland and Maths Fayre, P2 and 3's Friendship Assembly, the Parent Council Hallowe'en Disco, World of Work Week, Book Week Scotland and our whole-school paired reading afternoon, the MUGA Dash, Be Bright Day, Tartan Day and our STEM Fayre, to name just a few. And who could ever forget our very slick and very cute/funny (delete as applicable) nursery and primary nativities?

Yet my fondest memories come from the quiet, everyday interactions that I have with our children, in the classroom as they learn and play or in the lunch hall or playground as they relax and socialise. The children of Maidenhill have shown themselves to be quite the team. Their enthusiasm for their new school, the sense of identity that they quickly embraced and the culture of community and care for each other that they demonstrate each day is nothing short of exemplary. I am so proud of each and every one- they have made my job an absolute joy.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all. Our school relies on your support and that support has been in abundance this year. I get the sense that you as parents have also embraced the feeling of community that our new school has forged and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and working with you over the course of the session.

Obviously this year has been memorable for one other major reason. It is only now looking back, particularly at the two weeks from March 16- March 27, can I fully appreciate just how difficult events were for us all. Through it all, however, I have been able to rely on our staff team. I cannot fault the commitment and dedication they have shown, often when facing their own increased family responsibilities and personal challenges. The work they have been doing and continue to do, in the 'Hub' as well as behind the scenes, is immense and has made me extremely proud.

As I said when we had to shut down on March 20, I am determined that Coronavirus will not define Maidenhill's first year. Long after this pandemic has been forgotten about (ever the optimist!) it is all those other memories which will remain.

Hopefully there will be no major changes to our plans before August 12, but our contingency is in place if needs be. All going well, I will be in touch on August 10 with confirmation and final details about the children's return. Our office will close at 1pm today and will also re-open on August 10. Any urgent enquiries regarding admissions, transport, summer holiday provision etc. should be directed to the Education Department.

Enjoy the summer and seize the opportunity whenever you can- children and adults- to have fun. I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday August 12.

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald
Head Teacher