

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Update



Friday November 6

Dear Parents/ Carers

Another week down and another week where our little school and nursery class feel like hubs of normality within a crazy world. The children and staff are continuing to work hard on developing our meaningful vision and values and sometimes at the moment 'normal' seems like the ultimate aspiration- 'Maidenhill: where life is normal' could almost stand as our vision statement for the time being!

We have welcomed several new children to our school since the October holiday and it has been great to see how quickly they have been able to make new friends and become fully involved in our Maidenhill life. Our children are all very used to new classmates joining them throughout the course of a session and always ensure they go out of their way to help newcomers settle.

I appreciate this will probably be more of a challenge for parents and carers who are new to our school community. Not having the opportunity to visit the school or to have the face-to-face contact with staff that our regular parental engagement programme would afford means a huge leap of faith on your part. In another time and on another calendar, last week should have seen us inviting all parents and carers into P1-7 classes for our first 'Learn With Us' afternoon of the session and nursery class parents would have had several opportunities so far to 'stay and play'. If we all play our part, though, it hopefully won't be too long before we are able to welcome you back in. Maidenhill is all about the strength of our entire school community and all the technology in the world cannot compete with old-fashioned face-to face chat! In the meantime, I thank you for your patience and urge you to get in touch via schoolmail@maidenhill.e-renfrew.sch.uk if you have any queries at any point. Look out for updated class newsletters and some new film clips from our class teachers next week.

Hallowe'en Fun

It was great to see all our children dressed to the nines and joining in the Hallowe'en fun last week. You know you are getting old when you cannot tell the difference between a Kylo Ren costume and a Darth Vader one! There was great excitement across the school and nursery class and thanks have to go to our hard-working staff for helping to make the day special for the children. Thanks also to our Parent Council for kindly providing all our children with spooky-themed biscuit treats.

Be Bright Day

Our Pupil Council are finalising details for a Be Bright Day on Wednesday 25th November. In return for a small donation to our school fund, our Be Bright Day is an opportunity for our P1-7 children to come to school in their brightest clothes (and hair) and help chase away the gloom of the dark winter days. They are also planning a fun physical challenge for children to take part in during the day to highlight the importance of keeping active in the winter months. Further details will follow as plans are firmed up. All money donated to school funds on the day will help us organise our parties in December.

Nursery Class Update

A huge thank you to all parents/ carers who contributed to our Nursery Fund last term. Your contributions were invaluable and allowed us to provide for our Hallowe'en party and to enrich many other experiences for our children.

Valuable contributions for this term can be made using the ParentPay Portal. As we are now moving towards that time of year where a very special visitor will hopefully be paying us a visit, we would be extremely grateful for a suggested contribution of £2 per week (or £18 for the term). Please note that you are under no obligation to contribute but that any and all contributions are most welcome.

To contribute to our Nursery Fund via the ParentPay portal, please log in to ParentPay and the Nursery Fund payment item will be showing. If you require your child's log in details, please contact the school office

The children have settled extremely well into their new 'zones' and the new experiences they are encountering. We should know by now never to underestimate how adaptable our children are!

Next Friday sees us bidding a fond farewell to Lynne Morton. Lynne has worked hard for the children of Maidenhill for over a year now. We will miss her, but we wish her well for all future endeavours.

Diary

Wednesday 25 November- Be Bright Day

Friday 18 December- school closes for Christmas holiday

Tuesday 5 January- school re-opens

Friday 5 February- school closes for February holiday

Wednesday 10 February- school re-opens

Thursday 25 March- Parent Consultation Meetings ii- tbc.

Thursday April 1- school closes for Spring holiday

Have a great weekend.

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald

Head Teacher