

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Bulletin



Friday February 26th 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Some weeks at Maidenhill Primary & Nursery Class are like a gentle spin on the teacups. This was not one of those weeks. This week was definitely a ride on the corkscrew. Highs, lows, upside down spins, everything else in between.....and not even a goldfish in a plastic bag to show for it at the end!

Hopefully and, most importantly, the kids are totally oblivious to the trials and tribulations that go on behind the scenes and thankfully, for most of them, this week has been an uninterrupted and very positive return to school and nursery. By twenty past nine on Monday morning it was as though they had never been away.

We also heard the great news on Tuesday that our P4-7s are definitely included within the second phase of the return to school. All going to plan, it is proposed that they will be back with us on Monday 15th March. I am so looking forward to seeing them.

This is dependent however on an analysis of the data that arises from this week and next week, particularly in terms of community transmission. We have seen this week how fragile the situation can be and how quickly it can impact on a school.

Thank you for everything you have been doing this week to play your part, i.e. face masks at drop-off and pick-up, strictly one family member only in the MUGA (under 5s obviously excepted), dispersing quickly from the school grounds after drop-off and pick-up- it is much appreciated. We are very fortunate that our school grounds are not of a traditional design, i.e. bordering directly on to a public pavement/ road, and that we have the 'boulevard' area running alongside the MUGA and leading to the front door. I appreciate that the current childcare demands you are all facing mean that it is not always possible to limit drop-off and pick-up to the advised '1 adult'. I am more than happy if you need to bring older siblings with you that they can enter school grounds and wait for you on our boulevard, keeping clear of the MUGA gates. This obviously does not apply to any family members who are currently self-isolating.

World Book Day

Thursday 4 March is World book Day and we will be celebrating with a series of activities and challenges in-class and online. We were delighted to receive a kind donation from our Parent Council (the result of all their Christmas fundraising and the entire parent forum's generosity) and we will use the day to start thinking about all the new books we want to order for our libraries.

Nursery Class

Our Nursery Class children have easily settled back in and it has been great to see the independence they were developing when organising their own belongings in the cloakroom and coming into the playroom has not been affected by lockdown. They have had great fun exploring new zones whilst investigating symmetry and pattern indoors and out.

Save the Date- Parent Consultation Meetings

We are hoping to run our Parent Consultation Meetings, following the same system of telephone calls as the September meetings. Please save Wednesday 24 March and Thursday 25 March as the proposed dates and I will update you with confirmed details next week.

Diary

Wednesday 24 March/ Thursday 25 March- Parent Consultation Meetings ii- tbc.

Thursday 1 April - school and nursery class close for Spring holiday

Monday 19 April- school and nursery class re-open for Summer term

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald

Head Teacher