

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Update



Friday April 30 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

An unprecedented 376 application forms were received this week for the 3 class teacher positions recently advertised. Despite the mammoth task involved in turning over 376 forms in 4 days, it has been great to see the enthusiasm from teachers for the possibility of coming to work at Maidenhill. I look forward to the interview process w/b May 10 and hearing about the skills and qualities the short-listed candidates feel they can bring to our school and nursery class.

Maidenhill All-stars

We held our assembly this morning and I was proud to award April's Maidenhill All-Stars certificates. Well done to Vanya, Bilal, Tayyab, Zoya, Finlay, Lily, Cameron, Maria and Daisy for all their efforts.

New intake- Primary 1 and Nursery Class

The database has recently opened to allow us to see who has been allocated places for our Primary 1 and nursery class for next session. We are looking forward to meeting all our August new starts and Miss Shaw will shortly be writing to parents to outline our induction arrangements for this term.

Bikeability

Our first Bikeability sessions took place this week and it was great to see how responsibly and independently our older children were looking after their bicycles. Don't forget that the next session for our P5s is on Tuesday next week and on both Wednesday and Friday for our P6s and P7s.

East Renfrewshire Standardised Testing

The East Renfrewshire Standardised Testing Programme for P3, P5 and P7 pupils is all but over, with just some catch-up still to do for any child who has been absent. The test papers are all then sent away to be marked centrally and it is hoped that they will be returned in time for us to include the relevant standardised scores in this year's summative reports. Well done to the children for their hard work and resilience!

Diary

Monday 3 May- May Day holiday

Tuesday 4 May- P5 Level 1 Bikeability Day 2

Wednesday 5 May- P6 and 7 Level 2 Bikeability Day 3

Thursday 6 May- INSET day

Friday 7 May- P6 and 7 Level 2 Bikeability Day 4

Tuesday 11 May- P5 Level 1 Bikeability Day 3

Thursday 20 May- Nursery Class intake for 2021/22 parent info event (tbc- dependent on nursery allocations having been completed and social distancing guidelines)

Friday 28 May and Monday 31 May- May Weekend holiday

Tuesday 1 June- Primary 1 intake for 2021/22 parent info event (tbc- dependent on social distancing guidelines)

Thursday 17 June- P7 Leavers' evening event (from 6.30 pm tbc)

Friday 18 June- School and Nursery Class Sports Day (please note change to previously intimated date)

Friday 18 June- summative report cards issued

Monday 21 June and Tuesday 22 June- P7 induction days @ Mearns Castle High School

Wednesday 23 June, 11.15 am- Nursery Class Leavers' Ceremony

Thursday 24 June, 11.15 am- P7 Leavers' Ceremony

Friday 25 June- Summer term ends

Please enjoy the bank holiday weekend and we will see everyone back on Tuesday.

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald

Head Teacher