

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Update



Friday May 21 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Yet again, I spoke to soon with my 'another step towards normality' pronouncement last week. I really should learn just to keep quiet on the subject! Anyway, please find attached a flyer that I have been asked to distribute on behalf of NHS Test and Protect and I'll keep my mouth closed on anything else to do with you-know-what at this moment in time!

Photographs

Our photographs from Tempest this week proved to be a marathon endeavour. Mostly my fault, so I can't really complain- I had mentioned family or individual photos in the letter but didn't make it explicit in the tear-off slip that there would only be time for one or other. We live and learn. Fortunately the photographer had a cancellation in the afternoon of the next day and we were hopefully able to organise all the shots you had requested. Apologies to all of you who had to go through the process of making sure your children were photo-ready two days in a row (although our smart-looking Maidenhill children are never anything less than immaculate).

Don't forget that Smart Drone Solutions will be taking whole school and nursery class photos next week, most likely on Wednesday afternoon. We still require a number of permissions in each class- if you haven't yet given permission for your child to take part in this, please e-mail back the attached permission letter by Monday. Many thanks.

Wooly Jumpers

Next Wednesday is a busy day. Our nursery class and P1 children are hoping to have a visit (in the Secret Garden- definitely not in the classroom/ playroom!) from some of the latest additions to Monty's (P6) farm. Many thanks to Monty, Mr Milligan and Monty's parents for organising.

Staffing Update

We have been joined by two new members of staff so far this term. Mr Chrystal is working in classes throughout the school, with some of his science investigations already causing a great deal of excitement. Mrs Dobbie (or Sharon, as the children already know her) is the latest addition to our child development officer team within the nursery class. We hope they enjoy their time at Maidenhill.

In addition, and following an exhaustive- and exhausting- recruitment process, I am pleased that Miss Snowdon, Miss McKendrick and Mrs Wood will all return to Maidenhill in August as part of the permanent teaching team. All three have already more than proved their worth over the course of this session and I am delighted to be able to welcome them back. They will be joined by Mrs Claire Ionta, a teacher with several years experience, currently working in South Lanarkshire.

House Talent Show

Thursday June 10 is the hot date for Maidenhill's first House Talent Show. Our P7s launched the event to all children from P1-7 this week and the excitement was palpable. Jugglers, magicians, dancers, musicians, thespians.....all are welcome. All children need to do is return their audition form to their class teacher by Tuesday 25 and get practising!

I have no doubt that Maidenhill is alive with talent so really looking forward to what our children from Blair, Culzean, Eilean Donan and Stirling can come up with. Regrettably my own power ballad 'turn' has had to be cancelled (we weren't able to order a wind machine in time).

Diary

Tuesday 25 May- New Primary 1 intake for 2021/22 parent info event via Google Meet

Wednesday 26 May- Smart Drone Solutions photography- tbc.

Friday 28 May and Monday 31 May- May Weekend holiday

w/b Tuesday 1 June- Emotional Wellbeing Week

Thursday 3 June- New Nursery Class intake for 2021/22 parent info event via Google Meet

Thursday 10 June- House Talent Show

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

Friday 18 June- School and Nursery Class Sports Day

Friday 18 June- summative report cards issued

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

Wednesday 23 June- P1-7 'Fun in the Sun Day' (dress code: totally tropical/ beachy boho!)

Wednesday 23 June, 11.15 am- Nursery Class Leavers' Ceremony and Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Thursday 24 June, 11.15 am- P7 Leavers' Ceremony

Friday 25 June- Summer term ends

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald

Head Teacher