

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Update



Friday June 11 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

The last few weeks of a summer term in a primary school are like a very vigorous spin cycle at the end of a lengthy boil wash (not quite sure that analogy works, but I have committed to it now!) Needless to say when June 25 comes around, we will be more than ready to be hung out to dry having been through the wringer (I take it back; the analogy is starting to come together!) However, as everyone I know likes to point out to me, we do have the whole summer holidays to recover.

All being said, it was an absolute joy yesterday to be able to sit back and be thoroughly entertained by the fantastic children of Maidenhill. I was overwhelmed by the talents on display from our grand -finalists in what proved to be 40 minutes of sheer joy and a real reminder of why I love my job.

A huge well done to Rez, Molly, Olivia, Benjamin, Alexander, Arianna, Ayra, Zaina, Samantha, Chloe, Luke, Kendal, Lois, Anna, Maria, Ryan and Eva for all their amazing efforts. Our overall winner won't be announced by our House Captains until later this afternoon, but they are all winners in my eyes.

Next Week's Events

Next week is wall to wall to wall action. Our Primary 7s have a full itinerary of fun planned for them, starting with lunch in Rouken Glen Park on Monday, followed by golf, tennis, zorbing, pottery and a leavers' party (with pizza!) to name just some of the key elements. Thank you to our Parent Council and our P7 parents for helping support this week.

Friday is our planned day for Sports Day for both the school and nursery class. As we are still having to stick to 'bubbles', each class will have particular times and zones for their activities during the day. Unfortunately we are still unable to encourage crowds of spectators, but we hope to be tweeting throughout the day and will make sure the children know you would be cheering them on if you could. Children are free to wear their sporty clothes (no football colours) all day if they wish.

Smart Drone Solutions Photographs

Smart Drone Solutions have advised that the closing date to order our whole school or nursery class drone photographs is Monday June 14. This will enable them to process your order before the end of term.

Please follow the link to place an order if you have not already done so:

<https://smartdronesolutions.co.uk/mhs2021-htsgd>

Don't forget- Smart Drone Solutions are kindly donating £2 to school funds for every order placed.

Parent Council Events

Look out for the Fun in the Sun flyer and the Strawberry Detectives Fun Pack which I have attached to this email.....a dastardly villain has nabbed the strawberries from the Secret Garden; hunt down the QR codes to gather clues and prove that you are Maidenhill's detecting genius!

You can support the Parent Council's fantastic fundraising efforts at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/maidenhill-parentcouncil>

Classification

Our 'Meet Your New Teacher' afternoon will be on Tuesday 22 June. Children will spend time in their new classrooms, hopefully getting to know (subject to availability!) their new teachers for next session. Teachers will explain the practical arrangements that I know children can sometimes feel anxious about (new places for lines; different cloakrooms; different toilet blocks etc.) so that they know exactly what to expect on their return in August.

I will write to you at the same time to let you know about your child's new teacher and any changes to classification, most particularly for our current P1s, P3s and P4s.

The pieces of the jigsaw are coming together slowly but, as always, we are not there yet. I am sure you appreciate that I would rather wait to give you this information when there is a greater degree of certainty, rather than telling you one thing and then having to change it if circumstances change. Your patience is much appreciated.

Diary

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 @ 1pm for the school (our nursery class will remain open until 6pm as usual)

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald
Head Teacher