

# Maidenhill Primary School

## Head Teacher's Update



Friday June 18 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

As only Maidenhill Primary and Nursery Class's second session draws to a close, we can start to reflect on another fantastic year. Certainly, to say it has been challenging at times for all of us is probably a significant understatement. Nonetheless, the achievements and resilience of the entire school community have been many, varied and quite remarkable. I do need to keep reminding myself that we are a school community that did not even exist two years ago. To see how happy, settled, confident and enthusiastic our children are, despite the disruption to life that they have faced recently, should make us all- parents, staff and the children themselves- feel very proud.

Last night was our P7 Leavers' Party. We have only known them for a very short time, but our P7 pupils have had an amazing impact on our school this year. They are truly a lovely bunch of kids and I hope they enjoyed the celebration. I know you will want to join me in wishing them all the very best for the next chapter in their lives.

And to everyone else who is moving on- some of our nursery children will be making that exciting step to P1 in other schools; to Miss Nisbet and to Dyan, our Senior Child Development Officer, and to children at any stage who are moving away from the area- we hope you have enjoyed your time at Maidenhill and please know that you will always a special place in our Maidenhill memories.

### House Talent Show

A huge well done to Eva in Primary 6 who was the overall winner in our very first House Talent Show and scooped the maximum points for her house, Eilean Donan. She has an amazing voice and her performance was absolutely heart-breaking (but in a good way!)

### Summative Reports

Summative reports for all children who were enrolled at Maidenhill prior to this year's Spring Break will be issued in children's schoolbags today. Children who have attended for the duration of the session or were enrolled prior to the first phased re-opening on February 22 will receive the standard 2-page summative report. Children who enrolled from February 22 to April 2 will receive the abridged 1-page report.

Primary 2alpha and Primary 4's summative reports will be issued on Monday 21 June.

All our pre-school children will also receive a summative report and these will be handed out to parents at pick-up times.

If your child is currently absent from school, you will be able to pick up their summative report from our school office prior to June 25.

The following link will allow you to make comments on your child's report:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4WjOKVQTctawUZKZNU704bLmIKrkS9skNgbVBUMUNXREpaWFdBOUxKSEVHNTQ3VU9RMURYSC4u>

### **Leavers' Ceremonies**

Wednesday and Thursday see our Nursery Class and P7 Leavers' Ceremonies. Like last year, we will greatly miss parents/ carers' involvement in these events but look out for the films that will be posted in the nursery class and P7 GoogleClassrooms.

### **End of Term Arrangements**

With the exception of Wednesday's Fun in the Sun Day or any specific sports activities, uniform should be worn at all times next week.

The school will close to pupils from P1-7 at 1pm on Friday 25 June and will re-open at 8.55 on Wednesday August 18.

The cafeteria will provide a lunch service for P1-7 from 12 pm on the 25<sup>th</sup>, but it will be presumed that children not having a cafeteria lunch will be waiting until they go home for lunch (ie. no packed lunches required).

Our nursery class will remain open as usual until 6.00.

As government guidance about the return to schools in August is starting to emerge, I will e-mail you all before the return to the school with any updated information or any changes to our routines.

### **Parent Council Events**

I have seen plenty of Strawberry Detectives out and about already! Please find attached an updated detective pack from our Parent Council. I cannot believe that I am even being considered a suspect.....obviously I am an upstanding member of the community and can be discounted straight away!

### **Diary**

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

Tuesday 22 June- P1-6 Meet Your New Teacher Afternoon

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

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

Thursday 24 June - P7 Leavers' Ceremony

Friday 25 June- Summer term ends @ 1pm for the school (our nursery class will remain open until 6pm as usual)

Have an amazing summer-take care,

Alasdair McDonald  
Head Teacher