

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Bulletin



Friday October 22 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

The upcoming COP 26 conference provides the ideal context and stimulus for our children to explore concepts of sustainability, globalisation and of course, climate change. I know this is a subject many of our children are interested in and feel strongly about. Mr Edge and Mr Keir have been busy preparing resources, links and suggestions for learning experiences which will be shared across the school and I look forward to seeing what the children will be engaging in over the coming weeks.

The downside to the conference will be in terms of any potential disruption to our daily routines. Hopefully out here in the wilds of Maidenhill the impact will be minimal. I did however read a briefing yesterday which gave me a bit more pause for thought than I had anticipated! Schools have been asked to update their adverse weather contingency plans and treat any disruption in the same way we would treat a particularly bad period of winter weather- relatively simple enough. The briefing highlights Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 November as the days when particular disruption may occur. The M8, M77 and M74 are highly likely to be affected though and any disruption may then have a knock-on affect on arterial roads, for example the GSO, Ayr Road etc. In the spirit of forewarned being forearmed, particularly for those of you who are no longer working from home, it might be an idea to have Plan B (or even Plan C) up your sleeves when it comes to drop-off, pick-up and general childcare routines.

Maidenhill All Stars

Huge congratulations to our October Maidenhill All-Stars:

P1- Hisham
P2alpha- Zakir
P2bravo- Alexander
P3alpha- Qasim
P3bravo- Jasmine
P4alpha- Abubakr
P4bravo- Zizi
P5alpha- Douglas
P5bravo- Artin
P6- Ellie
P7- Cora

Thank you for all your amazing efforts; keep making us proud!

Shoe Box Appeal

Please see the following message from our Equality Committee:

As a school, we plan to contribute to the 'Shoebox Appeal 2021', organised by the Blythswood Care charity. This will be organised and led by our Equality Committee. Each class will plan to fill a shoebox for a child with

a variety of gifts and resources, which will be wrapped and sent to the charity. We hope this will provide children in less advantaged areas of the world with some joy over the upcoming festive season. We would be extremely grateful if you could support us by donating no more than one item from the list below. This will enable us to send one shoebox per class and to organise extra boxes to be sent if we have surplus donations.

The new, unused items we would love to receive are listed below:

- *Soap or shower gel*
- *Stationery – pens, pencils, rubbers, rulers, colouring books*
- *Toothbrushes and toothpaste*
- *Socks*
- *Hats, gloves or scarves*
- *Combs or hairbrushes*
- *Wrapping paper (to wrap the shoeboxes)*

We would be grateful if any donations could be sent in before Friday 29th October 2021. Your support is very much appreciated. More information can be accessed through <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/> about this year's Shoebox Appeal.

Parent Council- Facebook and Twitter

Make sure to keep up to date with everything that the Parent Council have got planned for the children of Maidenhill Primary School and Nursery Class, by following them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

The Council will also continue to use our normal communication routes to keep everyone informed, with posters at the school and announcements via the class What'sApp groups.

Hallowe'en Celebrations

The Parent Council have been instrumental in helping us with our Hallowe'en celebrations this year. Don't forget (in return for a coin donation to school fund) children will be able to come to Maidenhill next Friday in (practical) Hallowe'en costumes. There will be no costume prizes, so please don't feel any pressure! Children are under no obligation to dress up and I have reinforced this at today's assembly.

As well as fun with Kidnetics and some spooky treats from the Parent Council (fruit shoot, crisps, non-gelatin Haribos- please get in touch if you would prefer an alternative) we hope to organise a P1-P7 Pumpkin Patch House Challenge. Children are welcome to bring pre-carved pumpkins with them in a bag, with the winning House being the ones who organise the most creative pumpkin patch in our playground. Again- no pressure; only if it is something you have time to do during the course of the week.

Asda Green Token Giving

Don't forget about our involvement in the Asda Green Token Giving:

“Congratulations.

You have been nominated to be part of the Asda Foundation Green Token Giving online vote through your local Asda store Newton Mearns. I can confirm all the due diligence is complete and you are live on the vote!

The vote went live today and voting will close at midnight on Tuesday 30th November.

You and your supporters will be able to vote for you by visiting www.asda.com/green-tokens and selecting Newton Mearns from the drop down box. Supporters will be able to vote once every 7 days, so please encourage them to return and revote in the following weeks.

Your local store Community Champion will also be promoting the vote in store, listen out for our advert on Asda radio next time you are in store.

Thanks for being part of this exciting activity, we hope you are excited too.

Let the voting begin!"

We may well be in the running for a £500 donation to school funds so like the message says, get voting!

Diary

Friday October 29- Hallowe'en Fun Day

Tuesday November 2- Parent Council AGM @ 7.30pm

Monday Dec 20- Hopscotch Theatre Pantomime Performance (courtesy of our Parent Council)

Wednesday Dec 22- School and nursery class close for Christmas break

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald
Head Teacher