

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Bulletin



Friday October 29 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Some days in a primary school feel as though there are a hundred things all going on at once....and today is definitely one of those days! Needless to say that the smiles on everyone's faces make it all worthwhile.

Thank you, not just to our Parent Council but to all our parent community, for everything that you do to support our children and help us make sure we can provide all those experiences which go that wee bit extra beyond the normal school day. The kids are all having a fantastic day and that is down to all your efforts as much as it is down to ours. All of your kind donations to school funds will be put to good use as we begin to plan our Christmas party season. Thanks also to Mearnskirk Co-op who will be helping us recycle the plastic waste from our Hallowe'en treats.

I know the usual going door to door is probably not quite at the top of anyone's Hallowe'en agenda again this year (even if the weather had looked considerably more promising than the forecast currently showing for Sunday) but hopefully we have gone some way today in creating memorable Hallowe'en memories for our children.

Considerate Parking

It is extremely important that the parking spaces at our nursery fence to the right of the main entrance plaza remain reserved for blue-badge holders at all times. I can appreciate that whilst the drop off bays along the side of the boulevard are currently cordoned off, car users must (or should) currently park in a designated space before dropping their children off. This I am sure can cause a minor inconvenience at times, but I am sure you appreciate it is just one of the many little inconveniences that we need to put up with for the time being. Definitely not an excuse to take up a space that may be required by a blue badge holder please.

In the absence of another suitable area, our school bus needs to take up some of the space in this bay but obviously blue badge holders should always have the priority. Please ensure all blue badges are clearly displayed before parking.

I am extremely grateful for your considerate parking.

Level 3 Gardening School

Following on from our Rights Respecting Schools Bronze accreditation, I was delighted to hear the news this week that we had been accredited as a Royal Horticultural Society Level 3 Gardening School. Well done to Mr Edge and last year's P5/ this year's P6 who led the way in putting us forward for this accreditation. Thanks also to the Parent Council who helped fund our gardening resources last session. Level 4 here we come!

Cop 26

As previously mentioned, Mr Keir and Mr Edge have been developing a range of links and resources to enable our children to explore issues of sustainability and climate change using the Cop 26 conference as a stimulus.

The week beginning Monday 8 November has been ear-marked as a particular week of focus, including initiatives such as the 'Power Down Hour' in the middle of each day and culminating in a 'Go Green' day on Friday November 12. Pupils will be able to wear or add something green to their school uniform to show their support for pro-active action against climate change and a sustainability house challenge will add further impetus.

Staff News

Huge congratulations to Mrs Dickson on the birth of baby Rae- a little sister for Ella. All the best to your growing family, Lee!

We also welcomed a new Child Development Officer, Catherine Hall, to our nursery class this week and we are delighted that Ameera Ali, who has been with us on a temporary basis since August, is now permanent to our nursery class team. Great to have you both on board!

Finally, Eleanor Wilkinson has joined our teaching team on a temporary basis and is currently working with children from P1 to P5.

Parent Council- Facebook and Twitter

The Parent Council have organised their online AGM for Tuesday November 2 at 7.30pm.

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.

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

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

Have a gruesome weekend!

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald

Head Teacher