

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Bulletin



Friday December 17 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Party season is in full swing for the children of Maidenhill, if not quite for their parents and the wider community!

Yesterday saw Christmas lunch being served up in the nursery class and school cafeteria- an event that can only be described as organised carnage. The ambience was far from fine dining, although I can testify that the food was very tasty and certainly the diners seemed to be enjoying themselves. As always, the ice-cream seemed to be the biggest draw.

I joined some of the nursery children on Monday night for the Winter Wonderland Walk around the local area. The light displays were extremely impressive and the children's excitement was palpable- a great sign that, despite the uncertainty we may be feeling as adults, our children continue to enjoy the fun and wonder of the season.

Maidenhill All Stars

Congratulations to our final All Stars of 2021:

P1- Jackson
P2alpha- Anna R
P2bravo- Anna MacP
P3alpha- Ailsa
P3bravo- Erika
P4alpha- Gregor
P4bbravo- Calum
P5alpha- Lewis
P5bravo- Mariyam
P6- Isla
P7- Nargiz

What a great way to end the year- keep up the hard work in 2022!

Christmas Films

We should have learned our lesson from last year, but yet again we have underestimated the time that it takes to edit our P1-7 Nativity film, 'Super Star'. I had hoped we would be able to release it via GoogleClassrooms on Monday 20, but it is looking increasingly likely that we will be down to the wire again with a Weds 22 launch. Look out for the link that will appear in each GoogleClassroom. Just keep telling yourself that all good things come to those who wait!

Our Nursery Class film will also be released on Wednesday- Miss Shaw will e-mail a link out to all parents.

Nursery Carols

Well done to our nursery children for braving the elements and giving their all to the carol singing on Wednesday- I think some of them might still be singing away yet if we hadn't stopped them!

Thank you to the family members who turned out to support the children. A particular thanks to all those who stuck to 1 family member per child and made sure they were wearing face coverings- that level of thoughtfulness and consideration for others will help our decision making for any similar opportunities in the future.

P1 application

Just a reminder that the process for applying to East Renfrewshire Council to enrol in P1 for August 2022 is now open and will remain open until January 21 2022:

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/apply-for-p1>

Please make sure you get in on time, otherwise you may be considered a late application.

Nursery applications

As mentioned previously, online applications for next year's nursery places opened this week. If younger siblings are turning 3 in time for or during Session 2022/2023, please follow this link:

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/nursery-places>

Applications must be made by February 28 2022.

Diary

Wednesday Dec 22- School (2.30pm) and nursery class (6pm) close for Christmas break

Wednesday January 5- School and nursery class re-open

Friday February 4- In-service day

Monday February 7- Tuesday February 8- February Weekend Holiday

Tuesday March 29 and Thursday March 31- parent consultation meetings

Friday April 1- School and nursery class close for Spring break

As the holidays draw ever nearer I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone in our Maidenhill school community a very happy and healthy festive period. Once again, it won't quite be the holiday we had hoped for, but I am sure time spent with families will be rewarding nonetheless.

Have a great weekend!

Take care,

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