

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Bulletin



Thursday February 3 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers

The February weekend is almost upon us but the thought of flying off anywhere at this moment in time still seems like too much hassle, especially for just a few days. I am someone who always likes to know exactly where I am going and what I will be doing when I travel (I would have made a terrible backpacker, even in my younger days). The thought of turning up at a destination and not being quite sure of what restrictions are in place, what you can access, where you can go etc. seems like a bit of a nightmare. So Newton Mearns it is this weekend. Who needs Rome, Seville, Vienna and Amsterdam when you stay in the Mearns?

However you spend the long weekend (and I appreciate that many of you will spend a good part of it working) please enjoy some extra family time and make the most of the ever-so-slightly lighter mornings and afternoons.

Staffing Update

We bid a fond farewell last week to our Acting Senior Child Development Officer, Michele Collins. Michele joined us on a temporary basis in August and we are so grateful for everything she has done for the children of Maidenhill Nursery Class- we wish her all the best as she returns to Glenwood Family Centre.

We look forward to welcoming Cassie Wilson who will join us in the permanent role on February 16.

Our new Acting Principal Teacher, Miss Eilidh Lawson, starts her role at Maidenhill on February 9. Miss Lawson will take over line management, pastoral and curricular responsibilities for our nursery class as well as having whole school responsibility for digital technologies and extra-curricular opportunities.

Miss Shaw will have pastoral and curricular responsibilities for Primary 1-4 with Mrs Barr's responsibilities extending from P5-7.

In addition we have welcome Mrs Jennifer Allan to our P3 teaching team and Miss Jabeen Malik to our small Pupil Support Assistant team.

Care Inspection

Maidenhill Nursery Class received our very first visit from the Care Inspectorate at the start of December. This was a full inspection set against four quality indicators. A huge thank you to the children (who spoke extremely eloquently about their nursery experiences), the parents and our staff who all contributed to the success of the inspection and the incredibly positive feedback we received.

I am delighted that we have emerged from the process with absolutely no requirements or recommendations! Set against all the upheaval of the last couple of years, this is an amazing result for a very first care inspection in a relatively new and ever-evolving establishment. Our staff team has trebled in size since we first opened and it is great that their hard work has been recognised in this way. I always knew that we were providing great experiences in our nursery class but it is always good to have this validated independently. We will never rest

on our laurels and we will always keep aiming for the highest possible grades we can get, but for where we are in our journey and with the odds that have been stacked against us at times, I couldn't be prouder of our fantastic team and children.

The full report can be downloaded from:

<https://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php/care-services?detail=CS2019374509>

Diary

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

Enjoy the long weekend.

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald

Head Teacher