



# Maxwellton Primary School

## Remote Learning Newsletter 2



### Remote Learning – Week Two

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge **well done** to all our learners, families and staff for making it to the end of week two of remote learning!



We wanted to reassure all our families that if your family is finding this hard, please be reassured that ***you are not alone!***

Balancing working from home and remote learning and family life is not an easy task for anyone.

***Each family is able to engage with remote learning at a different level depending on their unique individual family circumstances.***

There is a variety of learning tasks posted on Google Classroom. ***Please engage with these at the level that your family is able.***

We simply ask that where possible your child prioritises the literacy and numeracy tasks.

Please remember that ***connection*** is the most important thing so stopping for exercise, activity and play is absolutely essential and we whole-heartedly encourage this as a school. We have loved seeing all your family snow pictures that have been posted on Google Classroom. They have brought a huge smile to all our faces!

As you will be aware, the Scottish Government has extended the lockdown and schools are now working from remote learning until the middle of February.

We will keep you up to date with any other information regarding this as we receive it.

We are here as a school for all our families and if you need any support please do not hesitate to contact us.



## Contacting us

A reminder to all our families that our school remains open Monday –Friday within the usual working hours.

If at any time you need to contact the school during lockdown, please remember that we are here. We wish to support our families during this time so if you need help or support in any way, please do not hesitate to make contact with us.

Phone 01355 222 521

Email

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Principal Teacher Mrs Brown – [gw19browncarolyn@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw19browncarolyn@glow.sch.uk)

***If you wish to contact your child's class teacher during lockdown please do this directly through the school office email to ensure that all emails are passed on and follow the correct procedures so that any enquiries can be addressed as quickly as possible***

## Resources/Materials/ Equipment

If at any time your child needs to replenish their resources jotters, pencils etc please make contact with us and we will get these materials to you.

If you feel there are any materials that would benefit your child at this time also, please let us know and we will try to do all we can to oblige.

## Digital Inclusion

We are delighted that Maxwellton has been able to **supply over 20 devices** to children and families that need this.

Our next delivery of devices is **due into school next week** for the remaining families that have just recently requested this. Our school office will contact you to arrange delivery.

We want all children in Maxwellton to have access to a device but we need families to inform us if there is an issue. Let us know so that we can help!



## Google Classroom Engagement Monitoring

Please see below a summary of our Google Classroom engagement monitoring over the course of this week.

We hope you find this information helpful in viewing our school engagement with remote learning.

***A huge thank you to all our families as we have seen an increase in all classes this week in engagement.***

	<b>Active</b> The learner has activated and signed on to the Google Classroom platform	<b>Commented</b> The learner has commented on the stream and is interacting with their teacher and peers	<b>Posted Work</b> The learner has returned their work and posted it on Google Classroom for their teacher to see and mark	<b>Level 3 Engagement</b> The learner is engaging in the fullest way on Google Classroom
Primary 1	<b>88%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>84%</b>
Primary 2	<b>96%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>76%</b>
Primary 3	<b>100%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>81%</b>
Primary 4	<b>100%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>92%</b>
Primary 5	<b>100%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>68%</b>
Primary 6	<b>97%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>73%</b>
Primary 7	<b>97%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>70%</b>



## Technical Support – All in it Together!



### Mrs Brown IT Coordinator

If you need any technical support whatsoever with Google Classroom then please make contact with us. ***There is no question too small and we really are all in this together.*** Mrs Brown is our very own, IT helpdesk and is a whizz kid on Google Classroom solving many issues very quickly.

**Maxwellton Twitter** – Please note that our twitter page is full of helpful digital tips also

### Maxwellton Digital Support Booklet

As a school we also created a Maxwellton Digital Support Booklet and we emailed this to all our families before remote learning began on the 11<sup>th</sup> January. A copy of this booklet has been placed on our school blog also under the Remote Learning tab. Please find it here

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/maxwellton/>

### South Lanarkshire Council – Remote Learning Support Site

South Lanarkshire Council has also created a site to help with remote learning support. Please copy and paste the link below to access it.

<https://sites.google.com/sl.glow.scot/slcremotelearning/home>

“ Kindness is  
realizing that  
we’re all in this  
together. ”



– RAKtivist

## Google Classroom Reminders

Please see below some important Google classroom reminders...

- Classroom teachers are on Google Classroom 9am until 12.15pm every day to interact with your child on the Google Classroom stream. If your child requires any help or attention, they can have a live chat interaction with their class teacher during this time. In the afternoon class teachers are marking and preparing work also. Mrs Findlay and Ms Begg are available in the afternoons on the live stream too. Working like this ensures that our children have access to a teacher 9-3pm should they need it on the live stream aspect of their Google Classroom. Our teachers are very responsive to our children's need and we hope that you are finding this also.
- Please encourage your child to be as interactive on the Google Classroom platform as possible. Teachers want to hear pupils thoughts and opinions in the stream and chat function regarding learning
- Each teacher will ask a question first thing in the morning at 9am. Whatever time your child logs on to Google classroom your child should comment and answer under this question each day. Please make your child aware of this daily question or check in. These daily questions are **being used as a register** and engagement monitoring so it is important that your child interacts to get the most benefit from the platform.
- We are trying to encourage our children to upload their work or take photographs and return it to the teacher. A simple guide of how to do this is included in our Digital guide to Remote Learning. This was emailed last Friday and is also on our Blog <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/maxwellton/>. A video is also pinned to our Twitter account of how to do this. If your family needs any, support whatsoever in uploading or returning work please contact the school where we will be happy to assist
- We ask that **where possible** that your children return their work to their class teacher on the day that it was set. Please note that if your child returns a large amount of work out with this time that we cannot guarantee that this will be seen by the teacher immediately. Thank you for your understanding regarding this.



## What's New – Google Meets!

Over the course of lockdown, we will continually add to our Google Classroom in the range of tools that we offer. We will be doing this in a staged approach so that it is not over whelming for learners, families and staff.

This week some of our classes are going to ***pilot a Google Meet*** with the children!

Google Meet is a ***live interaction platform*** where the children will be able to see their teacher and other children.

**This is voluntary and children only need to participate if they wish to.**

This is a live interaction with their teacher and the purpose of it is for connection and so that the whole class has an opportunity to get together and see one another.

The Google Meet will last around 20-30 minutes.

The classes that will be piloting Google Meets this week are **P1, P2, P4 & P5**.

Please see below the times when these Google Meets will be taking place.

<b>Primary 1</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 11am</b>
<b>Primary 2</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10am</b>
<b>Primary 4</b>	<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 1pm</b>
<b>Primary 5</b>	<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 10am</b>

We will make contact with all of these classes on Monday regarding the arrangements for the Google Meets.

If we receive positive feedback from our families and staff regarding the use of Google Meets we will look at embedding these within our weekly Google Classroom offer.



# Google Meet

## Quality Monitoring

The Senior Leadership Team are on Google Classroom every single day and are monitoring learner engagement. It has been a delight to see how hard the children are working on Google Classroom and we thank all families for their support with this.

Next Friday parents will be issued with our first Google Classroom feedback sheet.

This will allow us to gather parental and learners feedback on Google classroom to see what is working well and ways it can be improved.

If you have any questions or issues regarding your child's Google Classroom please email my HT email account [gw14maxwelltonht@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14maxwelltonht@glow.sch.uk) where I will be happy to call you to support and discuss these with you.

Thank you for all the feedback and positive emails that we have received so far. This has been encouraging to our staff. Staff will always work hard to take any feedback on board.

## P1 Enrolment

I have had the delight this week of contacting all our new P1's that have registered for school starting in August 2021! It is my favourite time of the year, when I get to meet a new class and see it forming for the new school session. If you know of any family that has still to register their child for school please encourage them to do so as quickly as possible. Registration forms are available online from the SLC website this year as all registration is taking place online.

[https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary\\_school\\_information/392/enrolling\\_your\\_child\\_for\\_school/2](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/392/enrolling_your_child_for_school/2)

## Sumdog & RM Maths

A reminder for all our families that pupils at Maxwellton will also have access **every day** to the following programmes.

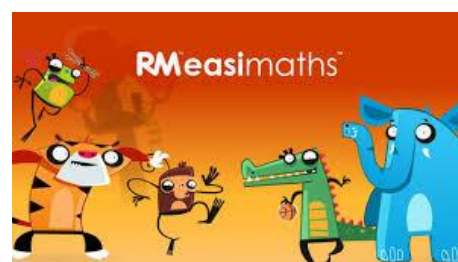


- Sumdog – numeracy, spelling & grammar
- RM Maths

**Log ins and passwords for these have been issued to all pupils in their paper home learning packs.**

**Details of how to access these have been sent out in our 'Digital Support Guide' – also attached to this email**

These are wonderful programmes which pupils can complete independently and which pupils really enjoy. If your child has not been on these programmes yet at home we strongly recommend them to you



## Live Lesson Programmes

Our teachers at the moment are using pre-recorded videos for teaching which they are uploading to Google Classroom. Research has shown that pre-recorded videos are just as effective as live teaching sessions and fit in around busy family lifestyles and schedules.

P1, P2, P4 & P5 are piloting **live interactions this week** with learners.

We will build up what we offer at Maxwellton but highly recommend the following live lesson programmes for learners that wish to engage in this way.

## Education Scotland – e-sgoil

Education Scotland have organised a programme of live lessons available for our learners also through their e-sgoil website. If you click on the link below you will be able to see the range of live lessons that are available through each week through e-sgoil



<http://www.e-sgoil.com/lockdown-live/>

Please see the link to a leaflet also that provides more information

[https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary\\_school\\_information/392/enrolling\\_your\\_child\\_for\\_school/2](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/392/enrolling_your_child_for_school/2)

## South Lanarkshire Council

SLC will also be offering some central Live lessons for pupils and class teachers will direct pupils to these through their Google Classroom.

## BBC

The BBC are also offering arrange of Live Lessons throughout lockdown. For more information on this please visit the BBC Bitesize web page where you will find a programme for the week posted.

BBC Bitesize Lockdown Learning Mon 11 - Fri 15 Jan				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Primary Learning on CBBC				
09:00 BBC Bitesize Daily 5-7 years Maths & History	09:00 BBC Bitesize Daily 5-7 years English	09:00 BBC Bitesize Daily 5-7 years Science	09:00 BBC Bitesize Daily 5-7 years Maths & French	09:00 BBC Bitesize Daily 5-7 years English & Wellbeing
09:20 BBC Bitesize Daily 7-9 years Maths & History	09:20 BBC Bitesize Daily 7-9 years English	09:20 BBC Bitesize Daily 7-9 years Science	09:20 BBC Bitesize Daily 7-9 years Maths & French	09:20 BBC Bitesize Daily 7-9 years English & Wellbeing
09:40 BBC Bitesize Daily 9-11 years Maths & History	09:40 BBC Bitesize Daily 9-11 years English	09:40 BBC Bitesize Daily 9-11 years Science	09:40 BBC Bitesize Daily 9-11 years Maths & French	09:40 BBC Bitesize Daily 9-11 years English & Wellbeing
10:05 Celebrity Supply Teacher Maths with Mark Labbett	10:05 Celebrity Supply Teacher English with Geri Horner	10:05 Celebrity Supply Teacher PE with Marcus Rashford	10:05 Celebrity Supply Teacher Gardening with Jeff Hardy & Zoe Henry	10:05 Celebrity Supply Teacher Food Science with Heston Blumenthal
10:15 Horrible Histories	10:15 Horrible Histories	10:15 Horrible Histories	10:15 Horrible Histories	10:15 Horrible Histories
10:45 Our School	10:45 Our School	10:45 Our School	10:45 Our School	10:45 Our School
11:05 Art Ninja	11:05 Art Ninja	11:05 Art Ninja	11:05 Art Ninja	11:05 Art Ninja
11:30 Operation Ouch!	11:30 Operation Ouch!	11:30 Operation Ouch!	11:30 Operation Ouch!	11:30 Operation Ouch!



# Head Teacher Remote Recognition Awards

	<i>Well done to these pupils that stood out on Google Classroom for their super attitudes and efforts! I am so very proud of you all!!</i>	
<b>Primary 1</b>	<p><b>Rosie – Respect</b></p> <p>Demonstrating great respect to all and completing work with a can do attitude!</p>	<p><b>Sammy – Resilience</b></p> <p>For working so hard at letter and number formation and showing great improvement!</p>
<b>Primary 2</b>	<p><b>Peyton – Resilience</b></p> <p>For working so hard, showing amazing adaptability, always being so positive and even making soup!</p>	<p><b>Jack – Resilience</b></p> <p>Demonstrating amazing resilience and working so hard on Google Classroom to complete tasks!</p>
<b>Primary 3</b>	<p><b>Lachlan – Respect</b></p> <p>For demonstrating an incredible work ethic and giving the best to all learning and having a positive, enthusiastic attitude!</p>	<p><b>Lucas – Respect</b></p> <p>For demonstrating an incredible work ethic and giving the best to all learning and having a positive, enthusiastic attitude!</p>
<b>Primary 4</b>	<p><b>Matthew – Respect</b></p> <p>For demonstrating respect for learning and consistently giving his best!</p>	<p><b>Lily – Resilience</b></p> <p>For working so hard and having a great attitude to learning and working like a wee trooper!</p>
<b>Primary 5</b>	<p><b>Charlie – Respect</b></p> <p>For working so hard and demonstrating a respectful manner in every interaction</p>	<p><b>Emily – Resilience</b></p> <p>Always trying her hardest and giving her best effort. For being so adaptable!</p>
<b>Primary 6</b>	<p><b>Charlotte – Resilience</b></p> <p>For working so hard and demonstrating fabulous work ethic and giving her best!</p>	<p><b>Alexander - Resilience</b></p> <p>For working so hard and demonstrating fabulous work ethic and giving his best!</p>
<b>Primary 7</b>	<p><b>Saul – Respect</b></p> <p>For respecting learning and demonstrating a fabulous work ethic!</p>	<p><b>Miya – Respect</b></p> <p>For respecting learning and demonstrating a fabulous work ethic</p>



## Twitter Fun



We are always looking to have a bit of fun or bring a smile to everyone's faces using our Twitter.

*This week we would love to see any photos of your child doing something active or having a healthy screen time break.*

*We would love to see any photos of children being active, exercising or loving their play to remind us all of the importance of taking time away from screens.*

We look forward to seeing the photos of those that get a chance to upload them!

A bit of fun to bring a smile and to help us all feel connected! @MaxwelltonPS



## SLC Winter Clothing Campaign

If your family needs any help or support purchasing winter clothing please make contact with the school as we have been given a small fund from SLC to help families in need with this. Please email me directly at my Head Teachers email address if this is required [gw14maxwelltonht@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14maxwelltonht@glow.sch.uk)

## Financial support

If your family finds for any reason that you are struggling financially, please make contact with the school where we will be able to sign post families to our local foodbank and other organisations that may be able to support at this difficult time.

