



# Maxwellton Primary School

## Remote Learning Newsletter 3



### Remote Learning – Week Three

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge well done to everyone for making it to the end of week 3 of remote learning!

We know this is tough on everyone so please make sure your family rests and has a peaceful weekend away from screens as much as possible.



We speak to many families over the course of the week and here are some of the general themes of conversations we are hearing from week 3....

We share these so that anyone that is feeling that it is just their family, will know that ***you are not alone.***

I've yet to speak to a family that isn't telling me that it is harder this time round.

Some of the things we are hearing...



'The house is a riot. I tidy one area and turn around and it's a mess again'

'My child is eating me out of house and home'

'It's really stressful with multiple children and working from home'

'We are all exhausted. There is just a tense feeling'

'Bedtimes are slipping and getting later and later'

'My child is acting out and their behaviour isn't what it usually is'

Sometimes just knowing that others are finding it hard too, can be helpful.

If you would find it helpful to speak to the school about your child or just need someone to speak to regarding the pressures of lockdown please call us **01355 222 521.**

We will always be happy to support all our families.



# Motivating your Child

The longer that lockdown goes on, the harder it can be to motivate your child regarding remote learning.

Here are some top tips to motivate your child that may be worth trying...

- **Establish a structure and routine** – Sticking to a schedule and pattern can help children get started and motivate them as they know what is expected and what will happen next. Clear expectations of them and what will happen each day can help too. A visual of the day can help with this.
- **Have a workspace for them to work at** – Having the same place where they do their work will help them to focus and know that this is learning time.
- **Praise effort**- Take notice and comment on the effort that they are putting in. When effort is noticed it immediately makes children want to repeat this positive behaviour.
- **Break Up the Day** – Make time for work, play and time outdoors. Ask your child what would motivate them? Doing a little work and then getting to play or getting it all done and then going out. Break up the day with play and snacks, as they would have in school with intervals and lunchtime.
- **Check in regularly** – Ask your child how they are getting on and how they are feeling about their learning today. If your child is finding something tricky – let the teacher know in a message or on the stream. Teachers are there to help and support.
- **Adjust Expectations** – If your child is tired one day or it has been a full day in the house then feel free to adjust the expectations to suit your family needs for that day.
- **Prioritise Connection** – Connect with your child whenever you can. Children need the reassurance of this now more than ever, to know they are safe and loved in an ever changing world
- **Making mistakes is learning** – Model to your child that it is ok to make mistakes and that our learning actually grows as we make mistakes and learn from them. The more children see this being modelled, the less demotivated they will become when they make a mistake.
- **Model kindness and self care**– This is all new for everyone. Model to your child kindness, compassion and self-care too. Eg, I've been on the computer for too long so I'm stopping for a break and a snack.

Wake up, hygiene, breakfast	8:30-9:00
School time	9:00-12:30
Lunch	12:30-1:00
Quiet Time: Read or be creative	1:00-2:00
TV or Video games	2:00-3:00
Educational Time	3:00-4:00
Outside	4:00-5:30
Dinner	6:00
Night time routine and bed	8:30

## Maxi Community – Learning from one another



If you have a top tip of something you are doing at home that is helping with remote learning we would love to hear about it and share it with other parents.

Sometimes it can be the little gems that we share with one another, that help us to make it through the day.

If you have a top tip can you email it in to [gw14maxwelltonht@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14maxwelltonht@glow.sch.uk) and in the next newsletter I will post all the top tips that we receive from parents! Parents helping parents.

## Resources/Materials/ Equipment

The school is open Monday-Friday for the replenishing of any resources you may need.

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.

## February Holiday

A reminder to all our families that the February long weekend is fast approaching. The following dates will be school holidays and a staff inset day so therefore no work will be posted to Google Classroom on these days.

- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Holiday**
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021- Holiday**
- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Inset Day**

An emergency childcare hub will be running during these holidays for children of keyworkers. This hub will NOT be in Maxwellton during these dates.

An email regarding the emergency child care hub was issued to all parents this week.

## Parent Council

Our Parent Council meetings continue to take place during lockdown via zoom! If you would be interested in attending these meetings to hear about the life of the school and the work of the parent council then please make contact with the school office and we will put you in touch with our parent council. Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February @ 6.30pm** via zoom.



## Winter Coats & SLC Winter Clothing Campaign

If your child out grows a winter coat and it is in good condition we will gladly accept donations at the school.

We also accept donations of school uniform.

We are trying to build up our own supply of items that can be used whenever there is a need.

If you 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)

## 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>77%</b>	<b>77%</b>
Primary 6	<b>97%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>82%</b>
Primary 7	<b>97%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>83%</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 Meets!

Our piloting of the Google Meets was a huge success and feedback has been that the children loved seeing one another and their teacher.

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

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.

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

<b>Primary 1</b>	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 11am</b>
<b>Primary 2</b>	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 10am</b>
<b>Primary 3</b>	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10am</b>
<b>Primary 4</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 12pm</b>
<b>Primary 5</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 10am</b>
<b>Primary 6</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10am</b>
<b>Primary 7</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1pm</b>

If your child's class is new to Google Meet we will make contact with all of these classes on Monday regarding the arrangements for the Google Meets.

If your child's class have already participated in a Google Meet then instructions will be posted directly to your child's Google Class stream by the teacher.



Google Meet

# Quality Monitoring



## Google Form

We have emailed all our parents today a link to our **Maxwellton Parental Feedback Google Form**.

We would greatly appreciate all our parents completing this form to provide our school with feedback, comments for improvement and encouragement!

It will take a few minutes only to complete but will be very beneficial to us, as a school in meeting our learners needs and supporting families.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## The Learners Journey

Also as part of our quality monitoring, the HT and PT will select several pupils to follow their journey on Google Classroom each week. As part of this, we will speak to parents, learners and teachers and ask for their feedback on their Google Classroom experience that week.

A huge thank you to the parents and wonderful learners that have contributed so far!

## Primary 5 Youth Music Initiative

Primary 5 children have the opportunity to take part in a live music lesson every week as part of the YMI. Details of this are posted to their Google Classroom stream each week. There are a variety of days to choose from for when learners can participate in these lessons. Please see the P5 Google Classroom stream for more information.

## New this Week – Story Sessions

This week we will be introducing story sessions. Mrs Laing will be on each week reading a story to our pupils. Look out for this popping up in your child's Google Classroom Stream this week.



## 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

<http://e-sgoil.com/media/1457/lockdown-live-leaflet-v6.pdf>

## 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
<b>Primary Learning on CBBC</b>				
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 Gert Heimer	10:05 Celebrity Supply Teacher PE with Marcus Rashford	10:05 Celebrity Supply Teacher Gardening with Jeff Hardley & 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>	<b>Cameron – Respect</b> Demonstrating great respect to all during our Google Meet and completing work with a can do attitude!	<b>Emelia – Resilience</b> For working so hard at writing and with all her work and showing great improvement! Wonderful attitude!
<b>Primary 2</b>	<b>Cameron – Respect</b> Completing work to the highest standard and always conducting themselves with respect!	<b>Logan – Respect</b> Completing work to the highest standard and always conducting themselves with respect!
<b>Primary 3</b>	<b>Cooper– Respect</b> For working so hard and giving the best to all learning and having a positive, enthusiastic attitude!	<b>Cara– Respect</b> For working so hard and giving the best to all learning and having a positive, enthusiastic attitude!
<b>Primary 4</b>	<b>Ethan – Respect</b> For demonstrating respect for learning and consistently giving his best!	<b>Grace – Resilience</b> For working so hard and having a great attitude to learning and being so adaptable! Well done Grace!
<b>Primary 5</b>	<b>Katie – Respect</b> For working so hard and demonstrating a respectful manner in every interaction on the stream	<b>Matthew – Resilience</b> Always trying hard and demonstrating amazing adaptability, even doing a Google Meet in the car!
<b>Primary 6</b>	<b>Katie – Respect</b> For working so hard and demonstrating a respectful attitude towards all when commenting	<b>Alfie - Resilience</b> For working so hard and demonstrating incredible resilience with long division!
<b>Primary 7</b>	<b>Ava – Respect</b> For respecting learning and demonstrating a fabulous work ethic!	<b>Sophie – Respect</b> For respecting learning and demonstrating a fabulous work ethic!

## School Blog

A reminder that our school blog contains copies of all the remote learning guidance that has been issued if you are ever looking for copies of this. All these materials have been emailed to parents already but are kept in this one central place if you should ever need them. Please look under our **Remote Learning Tab**.

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

## Support

A reminder to all our parents that the following guidance and supports have been issued to parents. Please check your emails for these documents...

- Maxwellton Remote Learning Guide
- Maxwellton Digital Learning Guide
- Maxwellton Google Meet Guide
- Maxwellton Google Meet Etiquette
- Video Conferencing with Learners Guide
- Remote Learning Newsletter 1
- Remote Learning Newsletter 2
- Remote Learning Newsletter 3
- Weekly Nursery Newsletter
- Nursery Remote Learning Overview Letter



## 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.

## 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

School Office – [gw14maxwelltonoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14maxwelltonoffice@glow.sch.uk)

Head Teacher Mrs Laing – [gw14maxwelltonht@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14maxwelltonht@glow.sch.uk)

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.***