



Maxwellton Primary School

Remote Learning Newsletter 6



Remote Learning – Week Six

Welcoming Back ELC, P1, P2 & P3

As you will be aware, we are currently preparing for the return of all ELC, P1, P2 & P3 children to school on Monday 22nd February. We cannot tell you how much we are looking forward to this as a staff team. We have missed you all!

ELC & P1-P3 parents have all received communication regarding the return of our children. This was sent as a letter in an email earlier in the week. Many of our Covid protocols remain the same. I would ask however that you take time to read over the communication and familiarise yourself with the school protocols.

Please note that parents must physically distance in our playground and wearing of face coverings by adults must take place on school grounds.

I am so looking forward to being on 'gate duty' on Monday and welcoming all our P1-P3 children back to Maxwellton!

We have tried to make contact with all P1-P3 parents by telephone this week to speak to each family regarding the return. Nursery keyworkers have also contacted all nursery parents by telephone this week also. We have so enjoyed speaking to you all.

If you have any concerns regarding your child or simply just wish to talk through the return with myself, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Continuation of Remote Learning for P4-P7

Please stay strong all our P4-P7 families and hopefully we will be able to welcome you back to school soon!

Remote Learning will continue as it is for P4-P7.

The only changes will be Mrs Findlay will be changing the social studies topic on a Monday.

Learners have been studying 'Famous Scots'. **This topic will now change to 'Scotland – Where we live'**. This will be a geography topic and people and place topic. Learners will study the geography of Scotland and learning about how the land is used in different parts of Scotland.



Class teachers will continue to provide literacy and numeracy work in the morning.

Afternoon sessions will continue to be provided by Mrs Findlay & Ms Begg

Mrs Findlay

Monday – Social Studies Topic - 'Scotland – Where we live'

Tuesday – Health and Well Being Topic – 'Rights of the Child'

Wednesday – Whole School Topic – 'Our World, Our Voice'



Ms Begg

Thursday – Whole School Health & Well-being - PE lessons & Relaxation/Mindfulness

Friday– Technology/Digital technology lesson

Children will also continue to be sign posted to live lessons and learning opportunities e.g. yoga, YMI in P5, The big SLC Quiz.

Teachers will continue with weekly class Google Meets and group Google Meet sessions also.

Please see our Remote Learning Parental Information Booklet for more information.

If your child is struggling with any aspect of their work, please do alert the class teacher or contact us at the school where we will be happy to support.

Lateral Flow Testing

School and nursery staff are now participating in weekly lateral flow testing. Staff complete Covid testing twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday. The Lateral Flow Testing is designed to help identify any asymptomatic persons and is part of our increased mitigations and protective measures in the reopening of our school. This measure has been included in our risk assessment and is part of our overall measures to keep our school community safe.

Jotter Supplies

If your child needs any jotters replenished, then we have a supply at the school office which families can help themselves too.

If you need more jotters, please just come and see the school office staff

P7 Transition Activities

Primary 7 please see the Twitter page and your Google Classroom for information regarding the Calderglen transition event that is beginning next week.

This year Calderglen are introducing the launch of a new Primary 7 Transition project, which uses a highly popular digital game. Calderglen have named the project "Undercover" which follows a similar gaming strategy to a game called "Among Us" that some young people may already know and play. They are taking full advantage of this highly popular digital game format as a way for the P7 pupils to learn about aspects of life at Calderglen. Using this format, we have created a series of fun online activities for each subject area. Your child will be a P7 Crewmate on the game and will visit a different subject every week, completing tasks, which Calderglen staff will see. This will be a home-based activity so you will be able to join in!

Calderglen will be releasing the first activity on **25th February** via each Primary School.

Please view this short film for further information on Project Undercover:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hx2Ag_5wdE8&feature=youtu.be

Below is also a link to the video that each department created to welcome pupils to Calderglen.

Primary 7 learners may wish to view this again to refresh their memory.

<https://sites.google.com/sl.glow.scot/p7virtualevening/subjects>

Mrs Laing also met with Mrs Owens the Depute Head Teacher of Calderglen this week to pass on transition information regarding our pupils and their needs during this significant time.

Undercover Calderglen

COMING SOON!

One week to go...
Coming to an email near you

One week to go before our P7 Transition Event-

- Weekly Activities
- Fix the Spaceship
- Find the Undercover Calderglen Imposter

Calderglen Spaceship

REACTOR: UPPER ENGINE, LOWER ENGINE

SECURITY

MECHBAY

CAFETERIA

WEAPONS

NAVIGATION

ADMIN

COMMUNICATION

Maths

Science

English

Humanities

Technical

PE

Art and Design

Music and Drama

Business Studies

Modern Languages and Gaelic

TASK 9

TASK 3

TASK 6

Become a Calderglen Crewmate

Road Safety Calendar Competition

I am delighted to announce that Maxwellton had two pupils within this competition that received 'Highly Commended' certificates for their entries. A huge well done to Lily and Ailsa in Primary 4! Well done girls on your amazing entries and for doing your school proud! A great achievement. We are all very proud of you!



Homework P1-P3

Please note that there will be no homework for P1-P3 next week. This is to allow children the opportunity to settle back into school life and routines without any additional family pressures during this week. Homework will commence again on week beginning Monday 1st March 2021

Reading Book Amnesty P1-P3

With the return to school of P1-P3 children, we are asking if anyone has any of the school reading books at home if these could be returned also. We will be organising a reading book amnesty over the next couple of weeks. If your child has any school, reading books in your home we simply ask that these are returned to class. We will then ensure that these go through the correct Covid protocols and are then return to our reading cupboard.

P1-P3 Chromebooks

If your child in P1-P3 is returning to school and was issued with a school device to help access Google Classroom, e.g. a Chromebook, then we are asking that families arrange for the return of these devices. Once these devices are returned, they can then be reissued to children in P4-P7 that may benefit from having a school device whilst remote learning continues for these stages. Thank you for your support with this and for the swift return of these devices.

Google Meets!

Every class will do 1 x whole class Google Meets each week.

Class teachers may arrange group Google Meets with specific groups of children in addition to this. These will be posted to the class stream at the beginning of the week. Please check here for more details.

Please see our planned programmes of whole class Google Meets for the week ahead.

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.

Primary 4	Wednesday 24th February @ 11am
Primary 5	Tuesday 23rd February @11am
Primary 6	Thursday 25th February @11am
Primary 7	Wednesday 24th February @12pm

Google Meet instructions will be posted directly to your child's Google Class stream by the teacher.

If you need any assistance at all please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.



Google Meet



Head Teacher Remote Recognition Awards



	<i>Well done to the pupils highlighted by their teacher this week for their super attitudes and efforts! I am so very proud of you all!</i>	
Primary 1	Rory – Compassion For always being polite and kind during our Google Meets and listening carefully to others. Wonderful manners!	Kayleigh – Resilience For working so hard at remote learning and giving a wonderful effort even though it's not her favourite thing! Well done Kayleigh
Primary 2	Andrew – Respect Always giving his very best to all learning tasks! Having a wonderful attitude to learning.	Samantha – Resilience Always having a positive attitude and giving her best to all her learning tasks. Samantha always has a big smile for everyone!
Primary 3	Murrin– Respect For working so hard and giving, the best to all learning and having a positive, enthusiastic attitude!	Thomas– Respect For working so hard and giving, the best to all learning and having a positive, enthusiastic attitude!
Primary 4	Camilla Belle – Respect For demonstrating respect for learning and consistently giving her best at all times. All tasks completed to a high standard and responds quickly to feedback	Harris – Respect Harris is always ready to work! He is a wonderful active participant during Google Meets. He always has the biggest smile and a welcoming word for everyone. Thank you Harris!
Primary 5	James – Respect Always giving his best to all learning tasks. All tasks completed to a high standard. Well done James!	Brooke W – Compassion For demonstrating a super attitude to learning and always completing tasks to the best of her ability. Great job Brooke!
Primary 6	Grace– Respect For working so hard and demonstrating a respectful attitude throughout. Always giving her best to remote learning.	Raegan- Resilience For working so hard and demonstrating a never give up attitude. You have been working so hard Raegan. Well done!
Primary 7	Jake – Respect Consistently giving his very best and demonstrating excellent manners when interacting with his teacher!	Annabelle – Respect Consistently giving her very best and demonstrating excellent manners when interacting with her teacher!