



Madderty Primary School

Newsletter

September 2024

Dear Parents,

It was good to see so many of you at our Meet The Staff evening last week. I hope you found it useful.

We have had a busy start to the term with everyone settling in well to their new classes. Our School Leadership Team have been chosen and are full of ideas for House Challenges and events. There are newly appointed House/Vice-house captains, a new Pupil Council and Digital Leaders. In future newsletters they will update you on their progress.

Our new playground play equipment will be installed week beginning 9th September which the children are really excited about.

Towards the end of last term, we began to set up a new website and we are pleased to say that this is now live. Mrs Logan (Tues/Wed) will keep it updated and we hope you find it useful.

We hope to see you towards the end of term on Wednesday 25th September when classes would like to welcome you in to see what they have been up to this term. We will be able to answer your questions around our new communication platform, Learning Journals.

As always, please keep in touch with any feedback or concerns.

Kind regards

Jackie Farrell
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School Leadership Teams 2024-25

Pupil Council Members

P1	Freddie	P5	Esther
P2	Henry	P6	Isabella
P3	Juno	P7	Clara
P4	Esme		Harris

House Teams

Incredible Inchaffray

House Captain	Clara
Vice Captain	Harris

Great Gask

House Captain	Arianna
Vice Captain	Hallie

Powerful Pow

House Captain	Rowan
Vice Captain	Tom

Super Stratearn

House Captain	Isabella
Vice Captain	Rosalind

Action Groups

RRS:

Chairperson	Harris
Vice Chair	Grace
Secretary	Clara

Eco:

Chairperson	Liliana
Vice Chair	Arianna
Secretary	Martha

Digital:

Chairperson	Isabella
Vice Chair	Charlie
Secretary	Cosima

SCHOOL NOTICES



Absences

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the School Office **before 9am** either by phone (please leave a message if no-one is available) or email (maddertyparents@pkc.gov.uk). If possible, please give a reason for their absence. This is to ensure that all absences are correctly coded. Thank you.

Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up and Car Parking

Please note that pupils should NOT be dropped off at school before 8.45am.

Please contact the school on maddertyparents@pkc.gov.uk to inform the school if a different person is collecting pupils e.g. grandparents/friends/other parents.

If this is a regular occurrence on a certain day(s), just let us know once and it will be noted on the bus register.

Morning Drop-Off

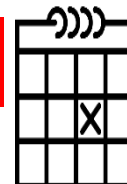
The enlarged car park can be accessed in the usual way. Please accompany your child to the main playground to keep them safe from moving traffic. Do not enter or leave when the buses are in. This will allow the children to safely make their way to the playground.

Afternoon Pick-Up

To decrease congestion on the road, the car park can be accessed until 3.10pm allowing you to park and wait at the Shelter Shed for your child. Priority is given to the buses if they are reversing into the bus area. Buses arrive at 3pm approx. The gates will be closed at 3.10pm to stop cars coming in while the children are boarding the buses. Please pass this information to other family members who occasionally collect children.

If the main gate is closed when you arrive to pick up your child during the day, please close the gate again when you leave.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Friday 20 th September		Interim reports issued
Saturday 21 st September		Parent Council Bingo Tea
Tuesday 24 th September		P1/2/3 Visit to Deep Sea World
Wednesday 25 th September		Open Afternoon, 2-3pm. All welcome.
Monday 30 th September		P5/6/7 to Edinburgh Zoo
Tuesday 1 st October		P3/4/5 Visit to RHET Guardswell Farm
Tuesday 19 th November		Parent Contact Evening, 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 20 th November		Parent Contact Evening, 4.30-7.00pm
Tuesday 10 th December	2-3pm	School Christmas Concert (TBC)]
Wednesday 11 th December	6.30-7.30pm	School Christmas Concert (TBC)
Friday 20 th December		Whole School Christmas Party

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The new school website is up and running. Here's the link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pk/maddertyprimaryschool/>

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES

Autumn Term 2024:

Term ends Friday 4th October
Autumn Holiday Monday 7th – Friday 18th October

Winter Term 2024:

Term starts Monday 21st October
In-Service Day Friday 15th November
Term ends Friday 20th December
Christmas Holiday Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January

Spring Term 2025:

Term starts Monday 6th January
In-Service Day Wednesday 12th February
Occasional Holidays Thursday 13th – Friday 14th February
Term ends Friday 4th April
Spring Holiday Monday 7th – Monday 21st April
Easter Sunday Sunday 20th April

Summer Term 2025:

In-Service Day Tuesday 22nd April
Term starts Wednesday 23rd April
May Day Holiday Monday 5th May
Term ends Thursday 26th June

Mrs Marshall and Primary 1/2/3

The children have settled into P1/2/3 wonderfully and are enthusiastically engaging with their new learning experiences.

This term, we are exploring the fascinating topic of “Under the Sea,” which has sparked a lot of curiosity and excitement in the classroom. We also look forward to an upcoming visit to an aquarium, where the children will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of marine life. Further details about the trip will be provided soon.

Kind regards,

Mrs Marshall



Mrs Kinmont and Primary 3/4/5

We have had a brilliant start to the new term in P3/4/5.

This term we have a strong focus on respecting each other and we have linked this to learning about our rights. We have used this knowledge to create our class charter.

The class have been enthusiastic about our new Interdisciplinary Learning which is the Human Body. We have a new class member called Bones the Great. He has been helping us learn the correct names and position of our bones. We are currently investigating and learning about our digestive system.

Kind regards

Mrs Kinmont

Mrs Greig and P5/6/7

P5/6/7 have settled well into our new classroom routines and environment, with a clear focus on building relationships and creating a positive learning space for all. We have created, displayed and signed our Class Contract of our class expectations and we will try to stick to this throughout the year.

We have enjoyed exploring our new 'Planet Earth' topic during lessons relating to Tropical Rainforests, Animals of The Rainforest and Layers of the Rainforest, with lots more still to explore and research!

There has been a large focus on developing independent reading time within the classroom, all children have personal choice and reading book group books and we are also enjoying sharing our book reviews, favourite authors and texts with one another. In Maths, we are developing our skills using Place Value, Time and Money and have been focusing on laying out our work correctly (including our working!) in our jotters.

For the month of August, P5/6/7 ran the most daily mile laps in the school. Well done to all! Each day we have 15 minutes to run as many laps as we can and what a determined effort P5/6/7 are showing. We enjoyed a 'non-school uniform day' as a special treat to celebrate our class win!

P567 have also put suggestions forwards for our Term 1 class trip, with a clear favourite being a visit to Edinburgh Zoo. This will now take place on Monday 30th September – more details will be coming your way regarding this experience. Finally, as a class we are entering the 'Game and Wildlife Trust' Art Competition this term and we have been beginning to think on our focus for our entries.

Kind regards

Mrs Greig