



Madderty Primary School

Newsletter

December 2024

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much to all of you who came along to our Christmas Show. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and we were all very proud of their efforts.

Thanks to our Parent Council who have worked hard to support us yet again. A date for the AGM will be set at the start of next term and it would be lovely to see even more families involved. Alice Jenkins has stepped down as Chair of the Parent Council. I would like to thank her for all her support, time and enthusiasm over the past couple of years. We are grateful to Maggie Bush for filling the role until the AGM.

Children will be dismissed from Madderty Hall on Friday at 12pm, following the party. They can come in party/causal clothes for the morning.

Wishing you all a fabulous festive break.

Kind regards

Jackie Farrell
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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

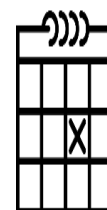
The enlarged car park can be accessed in the usual way. Please accompany your child to the main playground to keep them safe from moving traffic. Do not enter or leave when the buses are in. This will allow the children to safely make their way to the playground.

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



Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January

Thursday 9th January

Thursday 30th January

Wednesday 12th February

Thursday 13th – Friday 14th February

Thursday 20th February

Thursday 20th February

Thursday 20th March

Instalment due P7 Residential

Whole School Christmas Party

Madderty Hall, 10am-12 noon

School reopens at 9am

Instalment due P7 Residential

Instalment due P7 Residential

In-Service Day – school closed to pupils

Mid Term Holiday

P7 Transition to Crieff High School

Instalment due P7 Residential

Final Instalment due P7 Residential

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Here's the link for the school website:

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

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES

Winter Term 2024:

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

Autumn Term 2025

In-Service Day Monday 18th August
Term starts Tuesday 19th August
Term ends Friday 10th October
Autumn Holiday Monday 13th October – Friday 24th October

Mrs Marshall and P1/2/3

Christmas Cheer in P1/2/3!

The festive season is in full swing in our P1/2/3 classroom, and the excitement is building!

In the classroom, creativity has been flowing during our Christmas arts and crafts sessions. From glittery baubles to festive cards, the children have been using their imaginations to make beautiful decorations to take home.

We've also been adding a sprinkle of Christmas magic to our Literacy and Maths activities. Whether it's writing letters to Santa, Winter story writing, or counting Christmas treats, learning has been a lot of fun!

Many thanks for all your work in getting the children ready for their Christmas show which was a shining success.

Kind regards,

Mrs Marshall

Mrs Kinmont and P3/4/5

We have been busy in P3/4/5 this term learning drama skills of mime, body language, facial expression and voice projection. We put these skills to good use in our rehearsals for The Magical Christmas Jigsaw performance. All the children worked really hard learning their lines and the songs – well done everyone.

In Art, we looked at winter colours and learned about light and shade and how to incorporate this into our work to show depth and texture. Here are our creations.



Kind regards

Mrs Kinmont

Mrs Greig and P5/6/7

P5/6/7 have had a very busy term preparing for 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' performance which I am sure you all enjoyed seeing in action last week. This involved many hours of drama and music rehearsals along with developing our knowledge of different roles required within a theatre production.

Well done to all of P5/6/7 for their input during all rehearsals and prop-making sessions!

We have recently been enjoying 'Decider Skills' training during our Health and Wellbeing lessons with Dave Graham and Kat Grieve and we look forward to more sessions in the New Year. The sessions have focused around recognising different emotions and feelings that we can have along with exploring useful strategies we can use to help us in our day to day lives.

Our P7 pupils also had a successful first transition visit to Crieff High School in November and they all can't wait to take part in more opportunities throughout the year.

Kind regards
Mrs Greig

