



Madderty Primary School

Newsletter

February 2025

Dear Parents

I hope this finds you well.

We have had a busy start to the term with Scottish dancing and poetry. Our annual competition this year was of a particularly high standard with all children participating in class heats and earning house points.

Our competition final, which was held on Friday, was closely contested. The overall P1-3 winner was Alma de la Haye and the P4-7 winner was Isabella Drummond. Congratulations to both girls for outstanding performances.

This term also sees P5/6/7 going on a trip to Dundee to Discovery Point, with P3/4/5 visiting the Science Centre in Glasgow. P7 have another high school transition visit next week followed by a residential trip to Lendrick Muir, along with peers from schools in the Crieff Cluster.

Thank you to Maggie Bush and to so many of you who attended the EGM of the Parent Council last week. We are very grateful for all your support.

Hope you enjoy the mid term 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



Wednesday 12 th February		In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 13 th – Friday 14 th February		Mid Term Holiday
Thursday 20 th February		P7 Transition to Crieff High School
Thursday 20 th February		Instalment due P7 Residential
Tuesday 11 th March		P5/6/7 Trip, Dundee Discovery Point
Thursday 20 th March		Final Instalment due P7 Residential
Wednesday 26 th March		P3/4/5 Trip, Glasgow Science Centre
Friday 4 th April		Last day of term
Monday 28 th April	3.30pm	Parent Contact
Wednesday 30 th April	5pm	Parent Contact
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th May		Health Week
Tuesday 3 rd June	1pm	Sports Day
Tuesday 10 th June	1pm	Alternative Sports Day
Wednesday 11 th June		Reports Issued

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES

Spring Term 2025:

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

Summer Term 2025:

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

Autumn Term 2025

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

Mrs Marshall and Eco Group

The Madderty School Eco Group were excited to take part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch 2025. As part of this initiative, pupils will continue to focus on identifying common garden birds, learning to recognise different species and their unique features.

To support local wildlife, they will also be making bird feeders, providing essential food during the colder months.

In addition, the group will explore the school grounds, looking for signs of spring, such as budding trees, emerging flowers, and increased bird activity.

This project will help children connect with nature while learning about the conservation of local bird populations.

Kind regards,

Mrs Marshall

Mrs Kinmont and Rights Respecting Group

We have been busy raising awareness about children's rights.

We organised a competition for the whole school to design a **Rights Respecting Mascot**. Every child in the school entered the competition to design a mascot appropriate to Madderty and create a catchy name. A big well done to everyone who took part. It was a difficult task for the judges to choose a winner from each class.

Here are the winners from each class.



Charlotte – P1/2/3



Ibraheem – P3/4/5



Martha – P5/6/7



Kind regards

Mrs Kinmont

Mrs Greig and Digital Action Group

Our Digital Group have been busy exploring different apps that we can use across all classes to support learning. We have particularly enjoyed exploring Garage Band and trying out some touch-typing games to develop our skills too.

We have also gained a 'Coding Award' for taking part in an Hour of Digital Code as a team and now we are planning to share our skills across the school.

Our Digital Leaders plan to begin visiting younger classes this term to show different ways of using Digital Technology in the classroom along with also creating a Digital Lunchtime Club for younger children to try out different apps.

Finally, the team is currently busy promoting 'Safer Internet Day' which is on Tuesday 11th of February. Well done team Digital!

Kind regards

Mrs Greig

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Here's the link for the school website:

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