



# **Madderty Primary School**

## **Newsletter**

### **May 2025**

Dear Parents

I hope you had a good Easter break and enjoyed the lovely weather.

As always, this is a particularly busy and active term in school. P4 and P5 are currently enjoying weekly swimming lessons at Strathearn Campus. P1-7 have rugby coaching in May with P3-7 having Cricket coaching sessions. The whole school will continue with Tennis on Wednesdays – thank you to the Parent Council for arranging and funding this for us.

Thanks also to Mrs Drummond who has volunteered to continue Bikeability training in P6 and P7 – more information will be sent home.

We hope that you found last week's parent contact meetings useful. As always, if you have any concerns or suggestions, please just let us know.

I have included an updated diary list for you. We have suggested that this year on Sports Day, weather permitting, you bring a picnic and have lunch here with your children before the races. Primary P5/6/7 will also be setting out their stalls of enterprise goodies – more details to follow!

Kind regards

Jackie Farrell

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## **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Here's the link for the school website:

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



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May		Health Week
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May		Rugby Coaching (all classes)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May		Cricket Coaching (P3-7)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May		P7 Sports Transition Day & Maths Quiz
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May		Rugby Coaching (all classes)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		Rugby Coaching (all classes)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	12 noon	Sports Day Picnic Lunch
	1pm	Sports Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June		P7 Transition Days
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June		Rugby Coaching (all classes)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	1pm	Alternative Sports Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June		Reports Issued
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June		Leavers Assembly

## SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES

**Summer Term 2025:**

Term ends Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Autumn Term 2025**

In-Service Day Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August

Term starts Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Term ends Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Autumn Holiday Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

**Winter Term 2025**

Term starts Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October

In-Service Days Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Term ends Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

**Spring Term 2026**

Term starts Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

In-Service Day Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Mid Term Holiday Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Term ends Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Mrs Marshall and P1/2/3**

Our Primary 1/2/3 pupils have been busy this term!

They've been enjoying their recorder practice, learning new notes and playing together. In class, we've also been exploring the topic of energy - discovering different types, how it's used, and why it's important to conserve it.

With Sports Day just around the corner, pupils have been practising their running, jumping, skipping and team activities with great enthusiasm.

We will also welcome our nursery children this term, giving them a chance to explore the classroom and meet their future classmates.

It's been an energetic term so far!

Kind regards,

Mrs Marshall

## Mrs Kinmont and P3/4/5

In P3/4/5 we have had a busy start to the new term. We welcomed Miss Caie, a student teacher to the class. We look forward to learning with her.

P3/4/5 have also been fortunate to receive sporting tuition blocks of cricket, tennis and swimming where we will be improving our skills and technique. We will also participate in an exciting variety of healthy physical and mental activities in Madderty Health Week commencing May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025.

This term we completed our mini Minibeast Topic with a release of our ladybirds and butterflies. We have had fun caring for our minibeasts and learning about the different kinds of native minibeasts, their life cycles and habitats. We took our learning outdoors to create our own Bug Hotels.

Our new topic has taken us to the centre of the globe near the Equator where we are going to learn about The Rainforests and how they are important to the planet, the wildlife and our own lives.

Kind regards

Mrs Kinmont

## Mrs Greig and P5/6/7

P5/6/7 are enjoying the busy start to Term 4 and have already been demonstrating enthusiasm for our new class topics.

Over the last few weeks, we have been taking part in Tennis Lessons with Magda and Cricket lessons with Nick, learning lots of new skills and developing our teamwork.

We are also busy thinking on our Enterprise Ideas in our groups for our business creations which will be on sale at our P5/6/7 market on Sports Day. We cannot wait to share these with you. P5 have been showing great determination during their weekly swimming lessons and P6/7 are looking forward to working with Mrs Drummond towards achieving their Bikeability Awards.

We are of course also looking forward to Health Week and Primary 7 are also now beginning to reflect on their time at Madderty as they prepare for their End of Term Celebrations.

It's all go in P5/6/7! Well done everyone!

Kind regards

Mrs Greig

