



May Newsletter

Dates for the Diary					
Monday	2 nd May	School closed	Friday	13 th May	P7s at Aden Park
Wednesday	4 th May	P1 Induction begins. P6 bike checks.	Monday	16 th May	Mental Health Awareness week. Bikeability starts.
Wednesday & Thursday	4 th & 5 th May	P1 maths sessions for parents	Wednesday	18 th May	P1 parental meeting (induction)
Monday	9 th May	Pedometer challenge begins	Thursday	19 th May	Conversation Café in school
Wednesday	11 th May	Generation Science P4-7	Tuesday	24 th May	P7 Compass trip
Thursday	12 th May	Coffee Evening 6-8pm	Monday	30 th May	Sports day (weather permitting)

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe it's May already and what a busy month lies ahead!

P1 Induction

Our induction for the new P1 cohort start on Wednesday 4th May. Sessions will run from 9.30am until 11am and the children will have a chance to meet their new teacher and P7 buddies for next school session.

There will be a P1 parental meeting on the 18th May at 2pm and then children will have their final induction day on Wednesday 25th May.

P1 and P1/2 Maths Sessions

Mrs McManus and Miss White will be holding maths sessions for P1 parents on the 4th and 5th of May from 9.20am – 10.20am.

Generation Science P4-7

The Generation Science team will be visiting Maud School on Wednesday 11th May. Our P4-7 pupils will learn how the body is put together in a fast-paced, interactive show featuring lots of colourful characters and audience participation.

Coffee Evening

Arrangements are underway for our forthcoming coffee evening on Thursday 12th May. If you would like to help out during the evening, please let us know.

Bikeability

Our P6 pupils will be starting their bikeability training this month with bike checks starting on **Wednesday 4th May** then continuing on **Monday 9th May** and **Wednesday 11th May** if necessary. All bike checks must be completed by Mrs Rogers before training can begin on **Monday 16th May**. Thank you to

Mr Ralph Greig for his help this year. These activities cannot run without the help and support of parent volunteers.

P7s at Aden

The next transition event for our P7 pupils will be held at Aden Park on Friday 13th May. The event will comprise of four contrasting activities

- Bird Boxes with the Park Rangers
- Environmental Art activity led by artist Melissa Arcaro
- Team building activities led by the Guidance Team
- Wide games led by Active Schools staff

Conversation Café

The Conversation Café will be held in school on Thursday 19th May from 9.30-11.30am. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a fine piece with friends. P7 pupils will help on the day and if you would be kind enough to bake/make sandwiches for it/to help serve etc, please let the school know.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Following the success of last year, the school, as part of our community involvement, is once again involved in the events run by the Resource Centre for Mental Health Awareness Week. We will be participating in the pedometer challenge (P3-7) and each of the classes will be taking part in different activities/workshops over the course of the week. All classes will participate in GREC (Grampian Racial Equality Council) workshops and P1 and P1/2 will enjoy sessions run by Relax Kids.

P3/4 Class trip

On Tuesday 24th May, P3/4 will be off to Aberdeen University for their Sneaky Bugs trip! Sponsored by Total, this is a hands-on workshop to teach children about microbes, infection, antibiotics and resistance to antibiotics. I'm sure the children will love being little scientists!

Compass Centre

Our P7 pupils, accompanied by Mrs McCue are busy getting ready for their residential trip to Compass Christian Centre later this month. We hope that they have a great time and look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

Sports day

Our sports day will run on Monday 30th May, weather permitting. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us at the school for potted sports in the morning and then at the Pleasure Park for races afterwards. If weather prevents Sports day from running on Monday 30th May, we will then hold it on the next dry Monday to coincide with our PE Specialist.

Football

That's the training sessions back outside now, well we managed the first week anyway, week 2 the weather forced us to cancel! Let's just hope the weather improves a bit, or maybe a lot! As always, please make sure children wear shin pads and have a soft drink with them, and unbelievably we better mention weather appropriate clothing!

Our next committee meeting is to be held on Monday 9th May at 7:30pm in Maud Social Club, all parents/carers welcome.

Date Change

Please be aware that the cycle to Aden will now be on Friday 17th June.

House Points and Homework Feedback

Our house point and homework system has now been in place for almost a year. We would like to extend a big thank you to all of the parents/carers who provided feedback to our questionnaires and also to those who were able to attend the feedback meeting. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Charter Champions

Well done to our Charter Champions since the last newsletter:

Week beg 18.4.16 – Euan, Lisa, Caitlyn, Joe and Callum M

Week beg 25.4.16 – Kacey, Isabelle, Phoebe, Marie, Merryn

Celebrating Success

We are delighted to share the following successes:

John and Ethan are moving up at the Boys Brigade.

Angus and Bobby passed their skateboarding lessons.

Isla M got a trophy at highland dancing.

Ella A, Charlotte, Beth, Cerys, Charli and Alana did have been moved up to a new level in swimming.

William has gained his blue belt in karate.

John B was awarded his green belt in karate.

Jan Sanders from the church has told that children from Maud School provided an afternoon of entertainment with puppets, songs and poems to residents at The Haven which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The following children were involved: Hannah, Nathan, Cameron, Oli, Charli and Charlotte. The residents really enjoyed the afternoon and hope that we will go back again soon.

On Saturday 30th April - the church held a Buttery Morning and Kirk Shop and Charlotte Adams was a fantastic helper.

Reminders

Parents are visitors are kindly reminded not to park across or over neighbouring driveways. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

A number of pupils are still coming to school without water bottles. Please ensure that your child has one on a daily basis. They are allowed to fill them up at the water fountain, but, in the interests of hygiene control, we are trying to avoid a large number of children drinking directly from the tap.

Parents are also reminded that earrings **must** be removed or covered up for PE and that long hair must be tied back.

If your child is to be collected from school at the end of the day by someone other than who usually picks them up, you **must** let us know in advance. This also applies if you have arranged for your child to go home with another child's parent. This is a necessary part of our procedures in 'keeping children safe.

Similarly, if your child is not to travel home on the school bus, you must let both the bus company and ourselves know.

Finally, **please remember to acknowledge our school newsletter.**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Steel and Mrs L McCue
Head Teachers

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN

I have received the school's newsletter for May 2016 and noted its contents.

Name of child(ren):

P1: P1-2: P3-4: P4-5: P6-7:

Signature of Parent:

Comments/Compliments/Suggestions Box: