



February Newsletter

Dates for the Diary					
Friday	10 th	Holiday	Wk beg	20 th	P6 Enterprise Event, Mintlaw Academy
Monday	13 th	Holiday	Friday	24 th	Bags to School collection
Tues & Wed	14 th & 15 th	In-Service training days for staff only (closed to pupils)	Friday	3 rd March	World Book Day

Dear Parents,
February is here already and we have a busy month ahead!

Parking

We kindly remind parents and friends not to park over neighbouring driveways or near them in a way that may cause an obstruction. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Reminders

Please make sure that winter woollies sent in to school are labelled with your child's name! We know that it's easy to forget, but it makes it much easier to reunite lost items with their owners. We have quite a few hats, scarves and gloves that have lost their owners at the moment!

School Closure Dates

Please note the dates in the table above. School will be closed for pupils as of Friday 10th February and it will re-open on Thursday 16th February.

Student Placement

We are pleased to welcome Mrs E Lloyd to Maud School on a student placement. Mrs Lloyd will be working with P1/2 until Thursday 9th February and will then return in May for another 4 weeks.

Bags to School Collection

You will soon receive your 'bags to school' collection bag. These should be returned to school by Thursday 23rd February for collection the following day. Lost property items will be donated to Bags to School too. Time to have a spring clean!

Lunchtimes

Children in P1-3 who go home for lunch must be collected by a parent/responsible adult. Children in this age group should not walk home alone unless we have written permission from parents. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Ceilidh

We are delighted that the recent Ceilidh was a roaring success! Thank you to the members of the Parent Council committee for organising this and a huge well done to our pupils who performed at it. It's always lovely to hear of how well our children do at community events!

Scottish Poetry

Our annual Scottish Poetry competition was so difficult to judge! Well done to the pupils who put so much effort into learning their poems. You are a credit to the school!

This year, our winners were:

P1 – Alexia, John, Owen

P2 – Madison, Liam, Euan

P3 – Isabelle, Lisa, Nathan

P4 – Aiden, Lewis, Cameron

P5 – Sarah, Callum, Amy D

P6 – Abby, Alanna C, Emily

P7 – Jimmy, Jack, Declan

P6 Enterprise Event

Mintlaw Academy will be holding their P6 Enterprise Event later on this month. All P6 pupils will receive further information closer to the event, which will confirm the date for Maud School. The day is held at Mintlaw Academy and a snack and packed lunch will be required.

World Book Day 2017

World Book Day will be held in school on Friday 3rd March. We will mark the occasion by dressing up as our favourite book characters. Please do not go to any expense with this! Each child will also be issued with a World Book Day token, which is valid from 27th February until the 26th March and can be swapped for a FREE World Book Day book OR you can get £1 off any book. Will Stick Man make reappear this year? 😊

Tuck Shop

A small reminder that tuck shop purchases are limited to 1 piece of fruit/homebake and a drink per child.

Football

Just a reminder we have a committee meeting on Monday 6th February at 7:30pm at Maud Social Club. At the meeting we will be planning our fundraising Quiz Night which is to be held on Friday 17th March. If anybody has been able to source any auction items then please come along to the meeting or get in touch with a committee member. Also, as Tuesday the 14th of February is an in-service day at school there will be no football training that night. As always please make sure children wear shin pads to all training sessions and games and that they have a soft drink with them, and for those training outside that they dress appropriately for the weather.

Whole School Trip, Term 4

We are delighted to share with you that we have booked our Summer trip! The whole school will be heading to Aberdeen on Thursday 15th June to see 'Gangsta Granny' at HMT. Further details will be issued closer to the trip.

Adverse Weather

Just by way of a reminder, the telephone number for the School Information Service is 0870 054 4999 and the PIN code for Maud School is 022190. This service is updated as soon as possible by either Mrs Steel or Mrs McCue at the earliest opportunity once a decision has been made. You can also log onto the Aberdeenshire Council website for the latest information. There is also a facility for registering to be advised by email when a school is closed. All children should already have logged into GLOW to check their password is working. Work will always be put on GLOW during snow closure days. (GLOW usernames and passwords can be found in the children's reading records).

Please note that on snowy/icy days, the janitors will de-ice a path from the school gate to the door first thing in the morning. As fun as it might be, please discourage your children from making 'slides'!

Behaviour Questionnaire

By now, you should have received feedback on our recent Behaviour Questionnaire. Thank you to everyone who responded to this. This helps us achieve our vision of Maud School being 'A Place Where We All Work Together To Be The Best We Can Be.'

Charter Champions

Well done to our recent Charter Champions:

Wk beg 9/1/17 – Harvey R, Alana F, Oli, Natasha and William

Wk beg 16/1/17- Mary, Chloe, Isabelle, Cerys and Justin

Wk beg 23/1/17 – Owen, Olivia, Angus, Sarah and Charlotte

Good News

We are delighted to share the following successes with you:

Ellie and Isla M, P2 have made great progress at their swimming lessons!

Kayden, P2, climbed Bennachie with his dad.

Ella, P4, completed her 2 length challenge at Peterhead pool.

Ashley, P5, entered a competition and had to draw a portrait of the Queen! Her entry was in the paper and she won some lovely prizes too.

Natasha and Erin gained their 4th Mon certificate at Judo.

Angus is now in intermediate level at Skateboarding.

We are also pleased to share that Isabelle, P4 is currently fundraising for Cancer Research and plans to do a step count challenge to raise money! In her own words, here is the reason behind Isabelle's efforts:

My name is Isabelle & I am 7 years old, last Christmas Eve my lovely grandad died of cancer, I miss him very very much & I get very sad when I think of never seeing him again.

I asked my mummy & daddy why he wasn't made better by the doctors, like me when I had a sore throat & they told me that sometimes people could be, but sometimes there wasn't the medicine to make people better. I don't like that, people should be made better, I don't want any other children to miss their grandads like I do, I want to give some money to people to help them make some medicine.

I asked my mummy & daddy if I could do something to raise some money & they said I could, so I am going to do a Step Count Challenge, I hope to walk 30000 steps in 12 hours. I am practising every day, so far my best is just over 15000 steps on a school day.

If anyone would like to help me raise some money, I would be really happy.

Thank you for reading my story

Love

Isabelle

Isabelle has a 'Just Giving' page, which her parents would have details of and we also have some sponsor forms in school should anyone wish to sponsor her.

Tissues

With the weather turning colder we will soon be into the season of coughs and sneezes, would it be possible for each family to donate a box of tissues to school please? Thank you.

Mrs G Steel and Mrs L McCue
Head Teachers

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN

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

Name of child(ren):

P1: P2: P3: P4: P5: P6:

Signature of Parent:

Comments/Compliments/Suggestions Box: