



Newsletter – April 2021

Vision - 'A Place Where We All Work Together To Be The Best We Can Be.'

Dates for the Diary					
Friday	2nd	Good Friday – school closed	Wednesday	28 th	Parent Council meeting 6:30pm (online)
Monday	19th	Start of term 4			

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to have welcomed all of our children back to school very recently! We really appreciate the support and kindness of parents who have worked very hard to keep the momentum going with online learning, not an easy feat at all! You have been so encouraging to us as a school community and we are all very grateful! Our hard working team have been fantastic to keep learning progressing for your children and your children have been a credit to the school. Some are taking a wee moment to readjust to being at school again and our high expectations but that of course, is only to be expected and we are working to support them in this area. The Easter holidays are almost upon us and we will use this opportunity to recharge our batteries ready for term 4!

We also thank those parents who are remembering to wear masks where applicable and maintain social distancing at the school gate. This is helping to keep everyone safe. Please remember that it can only be one adult per family dropping off or collecting children from school. Thank you.

Welcome

Welcome to Sophia who has joined our P3/4 class and is settling in very well!

Comic Relief

A huge thank you and well done to P4/5 and Miss Walker who organised and ran a very successful Comic Relief Day last week and tied this in with their class assembly! We raised a fantastic £283 for this very worthwhile cause! Thank you so much to everyone who sent in donations!

Easter Competition

We have been overwhelmed with the number of entries for our Easter Egg competition this year, despite the change in format so a huge thank you to all of the children who submitted an entry. The competition was very difficult to judge but as always, the winners were judged on effort and children's ideas/handwork being obvious. The winners and runners-up are as follows;

P1/2 winner is Callie and the runner up is Beth

P3/4 winner is Cameron C and the runner up is Devon

P4/5 winner is Paige and the runner up is Demi

P6 winner is Elinor and the runner up is Joshua Miguel

P7 winner is Lisa and runner up is Jamie

We will post photos of the winning designs on our school Facebook page.

Kodaly

Mr MacArthur (Mr Mac to the children) will be teaching Kodaly music to P1/2, P3/4 and P4/5 during term 4. This will be delivered in class and online via Teams. We look forward to welcoming him back this session. His sessions are always fun and well received by the children!

Support/Useful Links:

NHS

For all the latest Covid 19 information and advice:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus>

Grampian Assistance Hub

[Grampian Coronavirus Assistance Centre - This website is a focal point for information and assistance for anyone affected by coronavirus anywhere in Grampian](https://www.gcah.org.uk)
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Educational Psychology Phonenumber

Available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9am - 3pm. Call 01779 403721

Family Nurture Leaflets

Educational Psychology Service has developed leaflets on key topics which contain tips and advice for parents and carers.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/as/aberdeenshireeps/family-nurture-leaflets/>

School Gates

A reminder that Laurence Findlay, Director of Education and Children's Services has instructed that all parents and carers should be wearing masks as they pick up and drop off at the school gates. We also remind all parents, who are still dropping children off, that we should maintain 2 metres distancing and not congregate around school gates as this can obstruct the paths and pavements for our children. We thank everyone who is trying hard to keep our community safe.

Indoor Shoes

As the weather changes, children may require to wear something more substantial and waterproof on their feet to school. Where possible, we encourage children to come to school wearing sturdy school shoes or boots that will keep their feet warm and dry throughout the day. Where this is not possible, children may bring a pair of small trainers or plimsolls to keep in their tray to change into at school. These should remain in school and be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please be aware that the cloakrooms are still not available and wet outdoor shoes if changed, will be stored in children's own classrooms. For younger pupils, please be aware that the class teacher will not be able to assist with the tying of laces or buckles, so please provide footwear that your child can change into independently.

Pupil Illness

We are now in the season where colds, sniffles and the sickness bug will be making an unwelcome return! A few points to remember;

Sickness/diarrhoea Bug

Please remember the 48 hour rule associated with the sickness/diarrhoea bug. This will help stop/slow the spread in school. Your child should only return to school 48 hours after the last episode.

Cold/sniffles

Unless your child is feeling very unwell within themselves, please don't feel that they must stay home with a cold. All staff continue to attend with a cold and children can too. Tissues will be available in classrooms. If we asked children to stay away with every sneeze or runny nose, they would never be here!

Covid-19 symptoms

Children and staff **should not come to school** if they or a member of their household develop **any of the symptoms** (increased temperature, a new, persistent cough or a change/loss to sense of smell or taste). If you are unsure if a test is necessary, we suggest you seek an assessment through your GP or 111, who will advise appropriately. If a test is advised, this should be arranged by the family and school informed. NHS will then give further advice on next steps, depending on the result of the test and who in the household is affected. Once again, please inform the school of the results.

Further advice can be found on the Test and Protect website:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/campaigns/test-and-protect>

Adverse Weather

In the case of adverse weather, please remind yourself of the school closures telephone number and PIN numbers - **0370 054 4999 PIN 022190**.

A message will be left on the school closure line as soon as possible in the morning and information will also be available on the Aberdeenshire Council website. These are the only approved methods used by Aberdeenshire Council so other methods of communication will not be updated until later.

School Values

Our shared school values are: **Happiness, Respect, Responsibility, Keeping Healthy, Being Safe, Friendship and Honesty**.

We continue to use our 'Values Tree', in our hall, where we are promoting our school values, focusing on one per month. Children can look at any of the values and write on a leaf if they think that they are demonstrating them, eg, I asked xxxxx to join in my game (Friendship). They will also focus on the specific value of the month in classes.

Well done to Summer who was nominated in March by Lucas for the values of 'Respect' and 'Friendship'. He says, 'Summer made sure I didn't fall and made sure I was ok with my sore arm.' What a lovely thing to do Summer! Your nomination is well deserved and a certificate is on its way home to you!

Our value for the month of April will be 'Friendship'. Due to the current situation, we encourage everyone to e-mail in photos or news of your friendship activities during the month of April and they will be added to the values tree.

A reminder that anyone can be **nominated for the value of the month** but these should be for children who consistently demonstrate that value, as opposed to one off events.

Clothing

We can't stress how important it is at this time of year that children are sent to school appropriately dressed for the colder weather. All children **must** now bring a coat and additional items such as hats, gloves etc must be named. We will be outside in all weathers, whenever possible.

Children should also wear a jumper/cardigan as inside the building, it can be quite cold, especially as there is currently a requirement to leave all windows and doors open to encourage air circulation.

Please contact the Head Teachers if you are having any difficulty with this, we may be able to help.

Parking

We remind all parents and visitors to be considerate and not to park over neighbouring driveways. We encourage families, where possible, to park away from the school and walk the remainder of the way. Traffic is becoming very congested around the bus pick-up points on the Avenue so try to avoid this route, if possible. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Charter Champions

We are delighted to have resumed Charter Champions for all of our classes again!

Congratulations to our Charter Champions for March:

Week beg 1st March – Beth and McKenzi

Week beg 8th March – Evie and Ava

Week beg 15th March – Amellia, Lois, Jacob, Ryan and Raegan

Week beg 22nd March – Ella S, Harvey, Aimee, Cameron B and Nathan

Week beg 29th March – Summer, Sophie, Owen, Harvey and Lucy

Good News!

Please remember to let us know of any good news so we can share it in the newsletter and in our assemblies! We've had a bit of a drought lately!

Maud School Football

We are delighted to announce that football training is starting back after the Easter holidays. We will be returning to Maud Pleasure Park on Tuesday nights, 6:30 to 7:30pm (first training session back is Tuesday 20th April). We will be sticking with the same procedures that were e-mailed out in term 1 as follows:-

- Children should not attend training if they or anyone in their household have any Covid symptoms
- Parents are asked to remain at the park during training but at the car park side of the fence and to adhere to social distancing guidelines
- Children will be given hand sanitizer at the beginning of each session and will be ushered to their area. They must stay in this area for the entire training session and should not touch any equipment
- The toilets will not be open so please ensure your child has been to the toilet before they arrive at training
- Children's laces should be tied securely as coaches are not permitted to re-tie them
- If your child requires first aid, coaches are only permitted to guide them through their own treatment, you may be required to help out with this hence the reason we ask you to stay at the park (coaches would only be permitted to give first aid treatment in an emergency situation)

- We still won't be taking the £1 fee at training, details will be sent out at a later date regarding this

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Please go over these procedures with your child(ren) before they come along to training. And as always children should wear shin guards and have a soft drink with them in a clearly named bottle.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the content of the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Steel/Mrs McCue
Head Teachers

Comments/Compliments/Suggestions: