



Newsletter – June 2021

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

Dates for the Diary					
Monday	31 st May	P1 and P7 walk to Aden	Friday	11 th	P1/2 class assembly (virtual)
Tuesday	1 st June	P6 walk to Aden	Mon-Fri	14th-18th	P6 bikeability
Thursday	3rd	P3/4 and P4/5 walk to Aden	Wed-Fri	16th - 18th	P7 transition days
Friday	4 th	P1/2 class trip	Monday	21 st	P7 class trip
Mon-Fri	7 th -11th	P6 bike checks	Friday	25 th	Last day of term 4
Tuesday	8 th	P3/4 and P4/5 trip	Monday	16th August	In-Service
Wednesday	9 th	P6 class trip	Tuesday	17th August	Term 1 begins

Dear Parents,

It's the final push to the Summer Holidays after another somewhat unsettled year. As you can see from the list of dates above, we have a busy June planned, with many fun events taking place for all classes.

We 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.

Please also remember that whilst some restrictions outwith school may have eased, restrictions for all schools still remain in place until further notice from the Authority and Scottish Government. In this respect, all pupils are still asked to arrive at school as close to 9am as possible (with the exception of school transport children) and to remain on the premises for lunch.

Boiler work

As previously advised, the school is undergoing work to replace our boilers. As part of this, a section of playground in the P3/4 and P4/5 area will be cordoned off and the obstacle course will be out of bounds. The pathway between this area and the P6 playground will also be unavailable.

Please keep away from the cordoned off area to allow the work to be carried out safely. Thank you.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Thomas, Rebecca, Miley, Jim, Rocky and Zahra to our school community and hope that they all settle in well. We also welcome Mrs Paterson who will be team teaching in P1/2 on Wednesdays until the end of term due to the increase in class size.

P1 Induction (2021-22)

Our P1 virtual induction has now started and is going well. P1 (to be) parents have been contacted directly about this and will have a chance to meet with Miss McWilliam towards the end of term 4.

Walk to Aden

Each class/bubble will still get the opportunity to take part in our annual 'walk to Aden'. Children will require a snack, drink and packed lunch for their walk. They may wear comfortable clothing and a school jumper on the day. Comfy shoes/trainers are a must! On arriving at Aden park, children will eat and then have the chance to run around and play. All children must be collected from Aden park between 2:30pm and 2:45pm on the day of their trip, parents should wear a mask and always maintain a distance from other adults. Prior arrangements will be made before the trips so that school staff know who will be collecting and can keep track of children on the day. Please be patient and wait for a staff member to fetch your child so that we can maintain order and track who has been collected. Should the weather on the day not be suitable for the walk, it will **not** be rearranged.

Please see the table above detailing individual dates for each bubble's walk.

Class Trips

We have been working hard to arrange class trips for each of our classes or bubbles as a treat for their hard work during an unsettled year. Trips have been arranged as follows:

P1/2 will be visiting Waulkmill Menagerie on Friday 4th June.

P3/4 and P4/5 will be having a day at Haddo House grounds and park on Tuesday 8th June.

P6 will be taking part in the Assault Course at Crimond on Wednesday 9th June.

P7 will be going to the Arc Cinema at Peterhead then will be having lunch at McDonalds on Monday 21st June.

We have tried hard to arrange these activities in challenging times and hope that the children (and staff) all have a well-deserved day out.

P1/2 Assembly

P1/2 will be recording and presenting an assembly to their parents this month. This will be shared with P1/2 parents on Friday 11th June 2021.

P7 Transition Days

Our P7 children will be attending Mintlaw Academy for their 3 day transition programme from Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th June. They should still wear their Maud School jumper/Maud School Leaver's hoody on these days.

P7 Leaver's Assembly

Unfortunately, Aberdeenshire Council Risk Assessments continue to bind us and prevent a 'traditional' leaver's assembly. However, we will still do our usual awards and presentations and record the process, which will then be sent out to all P7 parents in the final week of term.

Free School Meal Expansion plan

It has recently been announced that Free School Meals are being expanded to cover all Primary School Pupils. The phased timescales for the implementation of this are as follows; all P4 pupils by August 2021, P5 by January 2022 and then including P6 and P7 pupils by August 2022.

If you have a child who will be in P4 as of August 2021, you will be part of the 1st phase of the rollout and will receive any necessary information accordingly, this will then be closely followed by parents of P5 pupils who should become part of the process from January 2022.

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.grampian.org.uk/coronavirus)
[Grampian Coronavirus Assistance Centre \(gcah.org.uk\)](https://www.grampian.org.uk/coronavirus)

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.

Pupil Illness

Colds, sniffles and the sickness bug will still make an appearance this term! 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>

School Values

Our shared school values are: **Happiness, Respect, Responsibility, Keeping Healthy, Being Safe, Friendship and Honesty**. Our value for the month of June is 'Being Safe'.

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.

We had a number of children who were nominated for 'friendship' and 'kindness' during the month of May. Certificates are on their way home and these children's names are displayed on our Values Tree in school!

Clothing

We can't stress how important it is at this time of year that children are sent to school appropriately dressed for **all** weathers. The weather remains changeable, and we still need jackets on some days along with suntan lotion on others!

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 and the heating is now also switched off at Authority level.

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

PE

On PE days, children still need to wear their school sweatshirt/cardigan on top with jogging bottoms or leggings on their lower half. Football logos are not permitted. Thank you.

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 10th May- Scarlett, Robbie C, Paige, Jake B and Jamie

Week beg 17th May – Thomas, Ronie, Robbie B, Elinor and Raegan

Week beg 24th May- Murrone, Maisie O, Ethan, Madi and Lisa

Good News!

Well done to:

Murron who made her Rainbow Guide promise and collected all 12 of the badges she'd earned over lockdown! Wow, well done, Murron!

Elena who lost a tooth and got £1 from the Tooth Fairy!

Ella S who started going to Rainbows for the first time.

Also, a huge well done and thank you to Isabelle in P7 who continues to amaze us with her fantastic fund raising activities! Last weekend, Isabelle took part in a sponsored bridge swing with the aim of raising funds for the school and raised a whopping £400! We've seen the video of her taking part and it looks both scary and amazing at the same time! She now hopes to take part in a bungee jump when she is old enough! Thank you so much for your hard work and for supporting the school Isabelle, you truly are a star!

Please remember to let us know of any good news so we can share it in the newsletter and in our assemblies!

Maud School Football

Just a couple of quick reminders, an e-mail was sent out for the P3s – P6s regarding the Strathythan league, a quick response would be much appreciated. Also, our next committee meeting is on Tuesday 1 June at Maud Social Club at 8pm, everyone welcome!

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: