



Newsletter – May 2021

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

Dates for the Diary					
Monday	3 rd May	Holiday – school closed	Friday	21 st	P3/4 class assembly (online)
Wednesday	17 th	Start of P1 induction process	Friday	28 th	P7 Transition'21 Event – Mintlaw Academy

Dear Parents,

We have made it to term 4! Another rollercoaster year but hopefully, we can enjoy term 4 (and maybe some sunshine) without any major bumps in the road. Our pupils continue to re-settle into school life but, on the whole, we are impressed by their resilience. Our staff team will continue to support their learning and wellbeing in every way possible.

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 remain on the premises for lunch.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome a number of new pupils to Maud school recently, Sathiyam in P1/2, Maisie in P3/4, Ameja in P4/5 and Madi in P6.

Kodaly

Mr MacArthur (Mr Mac to the children) has started teaching Kodaly music to P1/2, P3/4 and P4/5 this term. This is being delivered online via Teams, which is a bit different for Mr Mac, the children and the teachers but has been going well. His sessions are always fun and well received by the children!

May Day Holiday

Monday 3rd May is a holiday and school will be closed on this date, reopening on Tuesday 4th. Have a lovely long weekend.

P1 Induction (2021-22)

Our P1 induction will be a virtual induction again this year (unless restrictions change) and will commence on Wednesday 17th May for a period of 5 weeks. P1 (to be) parents have been contacted directly about this.

P3/4 Assembly

P3/4 will be recording and presenting an assembly to their parents this month. This will be shared via the P3/4 TEAMS space on Friday 21st May for parents to enjoy.

P7 Transition '21 Event

We are delighted that our P7 pupils will be attending their first transition event at Mintlaw Academy on Friday 28th May. Further information will be issued to all P7 parents.

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 GrampianGrampian Coronavirus Assistance Centre \(gcah.org.uk\)](https://www.gcah.org.uk)

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

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.**

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 'Happiness' during the month of April – Brogan,Ella ,Demi, Paige, Ethan E, Maisie B and Lexi. Certificates are on their way home!

Our value for the month of May will be '**Honesty**', with a focus on honest behaviour, actions and making smart choices.

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.

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 19th April - Ella C, Elijah, Sophie, Austin, Isabelle

Week beg 26th April - Elena, McKenzi, Lexi, Joshua Miguel, Carlyle

Good News!

Hayden, P4, has started volunteering at the Cats Protection and he goes there every Friday night to help clean, feed and look after the cats. Showing such responsibility, Hayden! Well done.

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

Training has started back at Maud Pleasure Park on Tuesday night's, 6:30 – 7:30pm. A big thank you to everyone for sticking to our COVID procedures allowing everyone to train safely! As always, please make sure you children 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: