



Newsletter – November 2020

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

Dates for the Diary					
Mon-Fri	2 nd - 6 th Nov	P7 Bikeability	Wednesday	4th	Parent Council Meeting, 6.30pm
Monday	2nd	Harvest Veg Competition	Friday	20th	In-service day 3

Dear Parents,

We hope that you all managed to have a lovely October break, as a staff we have enjoyed the time off and are ready to tackle term 2! Term 2 is usually full of glitter, festive cheer and parties and we will endeavour to keep as much of our regular activities as possible but within the Covid-19 guidelines, of course. Watch this space!

Parent Council AGM

The Parent Council AGM will be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 6:30pm. We are always delighted to welcome new members so we would love it if you could join us! If you would like to attend, please let the school know your email address so that you can be invited to join the meeting.

Macmillan Event

Just before the holidays, P7 and Miss Simpson held a phenomenal event in aid of Macmillan which raised £582.27! This year, they really had to think creatively and with the support of Miss Simpson, her mum and the Old Mart Café, they offered some delicious home bakes for sale. Alongside a dress as you please day and colouring competitions for the children and a lucky square competition for the community. A lovely show of community spirit and we thank you all for your support.

In-Service Day

Please note that Friday 20th November is an in-service day and school will be closed to pupils only on that day. Staff will be in the school building undertaking some professional learning and training.

Harvest Vegetable Competition

This year, we have decided to change the harvest competition slightly by making it an optional homework task. Any children who would like to enter can create their masterpiece at home and upload a photo to their class Seesaw page. We are always impressed by the creativity of our pupils and have been wowed in the past by cars made of aubergine and a minion made out of a potato! All entries must be in by Sunday 1st November and will be judged on Monday 2nd. Good luck!

Bikeability

We are delighted that our P7 cohort will finally have a chance to complete their Bikeability training, which was postponed due to school closures in June. Training will take place during the week beginning Monday 2nd November and will be run by Mrs Sutton, Mrs McKay and Mrs Reid, who have all been recently trained.

Crossing Patroller

We currently have a live advert for a school crossing patroller, please let any friends or family know if you think they would be interested! Many thanks.

Pupil Illness

We are rapidly entering 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.

Tissues

As the weather is now turning colder and we are in the season of coughs and colds, we kindly ask that each family donate a box of tissues to school please. We seem to get through these really quickly! Many thanks in advance.

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.

Our value for November is - Respect

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

Well done to our recent Charter Champions:

Week beginning 28.9.20 - Nathan , Sam, Jake, Chloe and Raegan

Week beginning 5.10.20 - Lucas, Hayden, Samuel, Liam and Nathan

Week beginning 26.10.20 – Aoibheann, Harlow, Harry, Kayden and Jamie

Good News!

Well done to our pupils who have celebrated their achievement with us since the last newsletter! It's great to hear about your outside achievements!

We are delighted to announce that Isabelle, P7 was nominated for the Inspiring Aberdeenshire Awards and made it to the final 3 in her category, 'The Future Award'. Well done, Isabelle!

Please remember to let us know of any good news so we can share it in school! A good news slip needs to be completed and handed in to your child's class teacher.

A Message from Maud School Football

Just a reminder about the new training schedule for the winter months. Due to SYFA and government restrictions we are limited with numbers because of the size of New Deer Astro. The P1-3s and the P4-7s will therefore train on alternate Tuesdays (6-7pm) as follows:-

Date	Group
27 October 2020	P1-3s
03 November 2020	P4-7s
10 November 2020	P1-3s
17 November 2020	P4-7s
24 November 2020	P1-3s
01 December 2020	P4-7s

08 December 2020	P1-3s
15 December 2020	P4-7s

We are still asking parents to stick around at training in case their child needs first aid, please also make sure your child(ren) is dressed appropriately for the weather. If training ever needs to be cancelled, you will be informed by e-mail. Lastly, we have a committee meeting on Monday the 9th of November at 8pm via Zoom. All parents are welcome, if you'd like to join in please e-mail maudschoolfootball@hotmail.co.uk and we will forward the meeting details to you.

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: