



Newsletter – October 2021

Vision - A place where we all work together to be the best we can be.

Happiness Friendship Respect Honesty Responsibility Keeping Healthy Being Safe

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 7th Oct - Virtual Open afternoon

Fri 15th Oct - Harvest Vegetable Competition

Mon 18th - Fri 29th Oct (inc) - October holidays

Mon 1st November - start of Term 2

Tues 2nd November - Tempest photos (individual and family photos)

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to Term 1 and can't believe we're almost at the end of term already! The children have adapted to being together again so quickly and it's great to see them having fun in the playground!

Following the latest advice from the Scottish Government, school restrictions are to remain in place until at least the October holidays. Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding with this, but we do need to remind you to be kind and respectful to one another around the school gate, allowing other parents and children to move around safely and freely.

Procedures

A wee reminder that with the exception of children who travel by school bus, pupils are the responsibility of their parents before the 9am bell. We also ask, now that the weather is colder, that all children come to school appropriately dressed and with a coat on a daily basis. We try to get children outside in all weathers and outdoor learning plays an important part in what we do.

Those coming to school with bikes/scooters must also disembark at the gate and walk them across to the bike shed. Thank you.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Despite restrictions, we were determined that nothing stops a coffee morning! P7 and Miss Simpson did a brilliant job of organising and running their MacMillan Coffee Morning last Friday! Huge thanks to them for all their hard work, Mrs Simpson for her lovely baking and all members of the local and wider community who donated prizes, raffles and fine pieces! We will let you know the final total raised as soon as possible!

Later on in the day, P7 presented a virtual assembly to their parents all about the work of MacMillan Cancer Support. Super work P7!

Microsoft Teams/Homework

All classes are now using Microsoft Teams as their means of communicating between home and school.

All homework is now set via Teams and therefore all children are expected to access it via this platform. **Spelling, reading and any maths homework set by teachers is required to be completed by all pupils - this is not optional.**

We are working hard to 'catch up' and address any gaps caused by lockdown and homework is a vital part of this process.

Thank you for your support with this!

Harvest Vegetable Competition

Our annual Harvest vegetable decorating competition will take place on Friday 15th October. Please bring a vegetable to decorate! We will provide art/craft materials but if your child requires anything specific, they will need to bring it in from home.

Winners and runners up will be chosen from each year group!

Pupil Illness

A few points to remember regarding pupil illness:

Sickness/diarrhoea

Please remember that children must remain at home if they have sickness/diarrhoea and should only return to school 48 hours after the last episode.

Cold/sniffles

Children are able to attend school with a cold unless they are feeling very unwell within themselves or have Covid 19 symptoms. Tissues are available in all classrooms.

Covid 19 symptoms

Children should remain at home and access a PCR test if they have any of the 3 main Covid 19 symptoms - a persistent cough, loss/change of sense of taste/smell or a temperature. All household members should remain at home until a negative test result has been received then they can return to school provided they are asymptomatic. If we have a positive Covid case in school, whole classes are no longer asked to isolate. Schools now send out 'Warn and Inform' letters with further guidance and those identified as close contacts are contacted directly by Test and Trace.

Please note that the guidance on this changes on a very regular basis and families are encouraged to test regularly using lateral flow devices which are available to order online.

Parking

We remind all parents to be considerate and not to park over neighbouring driveways. Please, where possible, park away from the school and walk the remainder of the way. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 2nd November to take individual and family (those who live in the same household) photographs. All children will be required to come to school wearing uniform that day - there will be no PE.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions with people entering the building, we will be unable to accommodate siblings who do not currently attend our school. Thank you.





Maud School Football

Our AGM is on Tuesday 5th October, 8pm at Maud Social Club. All parents are welcome to join us. If you are not able to join us in person and would like a zoom link this can be arranged, please let us know in advance if this is your preference. We are currently looking for new parent volunteers, this can be in a coaching capacity, a coach's helper or a parent volunteer to help take the register etc. Please contact Cat Anderson if you are able to help in any way and we can get a PVG arranged for you.

Also, a massive well done and congratulations to all our players in the Strathlythan outdoor league. Our A team won their knockout round, and our B team came runners up in their knockouts. Huge massive well done to you all!

School Values

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

Our 'Values Tree' in the school hall promotes our school values and we focus on one per month. Children can write on a leaf if they are demonstrating them, eg, I asked xxx to join in my game (Friendship).

Anyone can be nominated for any of the school values but certificates are issued monthly for the value that we are focussing on for the month.

Our value for September is '**Responsibility.**'

Charter Champions

Well done to our Charter Champions for the month of September - Marley, Elena, Emily, Maisie, Liam, Olivia, Sathiyam, McKenzi, Cameron D, Alana, Callie, Charlie, Ethan, Devon, Kacey, Scarlett, Ella C, Reece, Hayden, Hannah, Toby, Tommy, Eden, Demi and Isla M!

Good News!

Good news is celebrated at school with a focus on achievements, no matter how small! Wider achievements such as gaining medals, certificates etc are included in assemblies and newsletters.

- McKenzi and Ethan earned coloured jewels worth 100 house points from Mrs Steel! McKenzi earned his for his impeccable manners and consideration for others whilst Ethan earned his for super positivity and resilience over the course of the term! Both of them are in Keith house so that's 200 points to them! Great news boys!
- The P7 House Captains also collected coloured jewels on behalf of everyone in their class who did a fantastic job with their McMillan coffee morning!

Adverse weather line/school closures:

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