



Newsletter – January 2022

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

Wed 5th January - Start of term 3

Tues 25th January - Scots' poetry competition

Thurs 27th January - Literacy curricular workshops being sent to parents (please note change of date)

Wed 2nd February - Parent Council meeting (Teams, 6:30pm)

Dear Parents,

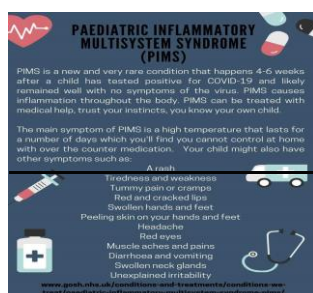
Welcome to Term 3! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year with your loved ones despite Covid restrictions. On behalf of the staff, thank you for your many kind gifts.

The latest guidance from the Scottish Government for schools was received just at the end of term. As a result, we have now had to reintroduce 'bubbles' indoors only and a separate letter has been issued regarding this. Please remember, that if anyone in your household tests positive, all household members must self isolate for 10 days, regardless of age or negative PCR result. You must also keep us informed if anyone has Covid symptoms or tests positive.

We are thankful though that our Covid numbers are still relatively low in comparison to some of our cluster schools - thank you for your help in ensuring that we keep everyone safe

PIMS TS

I am continuing to raise awareness of Paediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome which can affect children after having had Covid 19. Please be vigilant if your child becomes poorly after having had Covid.



Clothing

The weather is turning much colder and it is important that children come to school appropriately dressed. We still see some children wearing shorts and coming to school not wearing jackets and think that they must be feeling the cold! Please bear in mind that we have to keep classroom windows open to stop the spread of infection so classrooms can be colder than usual.

All children must bring jumpers and jackets daily. Additional items such as gloves etc must also be named. Thank you.

Christmas

We hope that you all enjoyed our virtual Christmas concert - 'Straw and Order.' Thank you so much to our staff team for putting this together and to Scott Cassie for filming it for us.

The children also had fun at their Christmas parties and were treated to a visit from Santa and his two elves! Thank you to our wonderful Parent Council for organising food and gifts!

We also treated the children to an online Panto - Aladdin! Everyone had a lovely time in the run up to Christmas!





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 but we would always appreciate donations of more please. Thank you.

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. **Guidance has now changed, so that if anyone in your household tests positive, the whole household must self isolate for 10 days even if they have been double vaccinated or had a negative test.** 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. Please be vigilant for the latest and most dominant strain of Covid 19 - Omicron.

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.

Adverse Weather

Please familiarise yourself with the Adverse weather information at the bottom of this newsletter. In the event of school closures due to increment weather, a message will be left on the school closure line as soon as possible in the morning and information will be available on the Aberdeenshire Council website. If a closure happens at short notice during the day, we will send out a text first. These are the only approved methods used by Aberdeenshire Council.

School Values

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.

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 January is 'Being Healthy.'



Charter Champions

Well done to our Charter Champions for the month of December - Evie, Jasmine, Logan P, Sophia, Kayden, George, Jade, Elijah, Jacob and Harvey R.

We are proud of you all!

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.

- Callie in P1/2 won the Boys' Brigade Christmas colouring competition earning herself a fantastic set of lego! Hope you had fun with it, Callie!
- Chloe and Isla M won selection boxes in the café's 'Design a Santa Hat' competition!
- Raegan, Aoibheann and Tommy also won selection boxes in the Parent Council's festive colouring competition!



Maud Kids Football

Our winter training schedule will continue as before the holidays up until Easter with the younger children in the village hall and the older ones up at New Deer Astro.

The Strathythan indoor league will continue for our older children until March.

Our Quiz night fundraiser will be held at Maud Social Club on **Saturday 26th March**, more details to follow, please save the date!

All of this is of course if restrictions allow, but if there are any changes we will let you all know as soon as we can.

**Adverse weather
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