



Newsletter – February 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 2nd February - Parent Council Meeting
(Teams, 6:30pm)

Wed 9th/Thurs 10th Feb - Parents appointments

Friday 11th Feb - Mon 14th Feb (inclusive) - Mid term break - school closed.

Tues 15th and Wed 16th Feb - Inservice days
(school closed to pupils)

Friday 25th February - P5/6 class assembly

Dear Parents,

It's been a busy start to Term 3 in school! P7 children are in the midst of Scottish National Standardised Assessments and our P4 cohort will also undertake these this term too.

We are also currently in the midst of high Covid numbers in school. We cannot stress how important it is to carry out regular lateral flow tests and to report your results. We are hoping that this calms down very soon!

Financial Education Sessions

Most pupils across the school will be taking part in online financial education sessions on the 24th February led by Money Advice Scotland.

Topics will be varied but will cover essential life skills, such as shopping (needs v wants), coins/change, budgeting and managing household bills.

These cover elements of the Maths/Numeracy curriculum. It's never too early to learn these important life skills and hopefully these ideas can be supported at home.

Scots Poetry

The children did an amazing job of learning and reciting their Scots poetry for our annual competition this week! You will be aware that Listening and Talking is a key component of the Curriculum and we are proud of the effort that everyone put in! It was very hard for us to judge! Well done to everyone who earned either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. All pupils who participated earned stamps and stickers!

Homework

We remind parents once again that homework is uploaded by class teachers via Teams. We are still having to chase up some people for uncompleted homework.

Teams is used throughout the school and is also used by the pupils once they move on to the Academy.

As agreed by our parents following a consultation a few years ago, the compulsory parts of homework are reading, spelling and times tables.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Eco Rats

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from the Eco Rat's pop up shop before Christmas! £130 was raised! Thank you to Mrs Urquhart and the P7 pupils involved in this venture!





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

Please be vigilant for the ever changing symptoms of the latest strain of Covid 19 - Omicron. This seems to be presenting itself in the form of a cold or headache but is spreading rapidly at present despite mitigations. Please test on a regular basis with a lateral flow device, taking a PCR if you have symptoms. If your child is off colour and there are a high number of cases in your child's class, it would be worth getting a PCR anyway.

Despite increasing numbers and staff absences, we are doing our best to keep school open as normal to pupils. There are times though that we may have to ask classes to remain at home, but this would be a last resort.

Please follow the self isolation advice flow chart which was sent to all parents recently. Thank you.

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 February is 'Friendship'



Charter Champions

Well done to our Charter Champions for the month of January- Aoiheann, Nathan, Cameron S, Samuel D, Joshua, Neil, Jay, Ella, Paige, Brodie, Reagan, Thomas, Bethan, Jake M and Austin.

Keep up the good work!

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.

- Ella C in P2/3 worked hard on creating and modelling an Egyptian God as part of her presentation to her class. She was able to clearly explain how she had done it and was able to talk about important facts about her God. She earned a coloured jewel - 100 house points!

Maud Kids Football

The Strathythan League is ongoing for our P4-7's but has seen some disruption due to covid and some dates have had to be rescheduled. Our fundraising quiz is going to be held on Saturday 26th March at 8pm at Maud Social Club, please Save the Date.

We currently have a competition for our football children to design a new club badge, a winner from each age group will receive a prize, with the overall winner's design being used on our new training gear. The winner's will be chosen at our next committee meeting on 8th February, at Maud Social Club, which everyone is welcome to come along to.

**Adverse weather
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