



Newsletter – March 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

Tues 1st March - Tempest Photography (class photos)

Thurs 3rd March - World Book Day

Friday 11th March - P4/5 assembly (online)

Tues 15th March - P7 'Go Wild' camp

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day

Thurs 31st March - Last day of term 3

Dear Parents,

We are in the middle of a busy and productive term here at Maud School! P7 and P4 children have finished their SNSA national tests and we continue to look inwards, outwards and forwards as we strive for continual improvement.

Our numbers of Covid cases have calmed down thankfully and we no longer have the need for 'bubbles' within the school. We will gradually be reintegrating whole school assemblies again, bearing in mind that we have two whole year groups who have never had this experience in the hall, so will be taking this slowly. However, the latest risk assessment for schools still states that parents are not allowed on the school grounds so we still have to adhere to that for the time being.

Student

We welcome a final year teaching student from the University of Aberdeen, Miss Taylor, who will be on placement with us in P1/2 for the month of March under the guidance of Miss McWilliam. At times, as part of her placement, she will assume responsibility for the whole class.

Toys

A reminder that toys from home are not permitted in school. Thank you.

P7 Go Wild

As part of their transition to S1, P7 pupils are taking part in 'Go Wild', a series of outdoor after school activities led by Community Learning staff at the Academy where they will learn outdoor survival skills! This will end with an overnight camping trip at Mintlaw Academy where they will put their outdoor skills to good use, camping, cooking outdoor meals, gardening etc! They had their first session last week and it looked like a lot of fun!

UNCRC

We are delighted to announce that we have recently been awarded our 'Bronze - Rights Committed Award' as part of our journey towards becoming a Rights Respecting School.

In light of our ongoing work, we will be having a whole school focus on UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) in March where every class will focus on and embed four key children's rights, linking into ongoing work in our class charters. Two of these rights will be:

Article 24 - The right to good healthcare, clean water and nutritious food.

Article 28 - The right to an education.

Other rights will be chosen within classes.

As part of this, a whole school focus assembly will take place at the end of the month.

Parent Council

The Parent Council are organising a Family Games Night on Friday 1st April. Please put it in your diary and do your best to attend. We rely on fundraising to support and provide fun events for our children, such as paying for whole school Summer trips! We can't do it without this support. Thank you!



All pupils enjoyed a visit from ALEC
(Aberdeenshire Life Education Centres)
who delivered an input on Health and
Wellbeing!



P1/2 have been learning about
weighing and measuring.



Our Eco Committee!

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

It is important to remember that although some guidance has changed in society, we are still being asked to be vigilant to Covid 19 symptoms in school.

If your child tests positive on a lateral flow device, it is not necessary to follow this up with a PCR anymore. A lateral flow result should still be reported and self isolation advice followed. A child who is a close contact can still attend school as long as they test for 7 days, have negative results and no symptoms.

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.



P5/6 delivered a super class assembly based on 'The Titanic'.



Emily earned a coloured jewel – 100 points!

Maud Kids Football

We had a fantastic response to our design a club logo competition, it was extremely hard to judge with some amazing entries. A winner was chosen and will be revealed at our quiz night, so keep your eyes peeled!

We hope that lots of people can make it along to our quiz night at Maud Social Club at 7.30pm on 26th of March, please arrive around 7ish to register your team, it is £10 per team of 4 and children are welcome to join if you wish. We will have a raffle on the night and we would welcome raffle donations which can be brought along on the night or handed to coaches at training or to Cat at school pick ups if you can't make it along. Hope to see lots of support from our football families and school community.

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 March is 'Honesty'

Charter Champions

Well done to our Charter Champions for the month of February -

Stewart, Chloe, Robbie, Harvey B, Scott, Evelina, Lucas, Michael, Lois and Olivia B!

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.

- Harlow and Tommy have moved up to level 4 in their swimming lessons!
- Chloe earned a medal at a Highland dancing competition and was highly commended! She also moved up to level 2 in her swimming lessons!
- Eden C was selected for a squad at gymnastics!
- Emily was presented with a coloured jewel worth 100 house points for Stuart house after helping out during the recent snow closure!

**Adverse weather
school closures:**

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