



## Newsletter – April/May 2022

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Happiness Friendship Respect Honesty Responsibility Keeping Healthy Being Safe

### Dates for your Diary

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March - Parent Council Family Games Night

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March (inclusive) -  
Easter holidays.

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> April - Term 4 begins

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> April - Parent Council meeting 6:30pm

### **Dear Parents,**

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 3 already! Where has the time gone?

For the beginning of Term 4, we can now confirm the easing of most of the restrictions in schools! Staff may still wear masks if they choose to and physical distancing between adults will still take place.

Although we still all have to be careful, whole school assemblies can now take place and we can finally allow parents back onto school grounds and into the building! It seems strange to us all as we have spent the past two years adhering to mitigations and for some parents of our younger year groups, you will not have experienced anything different.

We of course, want to take this slowly. Some children will never have experienced whole school assemblies, lots of people together at once and parents in the school building. Parents will be expected to respect physical distancing in all aspects of school which have now become 'normal.' Please bear with us while we all readjust! However, it will be lovely to have a sense of 'normality' back in our school and community!

### Summer Trip Plans

A huge thank you to the Parent Council for their generous donation of £600 towards our Summer trip to the Trampoline Park. We are also asking parents to pay a £6 per child contribution for the trip which should be sent to school in a named envelope by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April please.

### World Book Day

We enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book characters and sharing our favourite stories in our classes and with each other for World Book Day. Reading at any age and being read to by parents/carers is very important and helps with literacy development right from the early years. Never underestimate the power of a good book!

### UNCRC Month

As part of UNCRC month, we took part in Red Nose Day, organised and led by our UNCRC committee. Pupils enjoyed a 'dress down' day, a 'Red Nose and Spoon' race outdoors, listened to a 'Red Nose' assembly as well as participating in other related activities. A fantastic £284.25 was raised for this worthwhile cause!

Each class also contributed to our UNCRC assembly and this is being shared with you today.

### Additional Support for Learning

We said goodbye to one of our ASL teachers, Mrs Peck, at the beginning of March. Mrs Peck has taken up a new post on the Isle of Arran and is already embracing her new life there!

Mrs Peck passes on her thanks to staff, pupils and the Parent Council for her leaving cards, gifts and many kind wishes received. Mrs Dow has now taken over Mrs Peck's role and is working with us two days per week.

### Easter Service

We were delighted to have our Easter Service back in Maud Church this week! This was our first service and whole school assembly since December 2019! It was also the first time that some of our children had been in our local church with us. It was wonderful to be all back together again as we return to some kind of normality! Huge thanks to Janet for leading our service with such enthusiasm, supported by both Jan and Josephine.



### **Egg Decorating Competition**

Our annual competition was held on the last day of Term 3 and judged by our dinner ladies! What creative pupils we have here at Maud School!

Winners and runners up were:

P1 - George and Miriam

P2 - Aoibheann and Isla F

P3 - Summer and Jay

P4 - Eden D and Michael

P5 - Robbie and Ella D

P6 - Harry and Owen

P7 - Joshua Miguel and Elinor



### **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. Tissues are available in all classrooms but we would always appreciate donations of more please. Thank you.

#### **Covid 19 symptoms**

As of the 18<sup>th</sup> April, twice weekly routine testing using lateral flow tests will stop. As of the end of April, all testing will stop, including PCR's.

#### **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**

We are not out of the woods with adverse weather yet! 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. These are the only approved methods used by Aberdeenshire Council.





### Maud Kids Football

We would like to say a huge big thank you to everyone for coming to support our fundraising quiz night. We had an amazing 19 teams!! And raised a massive £800! After a very long wait, we finally announced that the winner of our design a new club badge competition was Harry in P6. Harry was presented with his training top at the quiz night. Every child and coach will soon receive their very own tops complete with our fantastic new logo!

Football training after the Easter Holidays will be back to Maud Pleasure Park for all children again, every Tuesday evening from 6.30 to 7.30pm.

### 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.

In March, Aoibheann, Jay and Lucas were all nominated for 'Honesty' by their class teachers!

Our value for April and May is 'Respect'.

### Charter Champions

Well done to our Charter Champions for the month of March!

- Aoibheann, Chloe, Poppy-May, Devon, Euan, Stewart, Isla F, Emily, Jacob, Isla M, Callie, Elena, Samuel, Brogan, Liam, Olivia, Ella C, Maisie, Robbie and Jake.

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.

- Murrion made her promise at Brownies!
- Ella C performed in 'Aladdin' at a theatre in Aberdeen!
- Eden C won a bronze medal at a gymnastics tournament!
- Isla F earned a 'distinction' in her Acro exam!
- Mrs Sutton ran the Inverness half marathon!

**Adverse weather  
line/school closures:**

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