



# Newsletter – End of Term

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

Friendship & Working together Respect & Responsibility Honesty Safety

Happiness Positivity Growth Mindset Nurture Diversity Keeping Healthy

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st August—In-service day 1

Tuesday 22nd - Term 1 begins

## The Royal Mint Story Competition

In term 3, some children in P6/7 entered a story writing competition run by The Royal Mint Museum.

We were delighted when Ella, P6 received the 'Editor's Choice' prize because her writing was highlighted by judges as an excellent and imaginative story with creative flair!

## Classes for New Session

As you may already be aware, Aberdeenshire Council have made alterations to the formula for calculating the number of classes within a school. As per the new formula, we move forward into the new school year with 4 classes.

Classes and staffing for 2023-24 are as follows:

P1/2/3 will be taught by Miss Buchan

P3/4 will be taught by Miss McWilliam

P5/6 will be taught by Mrs Youngson and Mrs Steel

P6/7 will be taught by Miss Simpson

Mrs Sutton has accepted a voluntary transfer to New Deer School and we wish her all the best in her post there. We thank for her for all of her hard work at Maud School over the years.

NCCT will continue to be covered by Ms Munro and Mrs McCue.

Our PSAs remain unchanged with Mrs McKay, Mr Murray, Mrs Urquhart and Mrs Johnstone working with the children throughout the week.

## Walk to Aden

We were delighted to complete our walk to Aden last week, despite the heavy rain showers that drenched us a couple of times!

We have raised a grand total of £658 for the school thanks to your generous donations.

## Whole School Trip

We had a lovely whole school trip to the Theatre. The Demon Dentist was a fantastic show and we enjoyed lunch in Union Terrace Gardens afterwards.

As always, the behaviour of our Maud School children was impeccable and we all had a great day.

## New Spelling Scheme

Earlier this year, we invested some Parent Council money into a new Spelling Scheme for P2-7. We have seen a huge improvement in spelling abilities across the school. The following represents P2-7 pupils and how much their spelling age has improved between August and June.

Spelling age improved by 1-6 months—41%

Spelling age improved by 1-2 years—43%

Spelling age improved by more than 2 years—16%

We are delighted by how much the children have improved and will continue to embed the programme as we move forward.



## Fundraising

Our Parent Council have done a fabulous job to help fundraise for the school. Their events help to fund leavers hoodies, Christmas gifts and party food for the whole school, buses for school trips and last year, the money raised funded the new Nelson Spelling Scheme.

Mr Murray (PSA) also raised a whopping £1300 thanks to his 3 Pistes challenge, which was hugely supported by the local community.

We also give a huge thanks to some local businesses and parents who have worked tirelessly to create an athletics field for us to use in the village. Teachers are excited to get up there in the new session.

## Charter Champions

Well done to our Charter Champions since the last newsletter:

Clodagh, Emma, Callan, Cameron, Paige, Alix, jade, Elena, Sophia, Harvey, Jackson, Isla, Angus and Lexi.

So proud of you all!

*Charter Champions are selected by class teachers on a weekly basis (full school weeks only) and are*



## School Values

This session, we have worked with pupils, parents and staff to update our shared Vision, Values and Aims.

Our vision for Maud School is to be:

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

Our aims are to:

- Develop a **Mindset** for growth
- Achieve** in learning and life
- Unite** together to be inclusive for all
- Celebrate **Diversity**. Working together as a school and community

Our updated values are:

Friendship and working together, Respect and responsibility, Honesty, Safety, Happiness, Positivity, Growth Mindset, Nurture, Diversity and Keeping Healthy

## 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 S moved up to level 3 swimming.

Ella C's brother is home from the hospital! She can also swim at the rope in swimming lessons and learned to trot on a horse!

Harley is a big sister!

Tommy moved up to level 6 in swimming and has qualified to join swimming club. He also moved up a group in spelling.

Ivor moved up to level 2 in swimming.

Lucas moved up to level 3 in swimming.

Eden C came 5th for vault, 8th overall and 2nd for team at a gymnastics competition.

Elena went paddle boarding for the 1st time.

Reagan moved up a level in ballet.

Aiden completed a sponsored cycle from Ellon to Maud, raising £500 for Abernecessities! Wow!

Well done to all of our footballers who have taken part in galas and shared their good news with us—Chloe, Ivor, Ella S, Thomas, Aoibheann, Stanley, Kyle, Stewart.

Ella C and Reagan were in a show of the Gruffalo.

Robbie C was awarded 'most improved player' at the Cuminestown award ceremony.

Cameron C was awarded the ABC Award for Attitude, Behaviour and Commitment at the Cuminestown award ceremony.

