



# Newsletter – February 2023

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 1st Feb**—P7 parents—Loch Insh info (Zoom)

**Mon 6th Feb**—Clothes Swap. Parents welcome from 9am to 9:30am.

**Thurs 9th Feb**—Parent Appointments—afternoon/evening.

**Fri 10th—Mon 13th Feb**—holiday—school closed.

**Tues 14th/Wed 15th Feb**—Inservice days—school closed.

## Clothes Swap

Our Eco Committee are running a clothes swap on the 6th Feb. Parents are welcome to drop off donations of clothes/shoes (age 5-13 and in a good/clean condition) on the mornings of Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd February only.

## Chinese New Year—Confucius Institute

We were delighted to welcome the Confucius Institute to school last week as part of Chinese New Year celebrations. We all watched a lion dance and some pupils were lucky enough to have bits of lettuce thrown at them—this is considered good fortune!

P1/2 and P2/3 took part in Chinese dance sessions and all other classes took part in various activities including the use of chopsticks and lantern making. A fantastic learning experience for everyone!

Dear Parents,

It's been a busy few weeks here at school!

All classes are engaged in their learning and it's lovely to see the progress being made across the school. We can already see that the new spelling scheme is having an impact, but of course, we will continue to monitor this as part of our School Improvement Priorities.

We hope that we have now clarified matters regarding homework and expectations in this area—I offered to meet with anyone who still was unsure about this and no one came so we will take that as a good sign!

Thank you for your patience with regard to recent snow closures—it's so difficult trying to assess what road and weather conditions are like first thing in the morning and we always try to get the message out to parents as soon as possible.

A wee reminder also that school will be closed for the mid term break as detailed in the diary dates. After that we have two days where we are closed to pupils for staff inservice days—all staff will be involved in training on these days as we keep abreast of new developments in education.

## Scots Poetry Competition

Well done to all of our pupils for putting in such a tremendous effort to learn their Scots poems for our annual competition this year. It can be so hard, especially for those who are not natural Doric speakers!

1st, 2nd and 3rd places were awarded as follows—

P1—Rhys, Sadie, Kyle G

P2—Stewart, Alix, George

P3—Ella C, Jade, Isla

P4—Tommy, Summer, Elena

P5—Logan, Eden D, Harlow/Cameron C

P6—Samuel, Georgia, Cameron S

P7—Harry, Paige, Owen

Congratulations to all of these pupils!



### **Colder Weather**

Now that the weather is colder, all pupils are asked to bring a suitable coat to school every day and to come to school dressed for the weather conditions.

All items of clothing should be clearly named. Thank you.

Unless it is absolutely pouring or very icy, pupils play outside at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

If the weather is wet, pupils are more than welcome to come to school in boots etc and to change into PE shoes when they get here. Pupils are more than welcome to bring a change of clothing which can be kept in their school bags just incase they get wet.

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### **Aberdeenshire Council Adverse Weather Line**

Please note that the previously issued adverse weather line telephone number is now no longer operational. In the event of a school closure for adverse weather, information will be available on the Aberdeenshire Council website (details below.)

### **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.

### **Charter Champions**

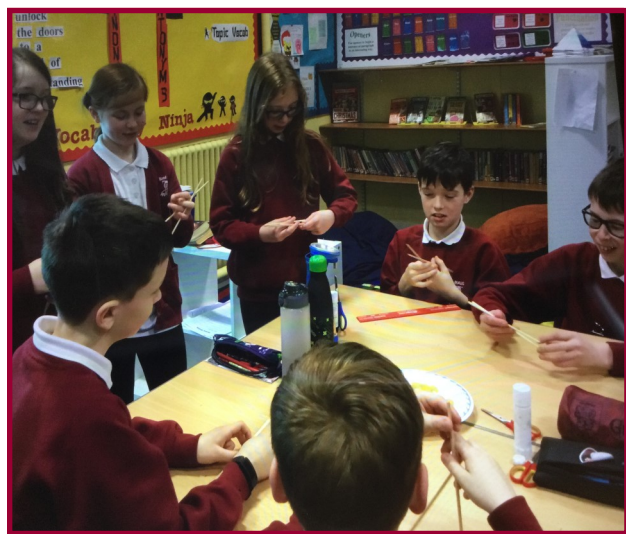
Well done to our Charter Champions since the last newsletter:

Neil, Callie, Elena, Hayden and Cameron S

We are delighted for you all!

*Charter Champions are selected by class teachers on a weekly basis (full school weeks only) and are based on attitude, work ethic and following of their class charters.*





**Adverse weather school closures:**

**[Www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)**

## 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. Children can write on a leaf if they are demonstrating them, eg, I asked xxx to join in my game (Friendship).

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 the month of January is 'Honesty'.

## 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 swam all the way across the pool!
- Stanley made an igloo in the recent snowy weather!

## Maud Kids Football

Our coaches and committee FINALLY got their long awaited day out to say thank you for all the time that they give up to help our kids and the community. They have not had one for quite a few years and a great day was had by all. Look out for details of the kids day out coming soon.

We would be extremely happy to hear from any parent that would like to join our coaching team or committee, now or even in the future. Please email [maudschoolfotball@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:maudschoolfotball@hotmail.co.uk) or speak to any of the coaches or committee for more details.

