



# Newsletter – March 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

**Tues 28th Feb**—Strike day

**Wed 1st March**—Strike day

**Thurs 2nd March**—World Book Day

**Fri 24th March** —P4/5 class assembly

**Mon 27th March**—Wed 29th March—P7 trip (residential) - Loch Insh

## Clothes Swap

The recent Clothes Swap organised and run by our Eco Committee was hugely successful! A huge thank you to them for organising this and to everyone who donated items of clothing/shoes. We hope that you all managed to get something! Such a good idea in this current climate!

## UNCRC Committee—World Book Day

Our UNCRC committee (P1/2 and P4/5) are organising a fundraiser for UNICEF on World Book Day—Thursday 2nd March.

Everyone is welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for a suggested donation of £1. Times are tricky for everyone so please don't feel that you have to buy a costume—perhaps work with your child to make something at home. We look forward to seeing your creations!

Bookmarks will also be on sale on the day in return for a small donation.

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that we are halfway through the term already? Where is the school year going?!

All pupils are engaged and focussed in classes—the positive ethos that we have worked hard to build is clear to see and thank you to parents for supporting us with this.

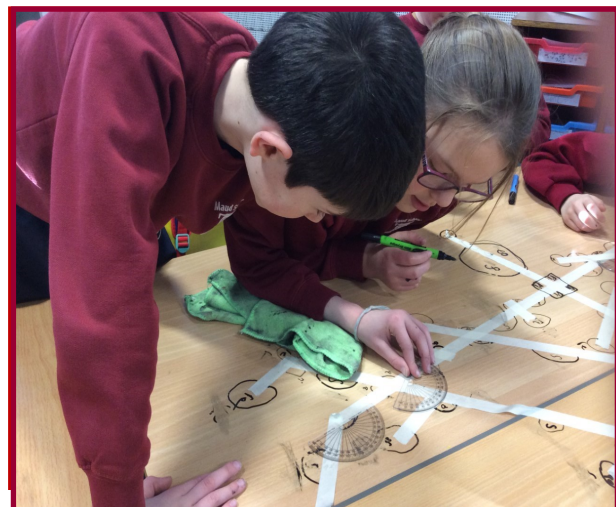
All staff recently participated in training on the inservice days. In particular the teaching staff attended the 'Love Learning' conference alongside other Aberdeenshire colleagues where we were able to explore new developments in technology and how these can support learning in the classroom. PSA staff took part in training which included Formative Assessment and Trauma Informed Practice alongside their cluster colleagues.

Training days are valuable as we keep abreast with developments in education and how we can ensure that our pupils are receiving high quality learning and teaching experiences.

Thank you also for your patience with recent closures, both due to the latest storm and with strike days. Whole school closures are decided at Authority level and as such we are instructed to communicate such closures to parents.

## P5/6—World of Work—Mrs Sutton

This term P5/6 have been learning about "My World of Work". We have been incredibly lucky to have career talks ranging from Farmers to Astronauts. I would like to give a big thank you to all the parents and friends of the school that have come into class to discuss their jobs. These talks have really opened our eyes to the range of options available post school. We are currently looking at the skills for work with a key focus on how to work within a team. Each pupil has identified their skills and qualities that would be useful for work. They have filled in C.V.s and job application forms. We have 3 enterprise companies set up (more information about the companies will be shared soon!). We learned interview skills and this week pupils interviewed for the positions they were applying for. Nerves were overcome in the interview and job offer letters have been given. We are all quite excited to start our new jobs!



### **UNCRC assembly**

Our UNCRC committee led by Miss McWilliam and Mrs Youngson, delivered a super assembly this week based on the Rights of the Child and outlining all of their hard work as we move forward with Rights Respecting Schools action plan.

It was lovely to see the confidence and skills displayed by our committee members—well done to them all!

### **Colder Weather**

Even though it's almost Spring the weather is still cold. 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:

- Olivia, Jade, Sam, Logan, Jake, Toby, Evie, Jasmine, Hayden and Emily!

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.*





### 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 March is 'Respect'.

### 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.

- Elena and Murron were both awarded their Silver award at Brownies!
- Ella C achieved her Level 2 swimming award!
- Thomas moved up to Level 2 in swimming!
- Chloe moved up to Level 4 in swimming!
- Eden C won bronze and gold medals at a gymnastics competition!
- Elijah moved up to Level 2 in rock climbing!

### Maud Kids Football

That's us back to our lost block of Winter training sessions. The last week is Tuesday 28th March then after the Easter holidays, we will be back to Maud Pleasure Park again.

We have had a few invites to local football galas, please keep an eye out for dates and let us know your child(ren)'s availability so that we can get teams organised.

If anyone would like a look through the swap box for next size football boots, under layers or strips, please give Cat a shout.

**Adverse weather school closures:**

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

