



Newsletter – May 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

Mon 1st May – May day holiday

Mon 8th May—Coronation bank holiday

Wed 10th May—start of P1 induction

Mon 15th May—start of Buchan Wellbeing Festival week—Pedometer challenge starts

Wed 17th May—Sports day—am

Wed 17th May—Buchan Athletics (P5-7)

Thurs 18th May—Walk and Talk event

Friday 19th May—Dress in bright colours—donations for Pancreatic Cancer UK

Thurs 25th May—Coffee evening 5-7pm

Fri 1st June—start of Bikeability for P6

Dear Parents,

It's so strange to think that we are now in our final term of the school year! Where has the year gone?

P1's will shortly start their SNSA national assessments and the process for the induction of our new P1 pupils for after the Summer holidays is due to start. The P7-S1 transition process is also due to start shortly—it is hard to believe that our P7 pupils will be away to leave us!

The P7's recently had a brilliant time at their trip to Loch Insh alongside some of our cluster schools. They showed determination and resilience in taking part in the activities and made new friends along the way. A great time was had by all, although the staff were exhausted by the end of the week!

This final term is also jam packed as we plan to have our Coronation picnic (we hope that you will join us and the weather is good!), sports day and our whole school end of term trip to the theatre in Aberdeen to see 'Demon Dentist.' (Details of this will be sent to you!)

As always, we thank you for your continued support!

Mrs Steel

You will be aware that I have been appointed to the role of Acting Head Teacher at Mintlaw Primary until the end of session and will be there full time when someone is appointed temporarily to my post at Maud. This started as just being asked to help out and has now escalated!

Although I am looking forward to the challenge, I am only saying farewell to my Maud family on a temporary basis - I love working at Maud and have now been there for 10 years this May!

I will miss the children and banter of the staff but will not be far away!

The Authority are looking for someone, hopefully from within the staff team, to cover my days at Maud and the process for this will be underway soon. We will keep you all updated.

'Design a Flag for Aberdeenshire'

We are so proud of Owen in P7 who was a finalist in the 'Design a flag' for Aberdeenshire competition! He came 2nd out of over 800 entries with the winning flag being a group effort by another school! Such a huge achievement! Owen, his parents and Mrs Steel were invited to the flag raising ceremony at Castle Fraser on Saturday 22nd April where Owen was congratulated by the Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, Sandy Manson.





Parent Council News

The Easter disco raised £133.19, we hope that all children who came along enjoyed it! Our next fundraiser is the May Fayre on Thursday 25th May. We would be grateful for any help you can give us on the night together with any homebakes donations. Any chocolate/raffle donations can be handed into school by Monday 15th May together with all sold/unsold raffle books. We're hoping for a hugely successful event and would appreciate if as many parents as possible would come along to support us. Thank you.

As detailed above, this is the school's biggest fundraiser of the year and helps fund events for all of our pupils, such as, whole school trips, Christmas gifts! Please show your support! It will be brilliant!

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:

- Harley, Thomas, Murron, McKenzi, Brogan, Ayrton, Zain, Eden, Samuel D and Lexi.

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.



Wellbeing Week

Our Values Ambassadors are organising our Step Count challenge which will take place during the week beginning 17th May.

We will also be participating in a 'Walk and Talk' event along the railway line with Maud Village Trust. Details have already been sent out.

Mrs Peck

We were saddened to hear that Mrs Peck, our former ASL teacher, sadly passed away during the Easter holidays after a brave battle with Pancreatic cancer. She went above and beyond to help children in our school and we were mentioned fondly at her funeral.

In her memory, we will be holding a 'Dress in Bright Colours' day on Friday 19th May and ask kindly that you send in a small donation for Pancreatic Cancer UK. Please give what you can. Thank you.

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 May is '**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.

— Jade has moved up to Level 3 swimming!

- the P7 Rotary Quiz group part took part in the next round in Inverurie! They didn't win but they did incredibly well.

- Owen was a finalist in the Aberdeenshire 'Design a Flag' competition. He was invited to and attended the flag raising ceremony at Castle Fraser with his parents. His flag entry came 2nd!

Maud Kids Football

Training is back to Maud Park for all age groups from 6:30 to 7:30 every Tuesday evening. It's a busy time of year for our farming coaches so we may be limited as to how many coaches we have available. As ever, we are still looking for more parents to come and join our coaching team. Gala invites are in for Auchnagatt, New Deer, Fyvie and Stuartfield galas. Can all football parents reply about their own child's availability ASAP.

Our own gala is on Saturday 17th June. Information will come out soon, but as with every other year, as much help from our footballing families as possible will be very much appreciated, we can't do it without your help!

