

MAURICEWOOD PRIMARY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 2015



Mauricewood Science Week 9th February to 13th February

All classes will be taking on the challenge to improve their understanding within an area of science in our Science Week. P1s will be looking at forces, P2s Air and Water P3s Materials, P4s Water and Weather, P5s The Seashore habitat, P6s Body Systems and P7 Structure of the Earth. They will share their learning with others by showing an aspect of their findings at their stall in our Science Fayre. The fayre will be open for parents to visit on Friday 13th February between 9.15 and 10.15 or 11.30 to 12.30. You can collect your child from their class to give you a tour. Refreshments will be available in the assembly hall and we hope you can join us.

Scots Night

Last week we celebrated Scottish culture with another successful night of poetry, dance music and song. Our thanks go to all our performers below who were prepared to take to the stage to demonstrate the skills they are developing in and out of school.

Va Cokanasiga Daniel Eaton Nina Lyall Ashley Dickson Evie Murray Keira Ramsay Jenna Clarke Daisy Mabon Eglar Repecka Anna Baxter Lucy MacLean Cara Moretta Ayla MacLean Alexandra O'Reilly Mairi Wighton Ellie Dickson Lara Young Abbie Lorimer Jessica Baxter Mabel Russell-Douglas Hannah Cathcart Jemma Gerstenberger Abby Harris- McKenzie Ben McFarlane Chloe Mitchell Sophi Cameron Iona Clapperton Kaylah Murray Rebecca Ramsay Callum Logan Jack Campbell Claire Higgins Laura Higgins Emma Westwood Lauren Westwood Amy Denholm Logan Dunn Louise Coventry Alex Grieve Aaron Moretta Holly Russell Andie Dempsey Megan Wynne Niamh Coogan Arran Milne Aiden Irving and Murray Irving. We were also pleased to welcome back ex pupils Lauren Marr and Katie Lynch who took part in a group dance.

Shortage of Teachers

Across Scotland schools are currently struggling to find supply and replacement teachers. Midlothian are working hard to recruit more staff but we are having to cover as much as we can internally by using promoted staff and our Learning Support teachers. This does mean during staff absences classes are likely to be covered by more than 1 person. Every effort is made to ensure continuity of learning for the pupils during this challenging period.

Promoting Reading in Mauricewood



Reading Challenge

We are looking forward to our annual Reading Challenge which starts after the February break. This is a great opportunity to encourage your child to develop a love of reading and we hope all children will be able to gain a silver or gold certificate to be presented at a special reading assembly. Further details of what is entailed will be sent home soon so please look out for them and get reading!

The Big Bedtime Read

Our nursery are getting involved in this fantastic reading initiative so we can be sure that our youngest learners have the best start to literacy at home. The aim is to have all our children enjoying a bedtime story and developing their language skills at the same time. The nursery will be sourcing a variety of books to ensure they can cater for all tastes and would be grateful for donations of books in good condition that your children may have outgrown.



The School Library

Our library is enjoyed by all classes in school and we are constantly trying to keep it in tip top condition for reading. If you have any time to spare to return used books, tidy shelves, label and repair books, or help children choose we would love to hear from you. Just let the school office know and someone will contact you.

Stay and Play in Our Nursery

Nursery Parents have been offered the chance to sign up to stay and play with their nursery child. This a great opportunity to share a learning experience with our youngest learners and we hope to see as many parents as possible. Before you leave please take the opportunity to leave a comment in the nursery floor book.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd February Stay and Play Week begins in the nursery

Wednesday 4th February 3.20 -4.30pm Pupil Groups

Wednesday 4th February am P6 group to Euro Quiz

Thursday 5th February 1.30—2.45pm P3 & P4 Parents invited to Roman Feast

Friday 6th February Macastory entertain P3 and P4 pupils

Monday 9th February Science Week begins

Tuesday 10th February 9.15 in library Raising Kids with Confidence Introductory Talk for parents and carers.

Thursday 12th February P7 group to Rotary Quiz Penicuik HS 6.15pm

Friday 13th February Science Fayre for Parents 9.15 to 10.15 or 11.30 am to 12.30pm

Mid Term Break

All break Friday 13th February

All Resume Monday 23rd February

Monday 23rd February Reading Challenge begins

Tuesday 24th February Parent Council 7.00pm Beeslack High School- all welcome
Come along and help us develop our new pupil learning file to meet the needs of pupils and parents

Friday 27th February 9.15am P5BW Class Assembly

Friday 6th March 9.15am P6W Class Assembly

Monday 9th March PTA meeting Beeslack HS 7pm

Wednesday 11th March 3.20 to 4.30pm Pupil Groups

Friday 13th March 9.15am P2J Class Assembly

Friday 20th March 9.15am P3M/B Class Assembly

Thursday 26th March Book Fair delivered

Friday 27th March Reading Challenge ends

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Dates for the Diary

Friday 27th March Easter Service

Saturday 28th March 10.00 to 12 noon Family Ground Force Day—come along with your child to help us in the garden and school grounds

Monday 30th March to Wednesday 1st April Book Fair

Tuesday 31st March 6.00 to 8.30pm Parents Evening

Wednesday 1st April 4.00 to 6.30pm Parents Evening

Thursday 2nd April InService Day—school closed to pupils

Friday 3rd April Easter holidays

All resume Monday 20th April