

MAURICEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

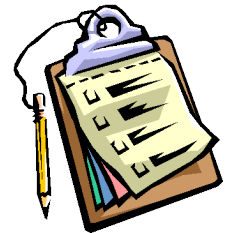
May 2016

Dear Parents / carers,

Last week we welcomed Her Majesty's Inspectors for Education to Mauricewood. They had a busy programme visiting classes, speaking to pupils, parents, staff and other partners who work with us to support children and their learning. Luckily we had many pupils who were keen to share their experiences! Our thanks go to everyone who sent back questionnaires to help the Inspectors get a picture of our school. They were very impressed by our school ethos; the high standard of behaviour in classes; the level of engagement of pupils in learning; the positive relationships between adults and children and the commitment of staff. Their report when finished will come out as a letter to all parents/ carers and The Parent Council will be involved in taking forward any recommendations.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my pride in all our pupils and my gratitude to all the staff both for their continuing commitment to school and for the hard work they put in every day as well as during the Inspection visit.

Judith Mathers
Head Teacher

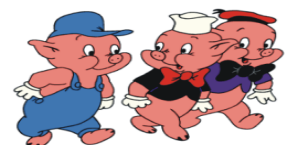


Art Exhibition 2016

If you managed to drop in to our Art Exhibition I am sure you will agree that our P5 classes did a great job organising and running this event. Every child in the school had a piece of art exhibited and there was a huge variety of techniques on display. Well done to everyone involved!

Congratulations to our Nursery Children

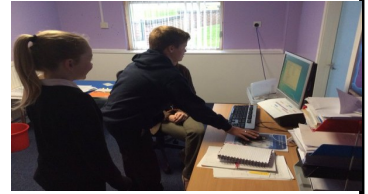
The red carpet will be out for our nursery children who entered their film of the The Three Little Pigs into The Edinburgh International Schools Film Festival and have been selected for the next round. The film is a lovely version of the traditional tale complete with some lovely houses built by the children in the nursery garden. The film will be screened in June and we will keep our fin-



Pupil Groups Making a Difference

Green Flag Application

Aiden and Laura members of the Healthy Living Healthy World Group made sure our application was sent off. We hope to hear soon if we have achieved our first Green Flag. The group have done a great job auditing our practice and making sure we tick all the boxes. We really see the difference as we are recycling lots of items that were previously put in the general rubbish. Well done to everyone on the group and to everyone who has supported their work.



Pupil Handbook

Our Learning Council decided that there should be a Pupil Handbook written by children for new children starting school. They have worked hard to include all the information they think new pupils would need to know about our school. They are now considering what their Pupil Handbook should look like. I am sure it will be really useful to pupils when they arrive.

P7 News

Benmore Experience

If you are following us on Twitter I am sure you could see how much our P7s enjoyed their visit to Benmore Outdoor Education Centre. They threw themselves into lots of activities, such as, climbing, caving and sailing with great enthusiasm. They also made new friends with pupils from Glencorse and Roslin who they will meet again at Beeslack on their Transition Days. Both the centre staff and our own volunteers were very pleased with their positive attitude and behaviour. Well done to all involved.



Rotary Quiz

Our P7 team having won the Penicuik Schools Rotary Quiz competition went into the next round for the East of Scotland. They came third in a close run competition and should be very proud of their achievement. Our original team consisted of Duncan Hand, Alexander Coventry, Holly Russell and Elise Marwick but in the last round we were very grateful to Amy McConnell who stood in for an injured Duncan! A big thank you to all our participants.

Lateness

We are continuing to try to have all our pupils in line at 8.55 to start of the day together and would ask all parents/ carers to support us by sending children to school in good time. All children coming in the front door will be marked as late on the register.

Happy Shoesday



We promoted walking to school again this month with Happy Shoesday. There were lots of great examples including those in the picture above.

Thank you to everyone who joined in and to those parents who are parking away from school to help us both keep fit and be considerate of our neighbours. I would ask that anybody who does have to bring a car to school avoids parking over driveways and on pavements. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 2nd June Sports Day first choice Sports will take place in the morning and families are welcome to take their child for a picnic lunch afterwards. All children in P1 to P3 should be collected from class by an adult for lunch. A short award ceremony will be held in the afternoon. Children will be in school to the usual time.

Friday 3rd June - 9.15am P3A Class Assembly

8th 9th and 10th June P7s to High Schools for transition programme

Wednesday 8th June - 9.15 to 10.15am or 1.30 to 2.30pm New P1 entrants visit to P1 class. These times have been chosen to fit with am or pm nursery but **please note P1 children in P1/2 are invited to the morning session (9.15-10.15am) to be together as a group with their P2 classmates.**

Friday 10th June - 9.15am P1W Class Assembly

Friday 10th June - Pupils may be collected from school by an adult to attend 2 Scots Parade

Monday 13th June - 6.30pm Doors open for P7 School Show 'Strictly Panto'

Monday 13th May - 6.30pm PTA meeting Beeslack High School

Thursday 16th June - Sports Day Second Choice

Thursday 16th June - 1.45-2.45pm Parent Volunteer Thank You - All welcome

Friday 17th June - 9.15am P6G Class Assembly

Friday 17th June - Nursery Sports am and pm

Saturday 18th June - We are looking for helpers please let the PTA know if you can spare anytime on the day!

Monday 20th June -1.30 to 2.30pm P1 new entrants (nursery pm) to meet in nursery for an outdoor play session and snack followed by a visit to P1 block. **Please note children in P1/2 are all invited to this session as a group.**

Wednesday 22nd June - 10.00—11.00 am P1 new entrants (nursery am only) to meet in nursery for an outdoor play session and snack followed by a visit to P1 block.

Wednesday 22nd June - Parent Council meeting 7pm School Library Agenda - Homework Policy - All Welcome

Thursday 23rd June - European Election - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Friday 24th June - 11am P7 Learning Celebration

Monday 27th June - 2.15pm Musicians Concert

Tuesday 28th June - 9.15am Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 29th June - P7 Leavers Trip

Friday 1st July End of term **School finishes at 12 noon**