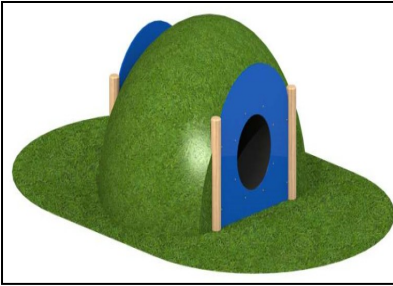


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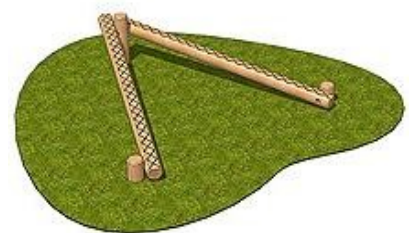
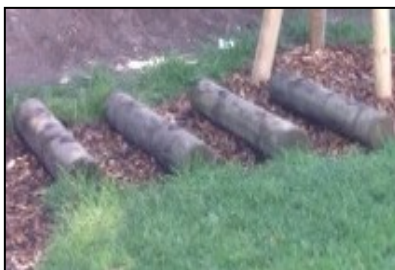
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Thanks to Tesco Bags of Help!



New Play Area

We are excited about the work that has started on the new play area funded by Tesco Bags of Help. As you can see from the pictures there will be many new play features as well as more planting to increase biodiversity in the playground. We look forward to lots of adventurous learning outdoors!





Parents in Mauricewood



Parent Council



Our Parent Council was elected at our AGM and are looking forward to representing parents this session. One of the first tasks they will take on will be to look at the Parent



Questionnaires on homework at our meeting on the 24th of November. If you would like to join us for this discussion you will be very welcome. After analysing the information we will update our Homework Policy.



Our consultation at Parents Evening on the Midlothian Learner showed that parents were particularly keen to see their children aspiring to challenge and believing that effort will lead to success. Teachers will now take this forward in classes.



Parent Volunteers



We held our first meeting for parent volunteers and are benefiting from their help in classes across the school. Don't worry if you couldn't make the meeting just let your child's teacher know and we will give you a copy of our volunteer policy and agree a time for you to come in.



Parent Council Fundraisers



Our group got off to a great start with our Summer Fayre and have now delivered another super Halloween Party for the children. Thanks to all who took part it was much enjoyed by the children on the night. The group have now moved on to the Christmas Fayre and are busy ensuring there will be lots of stalls and activities on the 3rd December. They are desperate for more volunteers so please contact us if you can help to set up on Friday 2nd December in the afternoon or at the Fayre itself on Saturday 3rd December 10am to 12noon.



Sponsor Money

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Sponsored Danceathon. We are very grateful to Mrs O'Malley who did a great job searching out the music and dance steps. We raised £1938.20 which will be reserved for extra events, activities and treats across the year.





December Dates for the diary

We are looking forward to the Festive Season and hope you will be able to join us at our special events. The dates are below for your convenience but please remember that the parents annual calendar is also on the website.

Sat 3rd December - School Christmas Fayre 10am to 12noon

Mon 12th December - 1.45pm P1 and P2 Nativity

Tuesday 13th December - 9.30am P1 and P2 Nativity

Tuesday 13th December - 1.45pm P3 and P4 Festive Celebration

Tuesday 13th December - Nursery both groups (am and pm) to Panto at Brunton Theatre

Wednesday 14th December - 9.30am P3 and P4 Festive Celebration

Wednesday 14th December - 1.45pm P5, P6 and P7 Carol Concert

Thursday 15th December - 9.30am P5, P6 and P7 Carol Concert

Thursday 15th December - School Christmas Dinner (Please note this date has changed from annual calendar)

Tuesday 20th Dec - am P5's Christmas Party

Wednesday 21st Dec - am Nursery both groups (am and pm) Christmas Party

Wednesday 21st Dec - pm P1 and P2 Christmas Party

Thursday 22nd December - 10am and 2pm - Nursery Christmas Sing Along and Fayre

Thursday 22nd Dec - am P6's and P7's Christmas Party

Thursday 22nd Dec - pm P3's and P4's Christmas Party

Friday 23rd Dec - Term finishes at **12 noon** for all children

Monday 9th January 2017 - Term begins