

MAURICEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

October 2017

Cycle Friendly School Award

On Friday 23rd September we were pleased to officially receive our Cycle Friendly Primary School Award at our whole school assembly. It was presented by Peter Jackson from Cycling Scotland to Mr Rennie who has assisted with delivering Bikeability to P6 and Daisy our Junior Road Safety Officer. As it was World Car Free Day too the children were encouraged to bring their bikes and scooters to school and Peter remarked on such a high number of bikes and scooters parked outside. He encouraged the children to continue bringing these to school rather than blocking our school entrances with cars. The children were introduced to our I bike Officer Gordon Burt at our special assembly. Gordon is planning to do different activities with most of our classes this session to promote safe and healthy travel. Look out for sessions with classes as parent helpers will be required for these activities. We also launched our Bike Crew - the Mauricewood Mini Riders and children who were interested have completed their application form and the group will be announced soon. We look forward to planning cycling events for parents and children with our new Bike Crew.

The Adventure Zone

Our new Adventure Zone in the playground has been enjoyed by all the pupils this term. The adventure zone has provided the children with another area within the playground for them to play. All classes have used the outdoor space during the school day as well as morning break and lunchtimes. We hope this area will be open to pupils all year round and we ask that children are provided with appropriate footwear and clothing for when they play there. The rota has been Mon & Fri - P7, Tues - P4, Wed- P5, Thurs - P6.

Clothing Requests

We would appreciate any old items of clothing to ensure we have a supply of clothes, in various sizes, when children have accidents in the playground and classroom. Trousers, pants, socks or tights no longer required by your children would be gratefully accepted at the school office. We would like to request that any items given out are washed and returned to school.

Money in School

Please can all monies being sent into school for trips, milk and activities be placed in a labelled envelope with your child's name, what the money is for and the amount in the envelope to be paid. These monies are recorded in school and any payments made over £10 will be issued with a text receipt from the school office. We would appreciate lunch money to be in a wallet or purse to ensure money is kept safe until lunchtime. Please provide £1.90 for P4-7 children to have a school lunch on the day.

Active Schools Midlothian Consultation

We would like to invite our parents to take part in Active Schools Midlothian Physical Activity Consultation 2017. They are looking to make changes/improvements to the Active Schools opportunities in the area and they require feedback from parents. Please give your opinion via the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/activeschoolsconsultation>

The survey is open until 6th November 2017. Our school could benefit from £100 worth of sport equipment if we have the greatest number of responses (based on % of pupils per school).

Fair Trade

Our Primary 5 classes have been learning about Fair Trade. They would like to thank everyone who bought from the stall of Fair Trade goods last week. They raised over £86. Well done to everyone and thank you to all who helped with the stall. Great effort!





Sharing the Learning

We have had many parents into school already this term to share the learning in classrooms. Look out for more opportunities across the session to come along and join in lessons and see what your child is learning and how they are learning.

Mauricewood School Values, Vision and Aims

This session as part of our School Improvement Plan we are refreshing our school vision, values and aims. We will be keeping our school motto of Aim High, Be Proud and Celebrate Success. We asked staff at the beginning of the session to think of words and phrases important to the life of our school. Parents were asked, at Parents Consultations to use their token to select a value important to their child's education. Classes have also been asked about their values at Mauricewood. We will collate our parents, pupil's and staff values and look forward to sharing these with you all. When we have shared our values we will then be able to use these to create our vision and aims. If you would like to know more about this and get involved, pop along to the next Parent Council meeting—see the note below.

Book Fair

Thank you to all our parents and children that purchased books at our recent Book Fair. A fantastic £1000 was raised for the school. This money will be used to purchase new books for the school. Well done to everyone!

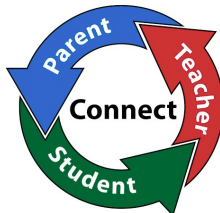


Flu Immunisations

The annual flu immunisations in the form of a nasal spray will take place in school on Thursday 2nd November. Only children that have been given permission to be immunised will be completed on this day.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be on Thursday 2nd November in Mauricewood at 7pm. We would welcome all parents along to this meeting to keep you informed about the current improvements and developments within the school. The Parent Council is your opportunity to have the views of parents shared and discussed.



Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the donations made at our Harvest festival assembly today. All the donations will be given to Women's Aid East and Midlothian. They will ensure our donations are distributed within both local areas to families they support within their accommodations and the wider community.



Welcome

This term we have welcomed Mrs Gillian McKendrick as our new PE teacher. She is working in school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and is looking forward to working with all classes.

Benmore 2018

Our Primary 7s will be going to Benmore in 2018 for the week of Monday 14th May - Friday 18th May. More information about the costs etc will be issued next term.