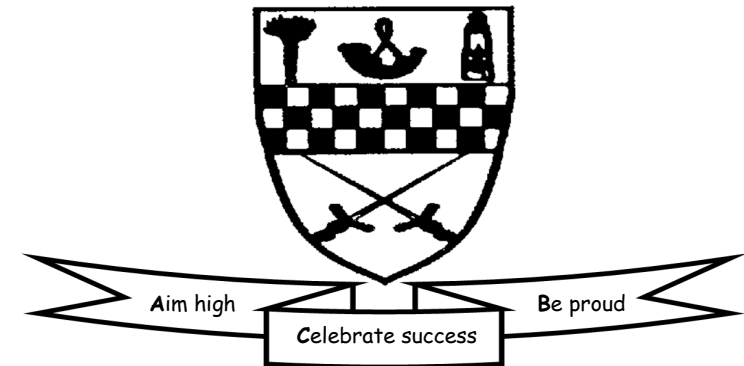


# The Pupil Guide to Mauricewood Primary



Moving to Mauricewood Primary  
School?  
This is the guide for YOU!



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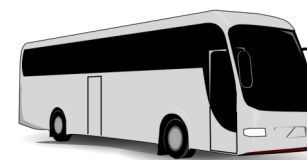
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# Trips and Benmore

## Class Trips

Every year your class will go on different trips depending on what your class is learning about. You will get the chance to suggest ideas for trips when you are deciding how you will learn about topics. Our trips are enjoyable and educational. It's a more informative way to learn. A trip can be a whole day, or a morning or an afternoon and we usually get a bus to take us there. We will often ask parents to come with classes to help on a trip.



## Benmore

In Primary 7 you are given the opportunity to go to Benmore Activity Centre, with your class mates and teachers from our school on a residential trip. It is a full week of outdoor activities and you stay at Benmore House for the whole week. You get to do new or unusual activities outdoors and challenge yourself to achieve even the unimaginable! Our school goes with other Primary 7 classes from Roslin Primary and Glencorse Primary so that you get the chance to make new friends before you move on to High School.

## After School clubs and activities

After school sport clubs are usually run by Midlothian Active Schools and you will be given a timetable of the different clubs, the days they are held and times they run. The timetable usually consists of lots of different sports from yoga to table tennis with dancing thrown into the bargain. The clubs are usually in blocks and are not too expensive.

We also have some clubs run by the teachers in our school. There has been a Cooking club, running club and knitting club. Sometimes they are held at lunchtime. The teachers will let you know when the clubs are running.

We also have annual activities for different year groups. Information about these will be given out to the classes involved.

P4

P4 Go swimming as part of P.E. you can develop your swimming skills or learn to swim. Everyone is given a certificate at the end of the 10 week block.

P5

P5 can choose to go skiing for a 6 week block and each person is taught the ski basics or you can develop your skills. Everyone is given a certificate to say the level they have completed.

P6

The P6's do Bikeability training (cycling skills) in the playground and in the local area. It is free and parents help out.

## Welcome

Welcome to Mauricewood Primary school. We hope you will enjoy our school and make new friends. In our school the teachers plan fun learning activities and lessons. We go on trips to help us learn more about what we are learning in school. The learning council have made this guide to help you settle in well and we hope it covers everything you need to know about Mauricewood. Remember you can always ask classmates and teachers if you have any more questions.



# Our School

We have 14 classes at Mauricewood Primary with a Nursery too.

Our Nursery has a separate play area and garden near to their entrance. The Nursery children also use the halls and library.

Our Primary 1 and Primary 2 classes are in Juniper block with a shared area outside the classrooms.

Our Primary 3 and Primary 4 classes are in Sycamore block with a shared area outside the classrooms too.

We have a Main Hall where we meet for assembly, do P.E. and have our lunch at lunchtime.

There is a smaller hall we use for Music and Drama.

Our Primary 5-7 classes are in Willow block. There is an atrium area for P5-7 classes to share.

At our Library we can take books out to read at home and in school. There is a timetable so each class gets to go to the Library throughout the week.

All classes use the garden, meadow and playgrounds for learning outdoors and doing P.E. Our playgrounds have 2 climbing frames and a climbing wall. There is a large field to play on too. We have an adventure zone with a tunnel, slide and maze. Children can play in the adventure zone with their class or during breaks and lunchtime.

Hopefully you will be able to find your way round the school.

# Assembly, Class Assembly and Citizenship Gatherings/Groups

## Assembly

An assembly is when the whole school gathers together in the Main Hall every Friday morning. We all meet and discuss what is happening in our school, sometimes we have visitors to speak to the school. We celebrate birthdays and we also celebrate Class of the Week.

## Class Assembly

A class assembly is where a class performs during the assembly to their family and friends. Your class will share their learning through music, drama, storytelling and writing. Each class will lead a Class Assembly once a year. Your class teacher will tell you when your Class Assembly is and you will send an invitation to your family and friends.

## Citizenship Gathering & Citizenship Groups

A Citizenship Gathering is when our classes get together in the Main Hall. We meet to learn about global issues and discuss their impact on us and our school.

Twice a year P4-7 work in mixed age groups on a Citizenship theme. Children get a choice of which group they might like to join and they develop skills in a session once a week for 3 weeks running.

P1-3 work in Citizenship groups throughout the year and they choose the areas they can help be good citizens around our school.

# Our School Motto

Our school motto is...

**Aim High**

**Be Proud**

**Celebrate Success**

We remember it by using the first letter from each phrase - ABC!



# Our School Rules

We have 3 school rules at Mauricewood

- Be safe
- Be respectful
- Be ready to learn

We follow these rules and our motto as we learn how to be responsible citizens, confident individuals, effective contributors and successful learners through everything we do in our lessons and activities both in school and out.

# Our Learning Powers and A Midlothian Learner

The learning powers help us with our learning. We have 8 characters that remind us of each learning power. We use our learning powers to complete tasks in lessons and on trips. The learning powers are -

- Hattie the hedgehog - Have a go
- Dudley the duck - Don't give up
- Indy the iguana - Use your imagination
- Colin the caterpillar - Concentrate
- Bella the bee - Be co-operative
- Caspar the cat - Be curious
- Eddie the elephant - Enjoy learning
- Kiki the kangaroo - Keep improving

There are pictures of these characters around the school to remind you to use these 'Powers' when you are working in your classroom, outside and even at home.

## A Midlothian Learner

Primary 4 –7 also think about A Midlothian Learner and use this strategy to help them become more independent learners. You will see posters about this in your classroom.

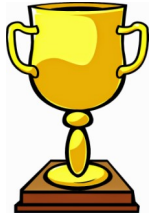
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Class of the Week is when your class earn stickers for good manners, working well or for good behaviour as a class. You are rewarded by the adults in the school and the stickers are put on the display board in the Main Hall. At the end of the week in Assembly all the stickers get counted. We award 2 classes the prize – one class from Primary 1-3 and the other class from Primary 4-7. Whichever 2 classes get the most stickers they get 5 minutes extra added to their break time, every day for a week. The class from P4 to P7 will also get to go first at lunchtime. The 2 classes also get to take Maurice and Woody (our school teddies) to their classroom for the week. They also put a sign outside their classroom to show all visitors they are Class of the Week.

# Celebrations in School

## Achievements



When you have an achievement in or out of school you can share this with your class by bringing in your certificate, trophy, medal or badge. Your class will celebrate with you and you can share how you reached your goal.

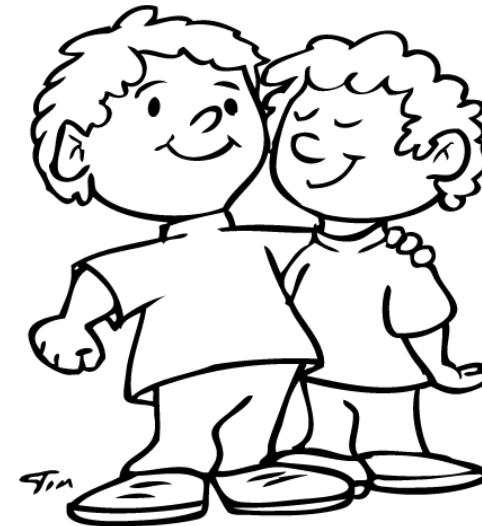
## Together Time

Every week your class will have time together where you can play together and have a social time. This is important for everyone to have that special time to make friends. You may bring a toy from home to play with during this time. Please bring toys you are happy to share with your classmates. Don't bring your expensive toys to school as you don't want them to be broken. Your class teacher will let you know which day of the week your Together Time will be.

# Buddies

Buddies are older pupils helping our younger pupils with learning. Your class teacher will tell you who your buddy is. Buddies become good friends. Buddies might come to your classroom to do some activities that you can do together. Buddies might come and play with you in the playground. If you are ever worried about anything a buddy could help you.

- P7 have P1 buddies
- P6 have P2 buddies



# Playtime and Tuck Shop

## Playtime

Playtime is a time when you get to take a break from learning and go outside. Playtime starts at 10.35am and ends at 10.50am. You can play outside with your friends on the climbing frames, tar mac, and grassy areas. We keep our play-ground equipment in sheds. The toys are brought out for play-time and lunchtime. We also have a climbing wall in the P4-7s playground.

We try to go outdoors in all weathers but if it is really wet then we have an indoor playtime in your classroom. Your teacher will tell you the toys/games you can play with.

## Tuck Shop

At break time every day tuck shop is open at the hatch in the Lunch Hall and is run by Primary 7s. The main aim of tuck shop is to get you to buy a healthy snack at break time. You can go to the hall with your money from home and buy a drink and/or a snack to have at break time. All snacks are about 30p.

Here is a list of what you can buy-

- Water or Fruit Juice (apple, orange)
- Baguette with butter
- Bagels/Pancakes
- Bananas, apples, oranges and more
- Cream crackers with spreading cheese/jam
- Flap Jacks

AND LOADS MORE...!



# Equipment for School

In class you will need

- a pencil case with pencils and colouring pencils
- a water bottle with just water
- indoor shoes
- a school bag
- you will be given a reading book bag
- a snack for break time or you can buy a snack at the Tuck Shop



## Physical Education (P.E.)

Mrs McKendrick and Mrs Tait are the P.E. teachers and they teaches all kinds of different sports. Mrs Tait comes to our school on Mondays and Mrs McKendrick is here on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All classes will have time with one of the PE teachers every week. Classes will do PE with their class teacher too. Sometimes you might do P.E. outside.

Don't forget your gym kit because you can't do gym without it.

You will need:

- Shorts
- T-shirt (No football shirts please)
- Indoor shoes (preferably trainers)
- Water bottle
- Girls need to have their hair tied back
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn (including watches)