



MAUNDENE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Maundene Weekly

25th January 2019

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." – Martin Luther King.

Term Dates

28/01/19

Yr R Health Check

31/01/19

Woodpeckers Class
Assembly

01/02/19

Inset Day (no children in
school)

05/02/19

Year 3 Learning with your
child workshop –
Reading
9-10am

08/02/19

Falcons Class Assembly

12/02/19

Year R Zoo Lab visit

Year 3 Fizz Pop Science
Workshop

13/02/19

Parents' Evening 3.30-
7pm

14/02/19

Parents' Evening 3.30-
5.30pm

15/02/19

Finches Class Assembly

Year 2 Learning Exhibition

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week at Maundene!

On Monday, we started off the week with lots of ice around the area! The water tray in reception iced completely over, but we used this as a teaching point and talk about how water turns into ice and lots of them tried to break it. They definitely had fun learning!

Tuesday was a busy day! Again, we were overwhelmed with the number of parents who attended the 'Learning with your Child Year R Phonics' session. It was great to see the parents working alongside their children; we had such positive feedback. Year 5 had a conservation talk from Howletts Zoo, Aspinall Wildlife and Year 6 had a talk from Medway Council about recycling. The children asked some amazing questions and really engaged with the discussions.

On Wednesday, we celebrated our stars of the week and 100% attendance. Well done to all those who received a certificate. Governors came in and did a learning walk with leaders with a focus on maths, which was very positive and commented on the good teaching the children are having which is leading to good progress within lessons.

On Thursday, we had our Year 6 'Learning with your Child Maths Session.' It was great to see the children working with their parents and the children and parents engaged well in the activities.

On Friday, Year 4 visited Kew Gardens, they had a great time and their behaviour was impeccable! Well done to Kestrels class for their assembly where they showcased their learning. We also had our parent governor Emma and the parent governor from Elaine, Claire, in to have lunch with the children and have a chat with them.

Ms D Indresano and Mr K O'Mara

Inset Day/Staff Development Day

A reminder that we have our next Inset day **Friday 1st February 2019** – the school will be closed to children.



Year R Parents

Please can parents make a swift exit from the school grounds at the end of the day, so that teachers can set up for the following school day. Thank you for your help with this matter.

School Clubs

Due to Parents' Evening, there will be **no after school clubs on 13th & 14th February.**



School Car Park

Due to Health & Safety guidelines, admittance to the school car park is only permitted for Parents/Carers with an appointment at the school or those collecting a child that is unwell. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

01/03/19

Jays Class Assembly

05/03/19

Year 2 Learning with your child workshop - Reading 9-10am

08/03/19

Swans Class Assembly

12/03/19

Year 4 Learning with your child workshop – Reading 9-10am

15/03/19

Blackbirds Class Assembly

19/03/19

Year 5 Learning with your child workshop – Maths 9-10am

22/03/19

Robins Class Assembly

04/04/19

Year 4 Learning Exhibition



Roving Reporters – Summer Loveridge and Harry Wells

In EYFS, they have been comparing the height of objects in Maths and in English they have been writing thought bubbles.

In Year 1, they have been comparing characteristics of subtraction and writing stories linked to their text.

Year 2, they have been dividing in order to share out and writing setting descriptions of a city.

In Year 3, they have been writing comparative descriptions and also learning different ways to divide.

Year 4, they have been looking at the structures of rainforests and exploring equivalent fractions.

Year 5, they have been writing a blog as Kester from their text and in Maths they have been calculating the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes.

Year 6, they have been looking at statistics and in English they have been deconstructing a text and planning a narrative.

Parents' Evening

We will be having Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 13th February 3:30-7pm and Thursday 14th February 3:30 – 5:30pm**, letters went out this week. Please sign up for the slot that you would like and bring the slips in quickly as the popular times do go fast! It will be on a first come, first served basis.

Learning with your Child Workshops

We will be holding a range of workshops where parents can come in and learn with their child. These have proven to be very successful and a chance for parents to see how their child learns at school. Here are some dates that we have set and we hope to see many parents there, learning with their child.

| Date / Time | Year Group | Focus |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| Tuesday 5 February 9-10am | Year 3 | Reading |
| Tuesday 5 March 9-10am | Year 2 | Reading |
| Tuesday 12 March 9-10am | Year 4 | Reading |
| Tuesday 19 March 9-10am | Year 5 | Maths |



MYG Athletics Festival

Last Thursday, some of our Y5/6 attended MYG Swimming gala. There was a lot of waiting around, however our children waited patiently, behaved well and made friends with other children from different schools. The results are below and we came 44th out of 46 schools. Well done to all those who participated.

Girls Freestyle:

- Katie- 2nd
- Ellie- 5th
- Rosie- 3rd

Boys freestyle:

- Harry- 2nd
- Lex-3rd
- Ben-6th

Girls Breaststroke:

- Rosie-4th
- Ellie-5th
- Summer- Leigh-3rd

Boys Breaststroke:

- Lex- 4th
- Ben- 3rd
- Oliver-Didn't finish

Stars of the Week



A BIG well done to our Star of the Week pupils who received their certificates in assembly on Wednesday:

Kestrels Class

Jayden Brown

Finches Class

Isaac Beadle

Robins Class

Emma Wiles

Blackbirds Class

Max Batey

Woodpeckers Class

Taylor Smith

Falcons Class

Emily Stoute

Owls Class

Ethan Gooch

Ravens Class

Callum Cornish

Swans Class

Toby Stallwood

Jays Class

Lily Harris

Ospreys Class

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Eagles Class

Keira Markwell

Girls Backstroke:

- Ellie- 6th
- Summer Leigh- 3rd
- Katie-2nd

Boys Backstroke:

- Lex- 5th
- Harry- 2nd
- Oliver- Didn't finish

Medley Relay:

- Summer, Katie, Harry and Oliver- 6th

Freestyle Relay

- Rosie, Ellie, Lex, Harry- 4th

Key Dates for Spring Term

- Parents' Evening **Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February.**
- **Friday 15th February** – Year 2 Learning Exhibition (more information will be sent out in due course)
- **Thursday 4th April** – Year 4 Learning Exhibition (more information will be sent out in due course)



Adverse Weather Guidance

We are apparently due snow next week. So, in anticipation: we will always try to remain open during adverse weather. Our priority is to provide a safe environment for children and staff, but we must also take into account journeys and road conditions as many of our staff live far from the school. However, it is your responsibility as parents, during bad weather, to make the decision whether it is safe for you to bring your child to school or collect them early. In **extreme** weather conditions, your child's attendance record will not be affected. Once we have evaluated the site, we will make a decision between 7-7:30am whether we close. If you do **not** receive a text message by **7:30am**, then this will mean the school **will be open**. Please also check the website for updates, this will be on the front page on the scrolling bar and in the latest news section. Making a decision to close the school is always a difficult one and our main priority is to make sure our children, staff and community are safe.

Maundene Training Room

Those of you that follow us on Twitter, may have seen some CPD that we are offering to other teaching professionals. Our aim is to have our school as a centre of excellence in Medway. In light of our recent improvements and feedback from external professionals, we have put together a bank of affordable training for other schools. When Gloria Opara, the Ward Council for Princes Park came to visit us, we mentioned this to her and she gave us £1000 to help the funding of our training room. This room is located between Woodpeckers and Falcons and is the old Hawks Room. When it is not in use, this room will still be used for children. We have already had interest in our training which is fantastic. We believe that collaboration and sharing is key; our children are benefiting from the way we teach here and we want other children in Medway and beyond to also benefit from this.

Here is a list of our training, please forward on to any teachers or leaders you may know.

| Training | Date |
|---|--|
| The Impact of Climate on Children (Ethical Leadership) | 29 th January 9am - 12pm |
| Transforming Learning Environments | 6 th February 9am - 12pm |
| Whole Class Reading Strategies | 26 th February 1pm - 4pm |
| Teaching Assistant Programme | 6 sessions beginning 7 th March |
| Planning for High Quality Outcomes in English | 12 th March 1pm – 4pm |
| Developing a 21st Century Curriculum with Global Themes | 3 rd April 1pm - 4pm |

House Points

The running total for the house points are as below. The winning house at the end of term will be allowed to come to school in non-school uniform on **05/04/19**. If you are unsure which house your child is in, please see the class teacher who has a list.

| <u>Fort Amhurst</u> | <u>Cooling Castle</u> | <u>Upnor Castle</u> | <u>Rochester Castle</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 821 | 532 | 503 | 526 |

Attendance

Well done to **ROBINS CLASS** this week.

| <u>Kingfishers</u> | <u>Doves</u> | <u>Kestrels</u> | <u>Finches</u> | <u>Blackbirds</u> | <u>Robins</u> | <u>Falcons</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 95% | 96% | 95% | 95% | 95% | 97% | 95% |

| <u>Woodpeckers</u> | <u>Owls</u> | <u>Ravens</u> | <u>Swans</u> | <u>Jays</u> | <u>Ospreys</u> | <u>Eagles</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 96% | 96% | 96% | 96% | 95% | 96% | 96% |

Whole school attendance is 96%.

The national target for whole school attendance is 97%. This is what we are aiming for, so please ensure your child is in everyday!

Have a wonderful and warm weekend and see you all back on Monday!