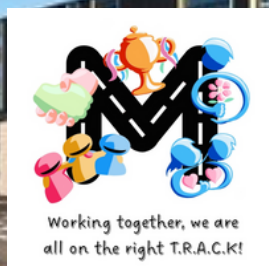


Newsletter 7

May 2025



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Dear families,

What an exciting final term we have ahead of us. Lots of holiday weekends and hopefully some sunshine! We are looking forward to our P7 residential, P1 and P7 transition, Sports Days, and trips which we have scheduled for the coming weeks. Check out the dates for your diary section!

Transition will be a big focus for us over the course of this term and some key dates have been shared with our upcoming Primary 1 and Primary 7 families. Our whole school bump up day will take place in June, where children will meet their new teacher and visit their new classroom for next session. As soon as staffing is confirmed, we will share this information with you!

As we enter the final term of the year, we would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful families for their continued support and dedication. Your partnership plays a vital role in our community, and we are grateful for the positive impact you have on our school. Throughout the year, we've seen our children embody the values that make our school so special – teamwork, respect, achievement, care, and kindness. These values are the foundation of our success, and it is inspiring to witness how our students grow in character and strength as they work together, respect one another, strive for excellence, show empathy, and extend kindness. We look forward to finishing this term strong, celebrating the many achievements to come, and continuing to build a supportive and caring environment for all. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey.

With love and kindest wishes,
Elaine Cooke



Your Voice Matters



We would like to say thank you to our families for completing our recent Survey during our Parents' Evenings. Your opinion and voice matters a great deal to us and helps us make choices to improve our school and do the best for our children. The results are below:

- Almost all parents have rated the school 8/10 or above with the vast majority rating our school 10/10. The average rating was 9.27.
- Comment returns stated that parents are mostly happy with relationships, the staff, school values and support for children.
- Parents also shared that they would suggest improvements to Parents' Portal but understood this is outwith control
- Parents would like more events and more notice where possible.
- Positive comments were shared on our transition procedures and our care for children.
- Almost all parents voted very good or above for relationships with children & families, communication, meeting needs, including everyone, leadership and opportunities for our pupils.

Our next steps will be around looking at ways of increasing opportunities for our children and streamlining and improving communication procedures.

Thank you as always for your feedback and if there are any further suggestions or comments, please get in touch.

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Sports Day Matters

Our Sports Days will be taking place on Tuesday 20th May (Primary 1-3) at 10.30am, Wednesday 21st May (Primary 4-7) at 10am and Friday 30th May (Nursery) at 1.30pm.

Nursery and P1-3 Sports Days will take place in our playground and P4-7 will take place at John Wright Sports Centre.

Parents and families are welcome to come and watch! On their sports day, we would encourage all P1-7 children to wear their house colours but please do not go out and buy anything new as all children will have a sticker to show their house colour.

Children will all be treated with an ice lolly following their sporting endeavours. Please let us know if you do not wish your child to receive one.



Here are the timings!

P1-3

Time	Activity
10.30	All classes to playground
10.30- 12.00	Potted Sports Station Rotations
12.00-12.15	Water Break/Ice Lolly
12.15	Results Announcement

P4-7

Time	Activity
10.00	Arrival & Warm-Up by Class
10.15	Flat Races (by class & gender)
10.35	Obstacle Races
11:15	Novelty Races
12:00	Relay Race
12.10	Winners Announced

Healthy School Matters

We kindly encourage all parents and carers to support our efforts in promoting healthy habits by providing their children with a nutritious snack to bring to school each day. Lately, we've noticed an increase in sugary treats and share-size packets of crisps being brought in, which can affect children's energy levels, concentration, and overall wellbeing. By choosing healthier options—such as fruit, vegetable sticks, yogurt, or wholegrain snacks—you'll be helping your child stay focused and fuelled for learning, while also setting a great example for balanced eating. Thank you for your continued support in creating a positive, healthy school environment for all our students.

Here are some easy, healthy snack ideas that are perfect for school:

- Fresh fruit, cut safely (e.g. apple slices, banana, cut grapes, mandarin segments)
- Vegetable sticks (e.g. carrot, cucumber, or pepper) with hummus or a small portion of dip
- Cheese cubes or cheese sticks (in moderation)
- Plain popcorn (homemade or low-salt, low-sugar store-bought)
- Rice cakes or wholegrain crackers
- Yogurt pots (low-sugar varieties or natural yogurt with fruit)
- Mini sandwich with a healthy filling (e.g. cheese, lean meat, or hummus)
- Dried fruit (small portion, as it's still high in natural sugar)

These snacks not only provide lasting energy but also contribute to your child's daily nutritional needs.



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Parent Council Matters

Staffing Matters

We would like to wish Laura McGrail, our Team Leader, huge congratulations on her new job at SLC Headquarters. Laura's last day at Maxwellton will be 16th May. We wish her all the best on her new adventure!

Our Primary 1 class next session will be taken by Mrs Heather Findlay and Mrs Rebecca Meek. All other class teachers will be assigned in due course when our staffing is confirmed.

Miss Caitlin Barrett will be finishing on Thursday 22nd May to begin her maternity leave. We wish Caitlin and her family all the best and look forward to sharing the fabulous news when baby arrives! As soon as we have confirmation of P7 class teacher for the remainder of the session, we will let families know.

Mr Matt Little will also be taking a little time off towards the end of May as he is also going to be welcoming a new addition! We look forward to hearing the happy news! Again, we will let families know of the cover arrangements as soon as we have the information to share.

Uniform Matters

Just a reminder again of our encouragement of wearing of school uniforms. I would like to highlight that, especially on trips and outings, uniform helps to identify our children easily and safely. Uniform should be worn on trip days even in comfortable clothes and trainers are required on the bottom.

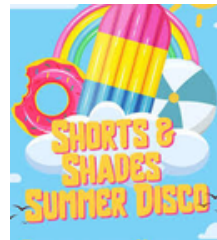
While we don't require branded clothing, we encourage children to attend in our uniform: a white shirt or polo shirt, a red jumper or cardigan, black trousers or skirt, and sensible black shoes/trainers. Red, tartan skirts, trousers and tartan/checked pinafores are acceptable too. Black joggers or shorts on PE days are fine. By maintaining these standards, we help our learners take pride in our school, keep own clothes for leisure time and continue to foster a sense of belonging and unity.

Parent Council Matters

Unfortunately, our Car Boot Sale which was scheduled for the 10th May has had to be rescheduled. A new date has been proposed for Saturday 14th June.



Our Parent Council have also arranged 'Shorts and Shades' discos for P1-7 on Thursday 5th June.



P1-3: 6.15pm - 7.15pm

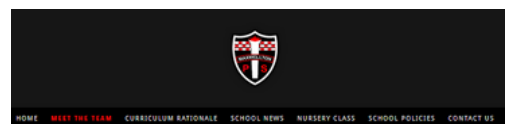
P4-7 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Digital Matters

I am very happy to announce that our new school website is now live! We have been working closely with one of our amazing parents, Laurie Findlay, who has helped us to design and host our new website. We would like to offer our thanks for the time, effort and commitment given to do such a wonderful job.

Our new website can be found at:

www.maxwelltonps.co.uk



We have also ordered a new interactive CleverTouch board for each class and learning zone. This will make an enormous difference to our development of digital literacy!

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Diary Date Matters



Fri 9th	Review Meetings
Fri 9th	P5-7 Boys and P6/7 Girls Football A/S Club
Mon 12th	Netball After School Club
Mon 12th	P4 and P7 SNSAs begin
Tue 13th	Track and Field Event
Tue 13th	P7 SLC Arts Session
Tue 13th	P5 Girls' Football After School Club
Wed 14th	P4 Spring into Summer Music Project
Wed 14th	P1 Multisports Club
Wed 14th	P7 to Lockerbie Manor
Wed 14th	New P1 Class Visit
Wed 14th	Guide Dogs to visit P2
Thu 15th	6pm P7 Leavers' Parents Meeting
Fri 16th	P5-7 Boys and P6/7 Girls Football A/S Club
Mon 19th	Fire Service to visit P2
Mon 19th	Netball After School Club
Tue 20th	P7 Transition Event - Head of House
Tue 20th	6.30pm Calderglen Parent Info Evening
Tue 20th	P7 SLC Arts Session
Tue 20th	P1-3 Sports Day
Tue 20th	P5 Girls' Football After School Club
Wed 21st	P4-7 Sports Day
Wed 21st	Bikeability
Wed 21st	New P1 Class Visit
Fri 23rd	Holiday
Mon 26th	Holiday
Tue 27th	P5 Girls' Football After School Club
Tue 27th	P7 SLC Arts Session
Wed 28th	New P1 Class Visit
Wed 28th	P3 Cricket session
Wed 28th	Football Tournament (Boys and Girls)
Wed 28th	P4 Spring into Summer Music Project
Thu 29th	Netball Final (Alistair McCoist Complex)
Thu 29th	Sleep Scotland Workshop
Fri 30th	Nursery Sports Day
Fri 30th	P5-7 Boys and P6/7 Girls Football A/S Club

Diary Date Matters



Mon 2nd	P1 Transition PEEP session
Mon 2nd	Homework Grids out
Mon 2nd	Netball After School Club
Mon 2nd	6.30pm Parent Council Meeting
Tue 3rd	P7 SLC Arts Session
Tue 3rd	P5 Girls' Football After School Club
Tue 3rd	P7 Visit to Messy Church - Courage session
Tue 3rd	YLOL visiting Maxwellton
Wed 4th	YLOL visiting Halfmerke
Wed 4th	P3 Cricket session
Wed 4th	Bikeability
Wed 4th	P4 Spring into Summer Music Project
Thu 5th	Girls' Football Day, Hamilton Palace
Fri 6th	New P1 Lunch and Buddy Presentation
Fri 6th	P5-7 Boys and P6/7 Girls Football A/S Club
Fri 6th	Reports to families
Mon 9th	Whole School Sponsored Event (Nurs-P3)
Mon 9th	Netball After School Club
Mon 9th	P1 Transition PEEP session
Tue 10th	P7 Transition Visit to Calderglen
Tue 10th	P7 SLC Arts Session
Tue 10th	P5 Girls' Football After School Club
Wed 11th	P7 Transition Visit to Calderglen
Wed 11th	P3 Cricket session
Wed 11th	Bikeability
Wed 11th	SLLC Track and Field Final
Wed 11th	P4 Spring into Summer Music Project
Thu 12th	Whole School Sponsored Event (P4-7)
Fri 13th	Bump Up Day
Fri 13th	P5-7 Boys and P6/7 Girls Football A/S Club
Mon 16th	P7 Leavers' Week
Tue 17th	New Nursery Starts Stay and Play
Tue 17th	P7 SLC Arts Session
Tue 17th	P5 Girls' Football After School Club
Wed 18th	Bikeability
Wed 18th	P4 Spring into Summer Music Project
Thu 19th	P7 Leavers' Service and Party
Fri 20th	Nursery Graduation
Mon 23rd	New P1 Teddy Bears' Picnic
Wed 25th	Close at 1pm