



MACOSQUIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2019 Monthly News

Welcome to our Monthly News for September 2019. This will be replacing the old format of Weekly Updates. These monthly newsletters will keep you up to date with whole school events and information. In addition, class teachers will continue to update you via Seesaw and we will celebrate school learning and successes through our new Facebook page.

SHARED EDUCATION



We will be continuing our Shared Education Programme with St.Eoghan's and Damhead again this year. Our pupils will work together to further develop problem solving through STEM. Dates of upcoming visits will be added to our school calendar and you will receive a consent form in the next few weeks.

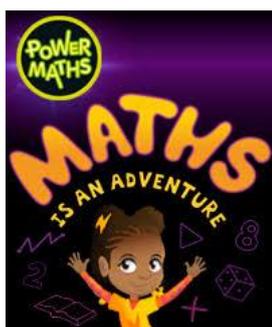


The new Dinner Menu is now available on our school website. Dinner for the week **must** be booked by Monday 9am for the incoming week via SIMS AGORA.

SCHOOL FUNDS

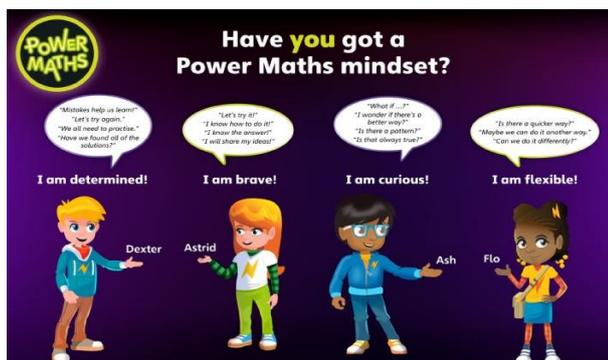
All school budgets have been reduced dramatically and as a result we are asking for your support. We would appreciate a small contribution of £10 per child / £20 per family which will help us purchase much needed resources. Payment can be made through Sims Agora by the end of September. Thank you in advance.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT / POWER MATHS



Our school has invested in a fantastic new Maths resource - 'Power Maths', which will enhance the teaching and learning of Numeracy across the school, benefitting all pupils. Power Maths breaks Maths into manageable steps for children and promotes an active and practical approach to the teaching of Maths. At the heart of Power Maths is the idea that with hard work and determination, everyone can succeed at Maths (#everyone can).

This week the children have become familiar with the characters who will help them with their learning - Dexter, Ash, Flo, Astrid and Sparks. Talk to your child about the characters and look out for photos of our Power Maths learning on Seesaw.



Please remember that we are a nut free school and children should not bring products to school for snack or lunch that contain nuts. Nor should children bring any peanuts, conkers etc. to school.



MUSIC UPDATE

There are still spaces available for woodwind (flute, clarinet & trumpet) and Piano (limited spaces available). Please contact Miss Cubitt for further information.

MACOSQUIN P.S FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

There will be a meeting of the Macosquin Friends' Association next Monday 9th September in the school at 6pm. New members are welcome to come along.



WALKING BUS

Walking Bus will commence on Friday 13th September from the shop in Macosquin at 8.30am. To enable us to facilitate walking bus for the duration of the year, we require parent volunteers. Please Seesaw your child's class teacher if you would be willing to help, either on a weekly or rota basis.

We look forward to another super year working with Sustrans and encourage you and your child to travel actively to school when possible, not just on Walking Bus days. Thank you for your support.

DATES FOR DIARY

Dates for the Diary

The calendar with dates for Term 1 are now on our school website.

You can download our school app to receive information on news and upcoming events. The link for this can be found at the bottom of our school website.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER



The school photographer will be visiting on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September. A return slip will be sent home in your child's bag closer to the time. Please return this slip to your class teacher if you would like a photograph.

Healthy Break

Children must bring a healthy break to school Monday to Thursday but are allowed a treat on Fridays! This was agreed by our class and school council, we would appreciate your support with this.

Extra-Curricular Notice



Welcome back!

Term 1 Clubs are now available to view on the parents area of the school website. Booking will open on Monday 9th on SIMS Agora at 12 noon. Clubs will begin on Monday 16th September. See letter on website for full details.

We look forward to another great year of clubs!

Thank you for your support,
S. McLean

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Gardening Week



We will have our first Gardening Week of the year from Monday 23rd-Friday 27th September. Each class will have a special gardening related job to do to prepare our Sensory Garden for winter.

Children should wear their school uniform as normal but should bring a waterproof coat and wellies/trainers each day during Gardening Week.



Any green fingered parents/grandparents who are willing to help should get in touch with their child's class teacher. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

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ECO SCHOOLS

The new Eco Committee for the 2019/20 school year will soon be up and running. A selection of children from each class from P4-7 will meet on a regular basis to help ensure that our school remains environmentally friendly and sustainable and put exciting new eco initiatives into place. To support our great work, we need parent representatives to join our Eco Committee. If you would be available to meet with us for a short while on a Friday afternoon (dates to be confirmed), please Seesaw your child's class teacher. We would love to have you on board!



CONTACT DETAILS



Have your contact details changed over the summer? Please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can update your records.

School Roles and Responsibilities

Do not hesitate to contact your class teacher, Head of Key Stage, Senior Teacher or Principal should you need to discuss your child's progress.



Principal
Mrs L. McElwee

Senior Teacher/ Pastoral Care
Miss L. Stevenson

Head of KS1/ SENCO
Miss J. Montgomery

Head of KS2
Mrs C. Allen



Our School Safeguarding Team consists of Mr Alistair Kennedy (BoG Chair), Mr Dave Pavey (Designated Governor for Child Protection), Mrs McElwee, Mrs Allen and Miss Stevenson. In school, pupils are encouraged to talk to their teacher or another member of staff at any time, if they feel worried or upset. Each classroom also displays a poster with photographs of the staff members on the Safeguarding Team and children are reminded regularly in Key Stage Assemblies about Child Protection procedures throughout the school.

WELCOME TO P1



We would like to say a big welcome to our new P1's. They have had a fun filled week exploring our school and especially our Sensory Garden. We look forward to many more fun filled days ahead as we embark on our school journey.

