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Scotstoun Newsletter February 2017

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Primary 5 to 7 Swimming

We have consulted with the older children and some parents and we have decided that we will put the swimming on a Tuesday on hold for the moment. This can be changed at any time and planned for accordingly as we do have a group kidscard that allows the children with MACS free swimming.



Due to the school using the old gym during the day we have noticed that our main phone line has been playing up. Can I advise parents to contact either **Paula (07525 071 455)** or **Sarah (07718 583 796)** on their mobiles this will guarantee that we receive all messages and pick up/collection information.



Learning Journals

The staff and children have been completing their new learning journals detailing what the children have been enjoying, things they may change at MACS and an area for staff who are working closely with the individual children to update parents on their child's development. The journals allows staff to ensure all well-being indicators are being met at MACS and if require what support we can offer individuals in meeting their needs. Furthermore parents/carers will be involved in the journals quarterly by staff and asked to add their comments and suggestions. If you wish to discuss this further do not hesitate to speak to staff in the project who will explain further.



Older Children

Both the older P6-7 children and staff have been planning and negotiating about an older space and activities. After discussing this with the head teacher we have been given a small space over at the gym (changing room) which we have cleaned and made safe for the children to have daily, even after clubs have finished at 4pm. The children were keen to have their own space to chill, do homework, read and now have devised a monthly planner which they will continue to achieve having activities that suit their age group.

The children have furthermore devised their own positive behaviour chart (tally chart) to promote responsibility, role modelling and respect, and allow both the children and staff to promote positive behaviour. We have also successfully reviewed a group library card which the children have been enjoying and visiting weekly. Again with the promoting of respect

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and responsibility for the older children, they have asked for treat days so we aim and hope to achieve this twice a month on different days to suit all childrens attendance, such as a visit for a hot drink to sports centres cafés or a cold drink at local café etc.

Monthly Activities

We are continuing with our **'Ready Steady Cook'** challenges and focusing on the P3-5 children as they have been thoroughly enjoying the ingredients challenges, again under the watchful eye of our judges which are furthermore the children, and who are very professional in deliberating the best dishes judged on team work, presentation and taste. We will continue to battle it out in their teams, racing against the clock cleverly putting together creative dishes. Each week we will alternate between a savoury, sweet or healthy dish and sometimes we have starters, mains and deserts.

Our February planner is available on the whiteboard in the playroom and at the church, on the MACS website and furthermore emailed to parents on our distribution list. February has a range of varying activities and themes weekly from Chinese New Year, Valentines week and Superheroes to encourage our young budding creative artists and their imaginations.

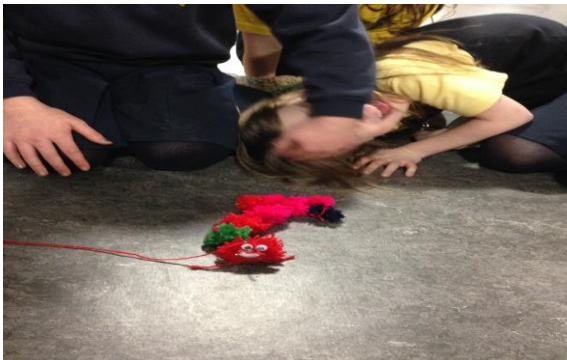
After School Clubs

Can I stress the importance of informing Paula/Sarah or head office if your child(ren) will not be attending MACS due to illness or play dates etc. especially if we have them in our club folder as attending a school club on a specific day. This will prevent unnecessary actions being taken to locate your child relating to our missing child policy such as police intervention.

Changing Weather

We would like to ask all parents that during the differing weather that all children bring in suitable outdoor clothing (warm coat, gloves, hat, scarf and boots) as we will be offering outdoor activities. When the children are outdoors they will wear hi-visibility vests to ensure they are seen at all times.

January 2017 Activities Craft/Scottish Activities



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Ready Steady Cook



Dates for Your Diary

MACS will be closed from:

February Mid-Term:

Friday 10th February until Wednesday 15th February (In-Service Day)

MACS will re-open on Thursday 16th February



Compliments, Complaints and General Enquiries

If there are any matters you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact Paula or Sarah. This can be done by email or phone and we will be happy to help.

If there are any questions regarding your payments or direct debits please contact the head office to discuss this with the finance department.

Website: www.macs.uk.com

TWO STARS AND A WISH

