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## Scotstoun Newsletter January 2017

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## We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year

### After School Clubs

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



### Reversed Advent

We would like to thank all the parents and children who were able to donate to this great cause which we will continue to achieve every year. You will see from the photographs below Kyle McCormick from the North West Foodbank came out to MACS and discussed with the children how the foodbank runs and how our generous donation of 6 full boxes with 24 items support member of the public in our area. We will continue to keep our links with the NW Foodbank and fulfil more charitable work this year.



### Shout Out and Achievement Wall

As you will be aware at Scotstoun MACS parental participation is paramount and we have a range of methods from our two stars and a wish to website feedback and more, however we have introduced a **SHOUT OUT WALL** in December and the children have enjoyed getting their names on this for all their good deeds. We are hoping to develop an achievement area too to allow us at Scotstoun MACS to celebrate all achievements, successes and accomplishments with our children.



### Primary 5 to 7 Swimming

We will consult with the older children and parents on a consensus of when the swimming should resume to ensure this benefits all involved.



### Primary 1 and 2 Forrest Workshop

As you will be aware we did change the forest workshop slightly due to the weather and dark nights approaching very fast, however we used the school grounds and perimeter of the school to achieve further outdoors activities such as more den building, hedgehog houses and nature

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sticks and wands. The staff will evaluate and review this workshop and put plans in place to complete further outdoor activities for the children at MACS.

### Monthly Activities

We are continuing with our **'Ready Steady Cook'** challenges as the children have been battling it out in their teams, racing against the clock cleverly putting together meals. Each week they alternate between a savoury, sweet or healthy dish and sometimes we gain both starters, mains and deserts.

Again I am awaiting a decision from Glasgow City Council Community Partnership to see if we are successful with some funding to progress these excellent cooking activities to the next level.

Our January planner will be available on the MACS website, and has also been emailed to all parents through our distribution list, has a range of varying activities and themes weekly from winter, space and even our Burns Festival Week.

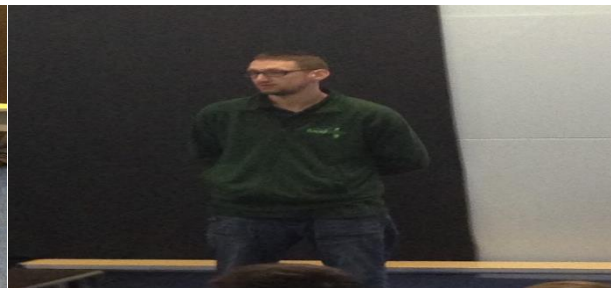
A planning mind map book will be available on the parents table for parents to add to. We have looked at our planning and are aiming to devise a planning group this year to allow the children ownership with support from the staff to gather as much planning feedback as possible to allow us to have a full range of activities to suit all.

### Winter Weather

We would like to ask all parents that during the winter weather, all children bring in suitable outdoor clothing (warm coat, gloves, hat, scarf, boots) as we will be offering outdoor activities.

## December 2016 Activities

### Food Bank Visit



### Santa Visit



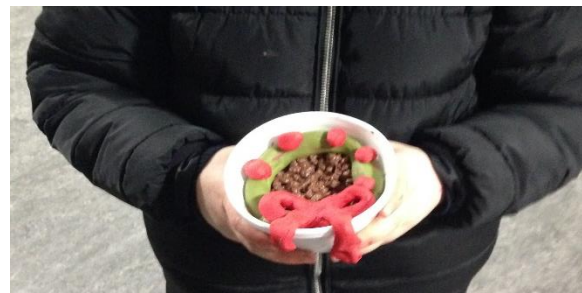


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### Forrest Workshop (Hedgehog Houses)



### December Activities



## Dates for Your Diary

**MACS will be closed from:**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February till Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February (In-Service Day)**

**MACS will re-open on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## TWO STARS AND A WISH

