



MACS Mearns Newsletter

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Project Updates

Changes to planning: We use mind maps every month to ask for the children's interests; the children will then vote on their favourite topic for the month and staff will plan their activities around this including any festival/celebrations also happening that month.

Activity planning sheets: These are emailed out to parents to let you see what the children will be getting up to for the month ahead; this will be changing to 2 planning sheets in March as staff will start to plan activities for both older and younger children (P1-3 and P4-7).

Our **Floor Books** are out at front desk for you to see what your children have been up to during their time at MACS.

Our **Daily Board** has been updated with pictures of the areas we use and what activities are available for children that day; it also states the snack on offer that day.

We have a new **ECO** committee: P4 will be taking part in planning meetings to discuss the design of our ECO mascot and planning activities to help us become more eco friendly.



Wish List

The children helped to put together a wish list for resources they would like to see at MACS. Here are some of the things they asked for:

Puzzle ball
Bingo
Barbie's
5 second rule game
Football table

Tents
Building blocks
Dolls and accessories
Remote control cars
Aqua beads

Twister
Snakes and ladders
New cars
Puzzles
Girls world styling head

I am happy to say we were able to purchase most items on the wish list and the children have been enjoying our new resources over the past few weeks, the new football table being the most popular item at the moment! 😊

Badgework

Our badgework for P5 – 7 has officially started; children will be taking part in weekly challenges learning life skills to earn their badges. They have already learned how to risk assess an area, sew material and have taken part in Ready Steady Cook where 4 teams were given a bag of goodies to make a meal using only the ingredients supplied and a microwave, this was a great success and all children involved did a fantastic job at working together and as the judge who had to taste them all, I can safely say they were all edible 😊 so a big WELL DONE to all the teams.



Cook School

Cook School takes place on a Tuesday as we have access to the school cooking equipment and the children have the opportunity to follow a recipe from scratch to create some delicious dishes.



The children will also receive a certificate for taking part in a basic food hygiene workshop which will be incorporated into their badgework as well.



New P1 Siblings

At the moment I am working through the Waiting List for the new term in August so by now all parents who have children already attending MACS and have a sibling starting with us in August should have received a letter of offer. Can I ask that you fill in all relevant forms attached and submit them as soon as possible so we have all information needed for your child starting with us. You will be contacted again in the near future regarding induction dates for you and your child to attend.

If you have a sibling starting school in August and you have not yet contacted us regarding a space could you please speak to a member of senior staff as soon as possible.

Feedback

We always welcome feedback (good or bad) so please let us know what you think of the service we provide, the children frequently give us feedback on activities offered daily; this is displayed in our Floor Books.

Here is what some of the children thought about our new toys...

