

# MAULDEN LOWER NEWSLETTER- FEB

28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the half term break. The sunnier days and the beginning of longer daylight hours lets us know that spring has arrived.

'Open View Education' visited our school last week to explore the theme of being safe online and learning through theatre. Classes took part in some exciting workshops that delivered the message of staying safe on line in a fun and meaningful way. As a school community we all have a duty of care to remain vigilant and monitor what our children are accessing on line. Thank you for your continued support. A huge thank you to the MSA who funded this worthwhile workshop.

Yesterday, we held the pancake races for all the children. They had a thoroughly enjoyable time flipping pancakes. All our children took part and couldn't stop talking about the races throughout the day. Memories that will remain with them. Many thanks to the MSA who organized this and the volunteers who came along to support.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended parent consultations. If you've not made an appointment to speak to your class teacher or missed an appointment then please contact your class teacher via weduc. Thank you for your continued support.

*Mrs Dwyer*

## VALUE OF THE TERM

*Truthfulness – to tell the truth*

Truthfulness:

- telling the truth
- being sincere
- straightforward conduct

In school we will be focusing on how to accept responsibility for your own actions and not blaming others, being honest about our feelings, telling the truth and thinking about how our actions affect others.

At home you can help your child with this value by:

- discussing the reasons why we should be truthful, eg people won't trust us if we have been found to tell lies.
- Talking about how it is very brave to tell the truth even if we know we have done something wrong
- Praising all instances of honesty and truthfulness.





## E-SAFETY WEEK

The children had an information packed week learning more about how to keep themselves safe online.

OpenView Education also came into school and ran workshops with all the children from Reception to Year 4.

Please visit our website:

<https://www.mauldenlower.com/parents-carers/online-safety-guidance/> for online safety guidance and resources for both you and your child.



## GIANT JOURNEYS

We are very excited to announce we won a runners up prize of £300 towards a Giant Journeys workshop.

Thank you to everyone who voted for us. We are looking forward to booking our workshop and are hoping the money raised in the upcoming Pancake race will raise the shortfall needed to enable our KS1 children to have a visit from the dinosaurs.



## BREAKFAST CLUB – EARLY ADOPTERS

Maulden Lower School is one of the 750 schools who have been selected to be one of the Early Adopters for the governments Free Breakfast Clubs.

The free club will be available to anyone who attends our school and will run from 08.10 until the start of the school day. The free provision will include a healthy breakfast and will operate in the school hall.

*This will not affect the breakfast provision run by The Hive which will continue to operate from 07.30.*





## AGE APPROPRIATE GAMES

### AMONG US – RATED E10+

Among Us is rated as for Everyone 10+ it is therefore not suitable for primary school aged children under 10. While the graphics are cartoon like there is still the use of visuals which are not appropriate for younger children.

We have also noticed an increase in aggressive behaviour during both break and lunch time as the children recreate this game with their peers.

For more information about the game play and violence depicted in the game please visit Parentzone on <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/among-us>

**What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS**

**RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS**

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

**WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?**

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

- U** Universal, suitable for all ages
- PG** Parental Guidance required
- 12** Suitable for people aged 12 and over
- 12A** Suitable for people aged 12 and over, with parental supervision
- 15** Suitable for people aged 15 and over
- 18** Suitable for people aged 18 and over
- R18** Adult content only available in specialist retailers

**WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?**

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

**LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS**

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

**RATINGS FOR GAMES**

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

**WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?**

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

- 3** www.pegi.info
- 7** www.pegi.info
- 12** www.pegi.info
- 16** www.pegi.info
- 18** www.pegi.info

PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

- Violence
- Bad Language
- Sex
- Drugs
- Discrimination
- Gambling
- Violence
- Sex

**LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS**

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

**PARENTAL CONTROLS**

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: [www.bbfc.co.uk](http://www.bbfc.co.uk) Source: [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) Twitter: @natonlinesafety Facebook: /NationalOnlineSafety

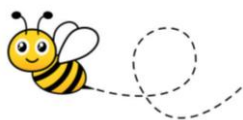




# The Hive

# MAULDEN LOWER SCHOOL

## THE HIVE



### TIMES & CHARGES

**BREAKFAST CLUB**  
07.30 - 08.45

**£5.50 includes a healthy breakfast**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

15.20 - 16.20 - £ 5.50

15.20 - 17.20 - £11.00

15.20 - 18.00 - £15.00

**Special Rates:**

Whole week of  
Breakfast Sessions  
£25.00

Whole Week After  
School Sessions £70.00

Mobile Number: 07902 238761 (This number is for changes in collection or to contact The Hive if they are outside and can not hear the buzzer. Please do not use this number to book sessions)

The sessions running from 15.20 until 17.20 **include a healthy snack**. Those attending from 17.20 until 18.00 will be provided with tea. If you are late collecting your child/children you will be charged for the next time slot as the staff are paid until all children are collected. If you arrive after 18.00 you will be charged £5 for every 5 minutes late collection.

## THE HIVE

Throughout the month of March before and after school club will be taking part in a number of activities including:

- Easter Crafts
- Pancake Day
- Mother's Day
- Celebrating women in science
- Ramadam celebrations
- Arts and crafts activities
- Outside play



# The MSA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The MSA are busy planning their upcoming events including Spring Discos, Mother's Day gifts and the Easter Egg Raffle. If you are able to help out with any of these events please contact your class rep.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out at the Pancake race, all funds raised will go towards a dinosaur experience.

## YEAR 2 PARENT LUNCH

The parents/carers of children in Year 2 are invited to join them for lunch on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

The lunch will cost £3.50 and need to be booked on the School Food United app in the usual way.

<https://parents.schoolfoodunited.com/login>



# Awards

# MAULDEN LOWER SCHOOL

## Star of the Week

Wrens	Rabbits	Hedgehogs	Woodpeckers	Kestrels
Olivia Ashby Tommy Bowes Ariya Clark-Singh Frank Francis Reigh Ingles Atticus Petrusic-Houghton Kellin Rayner Arabella Yates	Jacob Altendorf Rosie Bedford Jacob Batchelor Robin Revell	Ezra Mitchelmore Oliver Upton	Daisy Mosley Finn Armett Ollie Janes Grayson Samson	Danielle Giles Tessa Hillman Zachary Lawson George Minards

## Values Award

Wrens	Rabbits	Hedgehogs	Woodpeckers	Kestrels
Sullivan Harris Hallie Kempton Arthur Lovelock Ada Mitchelmore Rogan Murphy Hattie Warren Oliver Webb Arabella Yates	Jahmiah Lawrence Thomas Minards Effy Pascan Archie Reeson	Olivia Potter Spencer Rogerson	Aida Norrington Mason Ward Ellis Altendorff Ollie Janes	Elowyn Harris Scarlett Styles



## ECO COUNCIL



The Eco-Council has chosen the areas they wish to develop and learn more about:

- Waste - refusing, reducing, repairing, recycling
- Biodiversity - maintaining a high level of plant, insect and animal life locally and globally
- Marine - protecting and conserving water-based ecosystems.

As spring is on it's way why not visit the Wildlife and Wetlands Trust website for some fun activities to encourage wildlife to where you live. [https://www.wwt.org.uk/discover-wetlands/fun-and-learning/make-it-activities?gad\\_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiAw5W-BhAhEiwApv4goCxLAYT9xKCfwA4zlYh1NWNm6f2qjhxwVUA0hvBN4yz19Y2bRrleDRoCLp0QAvD\\_BwE](https://www.wwt.org.uk/discover-wetlands/fun-and-learning/make-it-activities?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiAw5W-BhAhEiwApv4goCxLAYT9xKCfwA4zlYh1NWNm6f2qjhxwVUA0hvBN4yz19Y2bRrleDRoCLp0QAvD_BwE)



## Dates for your Diary

### March – *pls check Weduc calendar for times*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4 MSA - Pancake Races	5 Y3 - Verulamium	6 World Book Day	7
10	11	12	13	14
Science Week				
		Y2 - Parent Lunch		
17	18	19 Y2 - Woodland Walk	20	21 Red Nose Day
24	25 Y3 - Pizza Express	26	27 10:00 - Easter Celebration MSA - Discos	28 MSA - Mother's Day Gifts

## HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH

Kids are having over 2 times more sugar than is recommended, with half of it coming from snacks and sugary drinks.

It can often be really difficult to know what a healthier choice might be- but the NHS Better Health, Healthier Families are here with all the info, tips and advice you need to help your family be healthier and happier.

For more information about lunch box ideas, healthy meal recipes, activities for you and your family alongside the NHS Food Scanner app and sugar calculator please visit the NHS Healthier Families website

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/>

