

MAULDEN LOWER NEWSLETTER- SEPT



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

The start of the new academic year is always a busy one and quite an emotional time for everyone. With your support, the children are now becoming a lot more confident as they walk through the school gate in the morning.

This morning we held our Harvest Celebration up at St Mary's church. All the children in KS1 and KS2 sang beautifully and our Year 4 readers presented with confidence.

Thank you for all the food donations. These will support local food banks.

The children were also very excited to hear that the school was awarded joint first prize as

part of the village scarecrow festival.

Well done to all our Fun Runners who took part in the Maulden Community 5k and Children's Sponsored 1k Fun Run on the 15th September. We are proud of all our children and their achievements and for living their Values of Independence and Determination.

We also celebrated the achievements of those children who took part in the libraries summer reading challenge. We know how important it is to engage children with a love of books at an early age. I encourage you to visit your local library.

Mrs Dwyer

VALUE OF THE TERM

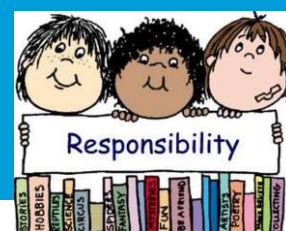
Responsibility – to take good care of something or to be trusted.

Responsibility:

- taking responsibility for your actions
- accepting the consequences that come from your actions
- understanding that what you do impacts on those around you

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

- discussing what would be sensible and responsible behavior in a variety of situations
- encouraging your child to think about how they have behaved if they have fallen out with someone and whether the fault is partly theirs
- helping your child to think of how they can be pro-active in repairing relationships
- pointing out and praising instances of responsibility at home.

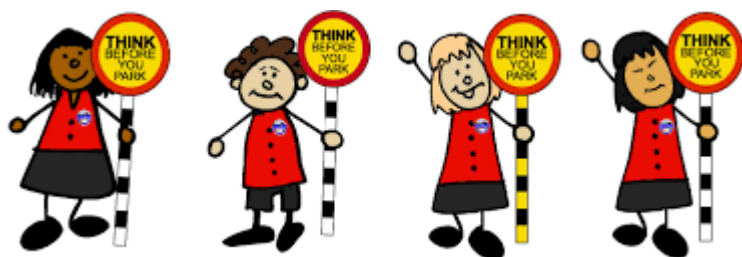




PARKING

We again would like to remind parents to park with consideration to other road users around Maulden Lower School.

The school has received complaints from members of the local community regarding parking across driveways, on residents grass verges and abusive language being used when requesting parents to move vehicles so residents can access their properties.



UNIFORM REMINDER

Children are reminded that they should not be wearing large hair bands into school. Long hair should be tied back before coming into school and any hairbands worn should be plain, no bows, ears, unicorn horns etc.

Children who have their ears pierced should wear small studs only, no dangly earrings or hoops. Earrings should not be worn on PE days, if they can not be removed they need to be covered before coming into school.

Trainers are not school shoes and should only be worn on PE days or non-uniform days. School shoes are to be black or navy and worn with white, grey or black socks. No bright coloured socks or open toed sandals.

School Uniform can be purchased through Price & Buckland, Prestige Design & Workwear in Flitwick or in many supermarkets. For more information on our uniform please visit our website <https://www.mauldenlower.com/parents-carers/school-uniform/>



FOOD ALLERGIES

If your child has any food allergies or intolerances please can you speak to a member of the office staff and request an allergy form.

These forms need to be completed even if your child does not have a school meal as we sometimes have in class food tasting, cookery or class parties.

We would also like to remind parents/carers that we are a nut free school so children bringing in a packed lunch should not have any items that contain nuts. This includes peanut butter sandwiches, cereal bars, brownies or chocolate spreads containing nuts.

FOOD ALLERGENS THE BIG-8





The MSA

MAULDEN LOWER SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

It has been another very busy year for the MSA, we have raised over £7,000. Thank you for the support from parents, volunteers and school staff which have helped raise this money and delivered some fun events for the children.

MSA Fun Run - 5K

The annual Maulden Community 5k took place on Sunday 15th September.

Thank you to everyone who took part and thank you to the children who brought their medals into school to show at the Values Assembly.

MSA AGM

Thank you to everyone who turned up at the Annual General Meeting and who has volunteered to take on a role. Unfortunately there are still some key posts that need to be filled.

Without your support we will be unable to run all the fun events that the children enjoy or be able to raise much needed funds for the school.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the vacancies detailed under MSA Representatives please speak to a member or the office staff or an existing Class Representative.

Movie Nights

The first MSA event - KS1 Film Night will be held on Thursday 10th October. Film choices and timings will be sent out shortly.

If you are able to help out on the night please speak to your class rep.



Fundraising Activities

Here is a list of just some of the fundraising activities that have taken place over the last year:

- Rags 2 Riches
- Maulden Summer Fete
- Community Fun Run
- School Lottery
- Pancake Races
- Film Nights
- Christmas Hamper Raffle
- Doughnut Day
- School Discos



MSA Representatives

Pre-school	Louise Aisthorpe TBA
Reception	Stephanie Billingham Eve Petrusic- Houghton
Year 1	Emma Bond Sam McFeeley
Year 2	Aislinn Taplin Louise Aisthorpe
Year 3	TBA TBA
Year 4	Kendra Giles Katharine Minards

Chairs: Volunteers Needed

Treasurer: Lucy Warren

Secretary: Danielle Anderson.

Contact/Follow us via any of the methods below:

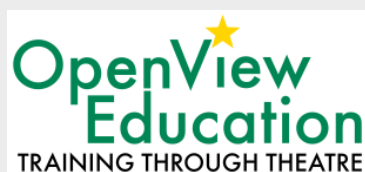
Email - msa@mauldenlower.com

Via your year rep

Follow our Facebook page

@mauldenschoolassociation

How the money has been used





CREATING FAMILY RULES FOR USING DEVICES

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators CREATING FAMILY RULES FOR USING DEVICES

A set of family rules agreed on with children can promote the safe, responsible use of devices like tablets, smartphones, gaming consoles and computers. By developing rules around technology, it opens the conversation regarding boundaries and expectations, ensuring a healthy balance of screen time. This guide will help you to develop an age-appropriate family agreement to suit your household.

1 WORK TOGETHER

Collaborating with children when setting rules around the use of technology is a valuable task that can encourage them to take more ownership. It's important to make rules which reflect your family and are age appropriate. Think about what you all enjoy doing online and what apps, games or devices children use most frequently.

2 AGREE TIME LIMITS AND SUITABLE TIMES

Be realistic when setting screen time limits. These can vary depending on the child's age, whether it's a weekday or weekend, and what they're actually doing online. If they're conducting research for homework, that might require more time than if they were playing games. Consider when screen time begins: does it come after chores and homework? Agree times when technology and phones must be put away.

3 ENCOURAGE HONESTY

Family rules ensure that everyone can have fun with their devices and be safe while doing so. Nonetheless, children may make mistakes as they learn to navigate the online world. Emphasise that if they ever feel worried, unsafe or upset about something they've done, sent, said or received, they should tell you immediately so you can help them resolve the problem.

4 CHARGING AND OVERNIGHT STORAGE

To ensure children get the downtime they need overnight, it's important that devices – especially smartphones – are kept in a common space, where possible. This reduces the chance of pointless late-night scrolling or sleep being disturbed by calls, messages or notifications. There are charging boxes you can purchase, or all gadgets could be charged in the kitchen overnight to avoid distractions.

5 REVIEW RULES REGULARLY

Anything you agree on isn't set in stone. These rules will likely alter as children get older and the way they use technology changes. Take time to review these as a family; discuss what's working, and what isn't. Communication is key – so by doing this, you involve the child in their own online safety while promoting an open dialogue.

6 PROTECT PERSONAL INFO

Discuss and demonstrate the importance of protecting your personal information. Talk about what details you share online and who with. Use parental controls to block children from connecting with strangers, so that any information they do share is among their real friends. Ask a child's permission before posting any photos of them on social media, as this demonstrates positive online behaviour that they should learn and remember.

7 BE RESPECTFUL

Highlight the importance of showing respect to others when using technology. Encourage children to speak kindly to others online – such as on social media, when playing multiplayer games or in group chats (which can often lend themselves to teasing behaviour). Explain that if they aren't treating others considerately, they might be made to stay away from their devices for a while.

8 "NO TECH" ZONES

Designating spaces in the house where technology isn't allowed (for example: bedrooms, bathrooms and at the dinner table) lets you keep an eye on what children are viewing and who they're communicating with. It gives you some quality, screen-free time with them, too. It also helps reduce any impulses to potentially engage with inappropriate content, as they're unlikely to do so in a common space within the home.

9 AGREE ON CONSEQUENCES

As a family, discuss why the rules are important: to balance their screentime, to ensure everyone enjoys gaming or interacting online, and that they are safe when doing so. Therefore, if these rules are broken, there has to be a consequence. Discuss what would be fair for certain breaches of the rules, as this can prevent a disproportionate response in the future.

10 KNOW ALL PASSWORDS

To protect children from inappropriate content, parents should have access to all passwords. Parents should also make it clear that they will check children's devices, should they have any concerns about their use. Emphasise that this isn't due to a lack of trust but is an extra way of keeping them safe.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUp
Wednesday

The
National
College



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.

After School Club - October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Fruit printing	2 Fruit kebab making	3 Fun in the hall	4 World Smile Day activities/games
7 Papier mache planets	8 Junk model space ship	9 Octopus Day crafts	10 Wellbeing arts, crafts and conversations	11 Papeir mache plants
14 Junk modelling	15 Table tennis & autumn crafts	16 Sports afternoon	17 Autumn crafts & pumpkin carving	18 Hand painting & autumn crafts
21 Invisible disability awareness & Yoga	22 Halloween crafts	23 Halloween games	24 Halloween party	25 End of half term party
28	29	30	31	
Half Term				





Awards

MAULDEN LOWER SCHOOL

Star of the Week

Wrens	Rabbits	Hedgehogs	Woodpeckers	Kestrels
Olivia Elsie Tommy Bowes Grayson Bust	Nathan Lorenz Amelia Parrish Effy Pascan Dexter Samson	Rex Kerr Sebastian Vereeque Freya Eavis Aisla-Violet Fox	Ellis Altendorff Benji Armstrong Cullen MacPherson Lissie McNabola Harjeevan Phagura Kiki Reid	Danielle Giles Zachary Lawson Alfie Payne-Lumley Scarlett Styles

Values Award

Rabbits	Hedgehogs	Woodpeckers	Kestrels
Lewis Campbell Jacob Batchelor Sunny Collins Michael Mercy	Poppy Starr Olivia Potter Oscar Francis Oliver Upton	Olivia Ebdon-Scozzari Ollie Janes Aida Norrington Grayson Samson Reggie Spong Alice Talbot	Elowyn Harris Alfie Payne-Lumley Poppy Simms Sean Terry



MY SCHOOL FUND

My School Fund is an exciting initiative that combines the spending power of parents, guardians, carers and teachers to help boost your school or nursery budget. By activating your free school or nursery account, families connected to your school or nursery can earn cashback on your behalf, as well as pocketing some for themselves when they spend with participating retailers including Sainsbury's and Argos.

Watch our introduction video below or register now at www.myschoolfund.org.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who donated a cake, came along to our coffee morning or bought cakes at the end of the day. We raised £71.15 in cash donations in addition to any donations that were made online using the QR code.





Dates for your Diary

MAULDEN LOWER SCHOOL

October – *pls check Weduc calendar for times*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Y4 - Swimming	2	3 10.00 - Harvest Celebration	4
7 KS2 - Celtic Harmony	8 Y4 - Swimming	9 18.45 - FGB Meeting	10 MSA - KS1 Film Night	11
14	15 Y4 - Swimming	16 Y4 - Parent Lunch	17 MSA - KS2 Film Night	18 Open Morning
21	22	23	24	25
Parent Consultations				
	Y4 - Swimming			
28	29	30	31	
Half Term				

ATTENDANCE MATTER

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice fines increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.

You can be fined if your child has a total of 5 days of unauthorised absences in 10 school weeks for things like:

- Being late after the register has closed (after 09.30)
- Truancy
- Taking a holiday without permission from the school
- If the head teacher isn't satisfied for the reason for missing school

Over a 3 year period the sanctions are:

- 1st offence - £160 reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence - £160
- 3rd offence - Court hearing and up to £2,500 fine, or up to 3 moths in prison and a criminal record

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

For more information please visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school