



MAULDEN LOWER NEWSLETTER- JAN



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all the staff and parents who supported some of our KS2 children at the Young Voices concert held at the O2. Such an amazing event for all our children. Memories to treasure. A special mention to Mrs Hillson who led and managed it all.

On Monday, the whole school took part in the Tiny Forest tree planting. Despite the rain showers and a very muddy field, children and their families persevered, had lots of fun and felt quite good for planting six hundred trees. As it grows and matures it will create a wildlife habitat and become an outdoor classroom for the children. I would like to express my thanks to Ms Butcher who helped to

coordinate this. Going forward she and Mr Morton will support our Eco councillors in the continued development of the site.

We continue to invite all our parents to enjoy a lunch with their child and it was the turn of our Year 3 children this month. Parents and children were treated to some delicious fish and chips! A huge thank you to our kitchen staff, Mrs Wignall and Ms Cavell

Parent consultations are taking place and a Weduc has been sent out asking parents if they would prefer a face to face or phone consultation. Please ensure you contact your child's class teacher if you have not already done this.

Mrs Dwyer

VALUE OF THE TERM

Determination – to strongly believe you can do something and to keep trying until you do it.

Determination:

- Firmness of purpose
- Resolve

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

- encouraging them to give their best in all situations
- discussing the fact that we choose our own courses of action and can overcome obstacles if we believe we can
- encourage the idea of 'try and try again'
- discussing the importance of not giving up when things are difficult.




JANUARY



ROTARY CLUB – TEDDY BEAR HUNT

The children attended an assembly hosted by the Rotary Club to learn about how they can support fundraising to help the effort to eradicate Polio.

A Spot the Teddy competition will be taking part around Ampthill during the February half term. Entry costs £1. The Bill Gates Foundation will triple the money raised.

One lucky winner, drawn at random from entry forms received, will win a book token.

Entry forms have been sent out via Weduc or can be requested from the school office. Completed entry forms to be returned to the school office after the half term break.

TINY FOREST

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, governors and volunteers including cllr Susan Clinch and Ruth Sneath from the Local Authority, that came along to our Tiny Forest tree planting on Monday. Despite the weather we planted 600 trees and the children all had a wonderful time. Also thank you to everyone who has given us such positive feedback following the event.

We would also like to say thank you to Poppy and Ben from Earthwatch who lead the day and to CBC who have financed the Tiny Forest for us.

If you have any photographs that you are happy for us to share on our Facebook account and school website please forward them to the school office. Earthwatch and Central Bedfordshire Council would also like some photographs of the event so if you have any you are happy to share please let us know.

TEACHING TALONS

The children in Rabbit class had a lovely morning with Teaching Talons taking part in a Dinosaur Discovery Workshop. During the session they got to learn how fossils are formed and to touch and take rubbings of ammonites, a mammoth tooth and a dragon claw among others.

They also got to explore how dinosaurs became extinct and met different prehistoric creatures including a giant African snail, cockroaches and a lizard.

The highlight of the afternoon was meeting Chip the dog dressed in his T-Rex costume!





BE SMART ON THE INTERNET

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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

bbfc

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

PEGI



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:



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.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

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:



PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



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.pegi.info



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

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.

Special Rates:

Whole week of
Breakfast Sessions
£25.00

Whole Week After
School Sessions £70.00

THE HIVE

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

- Children's Mental Health Week
- Making friendship cards
- Creating a kindness tree
- E-Safety activities
- Celebrating women in science
- Ramadam celebrations
- Arts and crafts activities
- Outside play



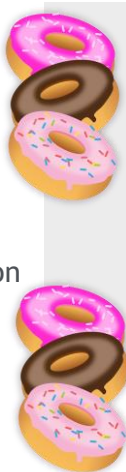
The MSA

DOUGHNUT DAY

Friday 7th February is Doughnut Day.

Ordering is now live on the Weduc system. All orders must be placed by mid-day on Monday 3rd February to ensure they are ready for collection on Friday.

If you wish to pay by cash please speak to a member of the office staff to place your order.



MSA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a class rep and has taken part in activities so far this academic year. Unfortunately we still do not have a chair/co-chairs to lead. If you are able to take on this role please contact your class rep.

Without your support we are unable to run the MSA and run all the wonderful events that the children love and raise much needed funds for the school.



Awards

MAULDEN LOWER SCHOOL

Star of the Week

Wrens	Rabbits	Hedgehogs	Woodpeckers	Kestrels
Kian Fox Hallie Kempton Ada Mitchelmore Rogan Murphy Selena Dhillon Sienna Glenster-Holgate	Isla Enyon Archie Reeson Ronnie Wainstein Jahmiah Lawrence George McDowell Jacob Alterndorff Rosie Bedford	Oscar Holmes Poppy Starr Frankie Horn Oscar Francis Iylah Gravesande	Ellis Altendorff Ollie Janes Lissie McNabola Grayson Samson Woodpecker Class Demi Keane Dasha Savranska	Louie Boshier William Little Sean Terry Immy Wainstein Kestrel Class

Values Award

Wrens	Rabbits	Hedgehogs	Woodpeckers	Kestrels
Sienna Glenster-Holgate Agnes Macpherson Elsie Billingham Tommy Carpenter Ariya Clark-Singh Grayson Bust Kellin Rayner	George McDowell Neyo Ohko Noah Clark Annie Pestell Arthur Nimmo Albus Petrusic-Houghton	Theo Carpenter Aisla-Violet Fox Freya Eavis Rory Neale Frankie Horn	Lissie McNabola Raeyah Murphy Daisy Mosley Oliver Pinfold Dylan Neale Finn Armitt	Zachery Lawson William Little Arthur Parrish Scarlett Rogerson Poppy Simms



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.

On Friday 24th January as part of the Big Bird Watch the Eco council made bird feeders that we will be hanging around the school grounds.

We have a recycling area located in the reception area. We currently recycle the following items:

- shoes
- batteries
- coffee packaging (bags that used to contain ground coffee or coffee beans)
- pens
- printer ink cartridges





Dates for your Diary

February – *pls check Weduc calendar for times*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
Child Mental Health Week				
				MSA - Doughnut Day
10	11	12	13	14
E- Safety Week/Parent Consultations				
	Safer Internet Day		MSA Cake Sale	MSA Cake Sale
17	18	19	20	21
Half Term				
24	25	26	27	28
	E-Safety Workshops		14:00 MSA Meeting	

THE GREAT SWISHING EVENT

SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2025

09:30 – 12:30 AT MAULDEN VILLAGE HALL

09:30 - 10:30 - Bring your donations of clean, good quality clothing to the village hall where you will be given a ticket for each item of clothing donated.

10:30 - 11:00 - The WI will sort and display the items received.

11:00 - 12:30 - Exchange your tickets for items of your choice.

For more information please contact mauldenwi@gmail.com



- Good quality items only please
- Most items will be 1 token
- Maximum of 10 items per person
- We will not accept underwear, swimwear, nightwear, socks or tights
- You can purchase up to 5 tokens on the day for £1.