



Machanhill Primary Newsletter



Safe, Successful, Respectful

October 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Open Morning and spent time with the children in their classes and generously donated to MacMillan Cancer Support. We sent a grand total of £717.06 to the charity. Please remember to complete our feedback form if you haven't already completed it.

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School Captains

In a recent election with polling booths and ballot boxes we heard from our primary seven candidates about why they should be school captains. The children in each house listened attentively and voted. The successful candidates were:

Avon	Captain : Willow Brownlie	Deputy : Ellie Crawford
Cadzow	Captain: Beck Ferguson	Deputy: Kayden Hogg
Cander	Captain: Linda Jornea	Deputy: Sophie Lyon
Clyde	Captain: Bella Stewart	Deputy: Zara Strang

SCHOOL and NURSERY ABSENCE

If your child needs to be off please telephone the school before 9am

When your child is absent a note should be brought to school on their return. If no note is sent to school the absence will be recorded as unauthorised (even if a phone call has been made earlier). Holidays during term time are recorded as unauthorised parental holidays as part of the local authority attendance policy. Absences below 90% will result in the local authority attendance procedures being followed. Letters with attendance and lateness information will be sent to parents across the session, where concerns arise. **Missed days are missed learning!**

Indoor Shoes

Children are required to change into suitable indoor shoes at school. Black plimsolls with non-marking soles or trainers are preferable. Please check regularly with your child that their 'gym shoes' still fit. Staff will send shoes that become very worn or unsafe home to be replaced.

The School Gates & Parking

The safety of our pupils is paramount. When dropping children off at nursery or school please use a designated parking space and don't block the roadway in the car park or drop off zone. Spaces in the drop off zone are not for parking in. Disabled spaces should only be used by people with a blue badge and this should be displayed when parking.

When parking vehicles near to the school, on Machanhill or Miller Street and the surrounding residential streets, please park your car safely. Avoid parking on the pavements, across corners and blocking driveways. Please be aware that a Road Traffic Order is in place outside the school and

parking on the yellow lines can result in fines being issued. Rather than bringing a vehicle to school please encourage your child to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Alternatively park and stride to ease congestion around the school.

To avoid confusion at the end of the day please ensure your child knows which gate they have to leave from.

Junior Road Safety Officers

On Tuesday 16th September, Mrs Boyle and four representatives from the JRSO team attended a conference at Chatelherault Country Park. At the event pupils learned about the role of a JRSO and how to promote road and cycle safety across the school. Miss Gavin and room 10 will be leading this initiative.

European School Sports Day 2025

Last week every class in the school participated in a number of sporting activities that were designed to encourage collaboration and promote wellbeing. Pupils took part in Daily Mile and short fitness and dance sessions. On Thursday afternoon we celebrated with a whole school dance session in the playground. Thank you to Miss Harnett and the Sports leaders in room 3 for organising the activities.

Nursery Stay and Play

We look forward to welcoming our nursery parents into our nursery playroom on Friday 3rd October from 1.30-2.30pm. It's an excellent opportunity to see first-hand how we can support literacy development for our children and see the children interact in our new Froebel designed environment.

Important Dates:

Monday 13th October - Friday 17th October is school holidays.

Friday 24th October Flu Immunisations

Monday 27th October - Snapshot jotters sent home. Please complete the feedback sheet with your child and return the Snapshot jotter to school.

Friday 31st October - Halloween activities and disco for all classes. Children can come to school in fancy dress costumes.



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Comments, Feedback and Suggestions

Comments / Feedback:

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Pupil Name:

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