Dear Parents/ Carers
I hope you had an enjoyable October break, time is flying past, and it will soon be time for our nativity performance and carol singing from the older children.

STAFFING
Mrs Lafferty has gone off on maternity leave, we wish her well and can’t wait to hear news of her baby. We now welcome Ms McNeil to the school, she will cover in the classes to give the class teacher their time for planning and assessment. Ms McNeil will be with us until Mrs Marshall returns.

FIRST MINISTER’S READING CHALLENGE
All children across the school have the opportunity to participate in the First Minister’s Reading Challenge. The idea of the challenge is to get children reading for enjoyment and pleasure. Each class has their own challenge and at the end of the session we are hoping to have a total number of books read by the whole school. Please encourage your child to be fully involved. You could even read some of the books with them.

CHILDREN IN NEED
The Pupil Council will be selling the Children in Need bands and keyrings beginning on Wednesday 7th November to help raise funds for this fantastic charity. We will also have our Dress Down Day on Friday 16th November, wear something spotty or stripy, all donations will be sent to Children in Need.

INSERVICE DAY
Please note the school will be closed on Monday 19th November to pupils. School will re-open on Tuesday 20th November at 9am.

GOLD SPORT SCOTLAND AWARD
The Health and Wellbeing committee, lead by Miss Craig, worked extremely hard last session to develop the whole school into a Sport Scotland gold award winning school. Sport plays a huge part in our school and it’s great to be recognised for that. This has been an enormous amount of work for everyone involved and it’s great to see that reward with a gold award. Well done to everyone.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
The next Parent Council meeting will take place on 13th November @ 6pm. Any parents who would like to come along are very welcome. We are looking to recruit new members to the parent council so that we can organise fun days and fundraising activities for the children.

PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS FAIRE
The school Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 7th December from 3pm-5.30pm. All the children will be busy making crafts for sale at the fayre. There will be lots of other stall to buy some early Christmas gifts.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Please do not drop your child off before 8am as the Machan Trust are unable to provide supervision before this time due to health and safety.

BOOK BUG, READ, WRITE & COUNT BAGS
The school will invite you in to the launch of the Book Bug bags for P1 and the Read, Write & Count Bags for P2 and P3 pupils. This will take place during Scottish Book Week 19th -25th November.
**EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS**
The school has lots of different extra-curricular clubs for the pupils to attend:
- P1s the Machan Trust lunch club on a Tuesday.
- P2/3 Art Club after school on a Monday.
- P3/4 Tae Kwon Do after school on a Wednesday.
- P4-P7 Football after school on a Monday.
- P5-P7 Machan Trust 3-2-4 Club on a Wednesday.
- P6-P7 Athletics Club at Monday lunch.
- P6-P7 Netball Club at Tuesday lunch.
- P1-P3 Gardening Club at Monday lunch.

The school would like to thank the staff, the Machan Trust, Active Schools and Sports Clubs for running all these clubs for the pupils. There are other clubs still to come we will let you know about them soon.

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**HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP**

**RAG BAG COLLECTION**
Pupils will be issued with a clothes recycling bag. Please fill this up and return it to school on Wednesday 14th November. This helps the school to raise funds which are used to benefit the pupils.

**POPPIES FOR SALE**
Our P7s will be selling poppies for Poppyscotland. All the money raised is used to provided support for the armed forces community.

**KEEP CHECKING**
Keep checking our website and our app for information and upcoming dates, including our Numicon at Home bag launch.

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**Message from the Head Teacher**

**You are a valued member of our community**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

As you know, we are focusing on developing a “Growth Mindset” across our school this session. Put simply, this means that we believe things like intelligence and ability can be changed. Simple!

What is not so simple, however, is helping some of our pupils to believe this - that is, to help them to have a ‘growth mindset’ rather than a ‘fixed mindset’ (where they believe that they can only learn or do so much).

So far, we have focused on 2 ‘monthly mantras’:

- Everyone can learn; and
- My brain is like a muscle that can grow!

This month, our mantra is much more about what we, as adults, can do to help our pupils develop a growth mindset. Our mantra for November is:

*I am a valued member of this learning community!*

“While it’s true only an individual can change his or her own mindset, we believe that through developing strong relationships it’s possible to foster a classroom environment in which conditions are ripe for students to embrace a Growth Mindset.”

Pupils need to know that their teacher believes in them.

Pupils need to respect a teacher who respects them.

Pupils need to accept and embrace feedback (all kinds!)

Pupils need to feel safe with their teacher – safe to make mistakes, to ask the stupid questions, to put up their hand, to trust the judgements made to help them learn.

So how can you as parents help with this? Easy!

Talk to your child about what they learned in class each day - the successes and the mistakes!

If your child is having difficulty, contact us: your child’s learning journey will only be positive if we work together!

Remind your child that their teacher is there to help them!

Get involved in your child’s school experience - check their homework diary, help them with homework, attend school events, look at our website, join our Parent Council...however many of these you choose to do, it is vital that your child knows you respect their education and the work of the school. **Children are what they see and hear – if you are involved and interested, so will they be!**

We have a very busy few weeks ahead of us and I look forward to sharing special events, community cafes and concerts with you all. Remember that you are part of this very special learning community too!