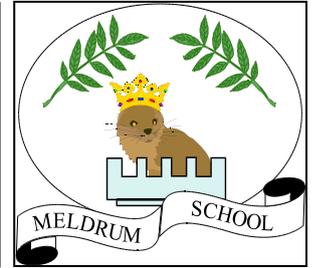


Meldrum School aspires to be a vibrant and inclusive learning community where learners can realise their full potential within a safe and nurturing environment, promoting equality and fairness, with a focus on continuous improvement and developing the capacity of all to embrace lifelong learning.



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Dear Parents

Restorative Approaches Update and our School Expectations

After considerable work within each P1-7 class last term, we launched the new Meldrum School Expectations at the start of this term as follows:

- We are the best we can be
- We take responsibility for our own words and actions
- We treat each other as we wish to be treated
- We speak respectfully and truthfully
- We listen and follow instructions
- We are kind, helpful and support each other
- We are gentle and keep each other safe
- We look after our own and other people's property

Our School Expectations are already working well, with both staff and pupils referring to them as part of everyday school life. When children consistently meet expectations we continue to celebrate and praise their ability to manage themselves well and we continue to support those pupils who find meeting expectations tricky so that they can develop their own sense of responsibility.

In Early May, we began our O.T.T.E.R Clubs (Our Time Together Enhancing Relationships) which promotes developing relationships across classes, year groups and the whole school. Thursday afternoons now have a real sense of community spirit as children develop relationships with new friends in their clubs.

We continue to use Restorative Approaches to support children when relationships become tricky. By encouraging children to take responsibility for their own words and actions, we are seeing children develop a greater sense of personal responsibility from P1 through to P7.

If you would like to find out a little more about Restorative Approaches, head online to YouTube and search for 'Child's Hill School and Restorative Approaches' which is a short video about a school who have been using Restorative Approaches for a few years with great success.

Rag Bag Collection

As you know, we now have two Rag Bag Banks in the school car park and this is proving to be a great fundraiser for the school. MPip has arranged for a 'large bag' collection to take place whereby everyone in the school can take along all their textile recycling on the one date. The scheduled date for this collection is Thurs 9th June, and the large grey storage container in the Early Stages Playground is where your donations are to be placed. The container will be open on Wed 8th June during the school day and then first thing on the morning of Thursday 9th. Please take your donations to the container on the Wednesday if possible, as the collection may just occur first thing on Thursday morning.

MPip will issue each family with a collection bag in the week ahead, but feel free to fill any other clean bag if you have a large amount.

In the last year Rag Bag has changed what they collect, so please visit their website for more info: www.rag-bag.co.uk/what-we-collect

NB: Parents with small children, please be aware that during drop off and pick up times on Wednesday 8th and on the morning of Thursday 9th the container will be open and may prove to be a big attraction to little people!

School Meals

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Aberdeenshire's School Meal Service online cashless system is due to go live in the Meldrum Cluster from Monday, 13th June. An information leaflet for parents and carers is enclosed with this newsletter and a PDF version will also be available on the school website shortly.

We will send home individual letters with all P1-6 children next Tuesday, 7th June. Letters to P7 children will be sent home on Friday, 10th June, when the children return from their Academy induction visits. Please look out for this letter in school bags – it details your child's unique Child Account Reference Number to allow you to register for the online system. The letter also has a link to a video guide for help with the registration process – this link will also be available on the school website.

Childcare Survey

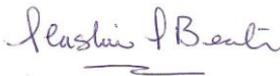
The school and MPip are supporting a local parent to carry out a childcare demand survey for parents of Nursery and Primary age children at the school.

This is a short survey of only 5 questions. For more information and to access, please click on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GBZGQKX>

A bag drop will go to all Nursery families later this week and a link will be placed on the school website. The survey will remain live until 24th June 2016.

Yours sincerely



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