

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.



Meldrum School Newsletter No. 2

20th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Staffing Update

Alastair Beaton remains absent from work. In the next few weeks we will be saying goodbye to three members of staff. PE teacher Ellen Leslie is leaving us to take up a new post as PE teacher at Aboyne Academy. Congratulations also to Kirsty Wilson who has been appointed as Early Years Lead Practitioner at Fyvie School. Angie Mackay will also be leaving us. As a result, PE specialist teacher and Early Years Practitioner posts have been advertised. We have recently appointed a new Pupil Support Assistant to our vacant part time post and we hope the successful candidate will start in October.

Before School

With the exception of Early Stages Playground, no school staff are in the playground before 9.15am which is in line with Aberdeenshire Council guidance. Please note, that the school only assumes responsibility for your children from 9.15am.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly will take place on Friday 7th October. From Monday 3rd October, we will be accepting Harvest Donations for the Aberdeenshire North Foodbank which is based in Inverurie. For further further information about what to donate please visit <https://aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Meldrum Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

Once again, we are joining with schools across the Meldrum Cluster to support Meldrum Rotary's annual Shoe Box Appeal which seeks to support families in Eastern Europe who live in poverty. The gift of a shoebox that contains toys, toiletries, educational items or household goods will be hugely appreciated by the families who receive them. The Rotary has identified four types of shoe box and suggestions for their contents are as follows;

Baby Box This is given to new mothers and can include baby wipes, cotton wool buds, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, bonnet, booties and mitts, baby grow, knitted matinee coat, small soft toy or plastic rattle. Age up to 12months

Children's' Box Toys such as 'Matchbox' type toy cars, small bouncy balls, jigsaws, fluffy toys, dolls, colouring books, felt tip pens, Lego, yoyo's, bubble blow, etc. Please indicate on the box if it is for a boy or girl

Teenage Box Please remember boxes for teenage boys and girls up to the age of 18. Such as: make-up, toiletries, sportswear, scarf, gloves, hat, writing materials, deodorants, comb, mirror, football memorabilia, etc. Please indicate on the box if it is for a boy or girl

Household Box Household Goods such as hand soap, toothpaste and brushes, envelopes, letter paper, biro pens, etc. Toys are especially appreciated, since these boxes can be used for birthday gifts. This box is also good for older folk, especially if a warm scarf or a pair of gloves is included.

We will be taking 150 shoe boxes this year and hope to fill them all for distribution. If you would like to support our appeal, please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible and we will send you home a shoe box as soon as they arrive in school. Meldrum Rotary has asked that all filled boxes are returned to school by Monday 14th November. They also ask that you sellotape a £1.00 coin to the top of the box to help cover the cost of the boxes.

Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Bookfair will be visiting school again in October and will be open during Parent Consultations. Further details to follow next week.

Early Stages Playground

Following on from previous reminders in newsletters, we have had a number of parents communicating their concerns about children's safety whilst trying to enter Early Stages Playground gate around 9.15am. Please can we once again remind all parents/carers to stay clear of the Early Stages Playground gate area on Commercial Road to enable children to safely enter the playground.

School Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken by Universal Images on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd September during school hours. All children will be photographed individually and as part of a sibling group unless you advise us otherwise by completing the form below and returning to school by Thursday 22nd September. Proofs containing both individual and family photographs will be distributed after the October break with orders due back to school at the beginning of November. It is expected that photographs ordered will be available at the end of November.

Drinks in School

Please be reminded that, as per school policy, children may bring a water bottle containing water (not juice) for drinking during class time. Children are able to drink juice/milk at break time or lunchtime. For further information <http://meldrum-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Policy-on-Healthy-Drinking-for-Pupils-Dec-2015.pdf>

Yours sincerely

Jane Brown and Carol Harper
Acting Head Teachers

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

I would like to support the appeal and request a shoe box. I will return the box by Monday 14th November with £1 attached

Child's Name _____ Child's Class _____

Parent Signature _____



School Photographs

I **do not** wish my child to have their photograph taken by Universal Images

Child's Name _____ Child's Class _____

Parent Signature _____

Please note, you do not need to return this slip if you are happy for your child to have their photograph taken