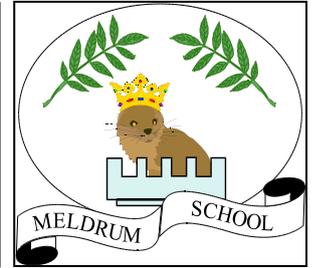


Meldrum School aspires to be a vibrant and inclusive learning community where learners can realise their full potential within a safe and nurturing environment, promoting equality and fairness, with a focus on continuous improvement and developing the capacity of all to embrace lifelong learning.



Meldrum School Newsletter No.9 21st March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Diary Date Reminder

I begin with a quick reminder that the school will be closed next Friday, 25th March for Good Friday.

Learning Journey Booklets and Reporting

In last month's newsletter I made mention of our new Learning Journey Booklets which replace our old style target setting booklets. Teachers are in the process of reviewing this term's targets with the children and the Learning Journey Booklets will be sent home for you to look at on Thursday, 24th March. The children will have reviewed and traffic lighted their targets and there will also be a comment from the class teacher.

Please take time to discuss with your child their reviewed and traffic lighted targets and the teacher's learning comments. Please also make a comment on your child's learning journey this term and sign and date before returning. We would appreciate if all Booklets could be returned to the class teacher for the end of term, Friday 1st April.

As mentioned last month the new termly teacher comment in the Learning Journey Booklet is part of our new and developing approach to more regular reporting to parents. We have just finalised a new style progress report for use this session. As this has taken longer to develop than we had hoped, this year's pupil report will now be sent home to all families in June. However we shall still be holding an Open Night for parents on Tuesday 29th March where the children's work will be available for you to view with your child. In a slight change to our original parent calendar published in August, the Open Night will run from 6.00 – 7.30 pm. As you'll see below, we've also be working on a 'reporting calendar' providing more regular opportunities to share children's learning with parents. An example of what our whole year reporting calendar is likely to look like for next session will be on display on Open Night.

Reporting calendar to Friday, 1st July 2016

Term Three	
11/01/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Termly Class Update Posted on School Website
18/01/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Journey Booklets sent home, Wednesday 3rd February
21/03/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Journey Booklets reviewed and teacher comments written. Booklets to go home, Thursday, 24th March
28/03/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Evening, Tuesday 29th March from 6.00 – 7.30 pm Children's work available for parents to view. • Learning Journey Booklets returned by Friday, 1st April

Term Four	
25/04/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Journey Booklets sent home • Termly Class Update Posted on School Website • P1 Induction Meeting 1, Wednesday, 27th April
16/05/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day, Friday 20th May
23/05/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Afternoon, Thursday 26th May from 2.00 – 3.15 pm
30/05/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery Induction Meeting, Wednesday, 1st June
06/06/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second P1 Induction Meeting, Wednesday, 8th June
13/06/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports issued to parents, Friday 17th June
20/06/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1 Meet the Teacher Visits, Tuesday, 21st June • P1 Meet the Teacher Visits, Wednesday, 22nd June • P7 Ardeonaig Presentation to parents, Thursday, 23rd June • Learning Journey Booklets reviewed and teacher comments written. Booklets to go home, Friday, 24th June
27/06/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Year Assembly at Church • Learning Journey Booklets returned by Friday, 1st July

Meldrum School Learning Expectations

Over the course of this term, every class has now developed their own set of classroom expectations in line with UNICEF's Children's Rights and have these displayed within their classroom.

Class Expectations from across the school have been collated to form the new Meldrum School Expectations and these have been shared with staff. The next step is for our School Expectations to be launched across the school at assembly before the end of this term and distributed around the school to be used from Easter onwards. Glossy well designed posters of the School Expectations will be produced in the summer term and distributed throughout the school.

Copies of the expectations will be sent home in the April newsletter along with a link to a Restorative Approaches Video on line as requested by the MPIP Year Group Reps.

Plans for the weekly relationship building sessions are well underway and, by the end of term, plans should be in place for these sessions to be launched to pupils in the first week of term and to commence in week 2 of next term.

Staffing Update

Our congratulations go to PSA, Katherine de Stefano, who is expecting a baby in May. We're currently advertising for Mrs de Stefano's maternity leave and an appointment should be in place come early May. Mr Alexander Esson will be working full time at the school until the maternity post is filled.

Our congratulations also go to Mrs Sarah Menzies who was appointed Early Years Lead Practitioner earlier this month. Mrs Menzies will take up her new position within Otter Room after the Easter holidays.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our recent Scholastic Book Fair was a great success with total takings of £1852.68. A huge thank you to the children, parents and staff who came along and helped make our Book Fair such a huge success once again. Commission made on the sales allows us to purchase many new titles to re-stock the school library.

Sport Relief

Many thanks to all pupils and staff who ran a mile in aid of Sport Relief. A very successful day which raised a grand total of £446.50.

School Uniform

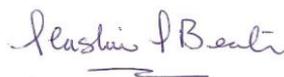
Schoolwear order forms will shortly be issued to all P1 -P6 pupils enabling you to place orders for August onwards. Once again our school wear stockist has made no increase in the prices and has agreed to no charge for the individual packaging of all orders. If you wish to place an order please complete the order form and return to the school with full payment no later than Friday 29th April. To ensure the ordering of correct sizes, samples are available at the School Office to try on. If you do not wish to order at this time or by this method, school wear items are available to order online at www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com

And finally...

On behalf of the pupils and staff may I wish you all a very happy Easter break.

The school closes for the Easter holidays on Friday, 1st April. We reopen on Monday, 18th April for the summer term.

Yours faithfully



Alastair A Beaton
Head Teacher