

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

26th June 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Class and Staff Update

Our roll for the coming session stands at 112 children in Nursery and 360 in our Primary classes. Despite a wee dip in pupil numbers this summer, we have decided to retain a 15 class structure for the school year ahead, as all Authority projections continue to indicate a steep and continuing increase between now and 2018.

We have a number of staff changes for the year ahead.

In Nursery, Mrs Naomi McKee will begin her maternity leave at the end of this term, and we say farewell to Morag Reidford, who leaves us to take up a new position at Fyvie Nursery from August. Nursery Nurses, Kirsty Wilson and Lisa Fairley join us on a full time basis next year covering Mrs McKee's maternity leave and providing additional pupil support for our Enhanced Nursery Provision. We still have three outstanding vacancies to fill in Nursery for August and we hope that interviews for these posts will be held during week commencing 24th August.

In Primary we say farewell to Mrs Amanda Evans who takes up a new teaching post at Ordiquhill School from August. We welcome Mrs Rachael Reid to the permanent staff at Meldrum. Mrs Reid replaces Mrs Evans as job-share partner with Mrs Jenny Calder. We also welcome probationer teachers Miss Linsey Kelman and Miss Clare Brady to Meldrum for the year ahead. I am pleased to advise that Mrs Laura Pirie will be staying on the staff at Meldrum School for the year ahead.

In terms of the school's Senior Management Team, Miss Harper will be non-class committed for the year ahead. Mrs Brown will continue to cover Mrs Mackay's maternity with Mrs Thomson until the end of this year and should be non-teaching from January 2016.

Class Structure for Session 2015.16

Nursery

	Classes	Staff Members - August 2015
Otter Room	<p>Red Class Blue Class</p>	<p>Donna Duguid Emma Searle/Gillian Paterson Lisa Fairley Lorna Blake Sarah Menzies</p>
	<p>Yellow Class Purple Class</p>	

Rainbow Room	<p>Green Class</p> <p>Orange Class</p>	<p>Carolyn Leggat</p> <p>Dorothea Scherer (Wednesday)</p> <p>Gillian Simpson (Monday/Tuesday)</p> <p>Kirsty Wilson</p>
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Mrs McLeish and Miss Fraser will also spend time working in both Nursery rooms.

Primary

Classroom	Class	Teacher
1	P1	Mrs McCartney
2	P1/2	Ms Gordon
3	P1	Mrs Young/Mrs Keith
4	P2	Miss Brady
5	P2	Mrs Harvie
6	P3	Mrs Calder/Mrs Reid
8	P3	Mrs Pirie
9	P4	Mrs Davidson
10	P4	Miss S Harper
11	P5	Mrs Brown/Mrs Thomson
12	P5	Mrs Cooper
16	P6	Miss Crooks
17	P6	Miss Kelman
18	P7	Miss Buist
19	P7	Miss Reid

A note advising you of your child's class and teacher will go home on Monday, 29th June. Our 'Moving Up' Day, when the children meet their new teacher and spend some time with their new classmates will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 30th June.

School Meals

We have been advised that the cost of a school lunch is to increase from Monday 17th August. The cost of a two course school lunch will be £2.10, with books of 10 dinner tickets rising to £21.00.

Charlotte's Web

The children will experience a live theatre production on the morning of Tuesday, 30th June, when M&M Theatrical Productions visit the school with a dramatised performance of Charlotte's Web. Our thanks go to MPip for meeting the cost of this event. The performance will be held in the gym hall and begins at 9.30 am.

Summer Reading Challenge 2015

This summer's reading challenge is entitled 'Amaze Yourself with a Good Book', and sets children the challenge of reading 12 books this summer! Go along to our local library for more information and to sign up for the challenge. This year, the Library Service is also running a story writing competition. Author Cathy McPhail has written the first paragraph for the story writing competition. All entrants have to do is complete the story. The competition is in three age groups – 6 years and under, 7 – 9 years, and 10 years and over. Children under six can draw a picture to complete the story. Further information and entry forms are available online at http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/libraries/young_people/challenge.asp

End of Term Service

As always, we end the school year by inviting our P7 parents to attend our end of term assembly in Church. The service will be held on Friday, 3rd July at approximately 10.00 am.

Thank You!

On behalf of the pupils and staff I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and friends who have given their time to the school - running the school library, assisting in the classroom, taking extra curricular activities, helping supervise class trips and other school activities over the course of this year. Your help is very much appreciated by the children and staff. Thank you all very much.

School Holidays

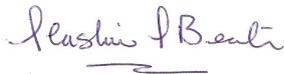
We close for the summer holidays next Friday, 3rd July at 3.30 pm. We reopen on Monday 17th August with a Staff In-Service Training day. The school reopens to pupils on Tuesday, 18th August.

And finally...

We say farewell to our Primary 7 pupils shortly and wish them all the best as they move on to secondary school.

On behalf of everyone here at Meldrum School may I wish you all a very happy summer break.

Yours faithfully



Alastair A Beaton
Head Teacher