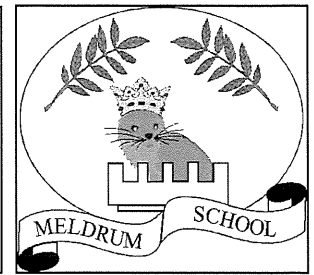


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## **Meldrum School Newsletter No. 13**

### **30<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

#### **Class and Staff Update**

Our roll for the coming session stands at 365 in our primary classes with capacity for 112 children in our Nursery. We retain a 15 class structure for the year ahead.

In Nursery, we welcome back Mrs Naomi McKee from maternity leave. Mrs McKee will be working two days per week in Otter Room. Principal Teacher, Miss Hazel Fraser will be teaching three days per week in Rainbow Room.

<b>Otter Room</b>
Donna Duguid – Early Years Practitioner Lisa Fairley – Early Years Practitioner Lauren Matchett – Early Years Practitioner Angie Mackay – Early Years Practitioner Naomi McKee – Teacher Sarah Menzies – Early Years Lead Practitioner Gillian Paterson (job share) – Early Years Practitioner Morag Reidford – Early Years Practitioner Emma Searle (job share) – Early Years Practitioner
<b>Rainbow Room</b>
Lorna Blake – Early Years Practitioner Hazel Fraser – Teacher Carolyn Leggat – Early Years Practitioner Morag Reidford – Early Years Practitioner Gillian Simpson – Early Years Practitioner Kirsty Wilson – Early Years Practitioner

In Primary, we welcome back Mrs Rebecca Elder from maternity leave. Mrs Elder will job-share with Mrs Maureen Young. After returning from maternity leave in March this year, Mrs Nicola Mackay will be job-sharing with Mrs Laura Pirie for the session ahead.

We also welcome Laura Henderson who joins us from Oyne School and Probationer Teacher Miss Lyndsey Affleck to Meldrum. Mrs Louise McLeish will provide Miss Affleck's non-contact probationer cover one day per week. We are pleased to advise that Ms Clare Brady and Miss Lynsey Kelman will be staying on the staff at Meldrum School for the year ahead.

Miss Sarah Harper will be delivering Science to classes across the school, providing McCrone cover for teachers. Mrs Lorna Thomson will also be providing McCrone cover for teachers one day a week. Music teacher, Mrs Heather Calder begins her maternity leave in August and we wish her well in the months ahead. Our thanks go to Mrs Karen Renwick and Mrs Christine Henderson for their hard work this year and we hope to see them back at Meldrum School in the future.

We wish PSA Mrs Lynne Pennington well as she leaves us to begin her new teaching career. This leaves us with one part time PSA vacancy and we hope to interview for this post early next term.

After over twenty years service, we would like to thank Mrs Shona Presly for her contribution to Meldrum School and wish her all the very best for a long and happy retirement.

In terms of the school's Senior Management Team, Miss Carol Harper and Mrs Jane Brown will be non-class committed for the year ahead and Miss Hazel Fraser will be partially class committed.

### **Class Structure for Session 2015/16**

<b>Classroom</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
1	P1M	Mrs Katrina McCartney
2	P1/2G	Ms Morag Gordon
3	P1YE	Mrs Maureen Young/Mrs Rebecca Elder
4	P2B	Ms Clare Brady
5	P2/3	Mrs Sylvia Harvie
6	P3A	Miss Lyndsey Affleck/Mrs Louise McLeish
7	P1/2/3/4B	Mrs Sallie Bremner
8	P3CR	Mrs Jenny Calder/Mrs Rachael Reid
9	P4D	Mrs Kim Davidson
10	P4H	Miss Laura Henderson
11	P5MP	Mrs Nicola Mackay/Mrs Laura Pirie
12	P5C	Mrs Zoe Cooper
15	P5/6/7S	Mrs Eleanor Shurmer
16	P6C	Miss Karen Crooks
17	P6K	Miss Linsey Kelman
18	P7B	Miss Sally Buist
19	P7R	Miss Rebecca Reid

### **The Wizard of Oz**

M&M Theatrical Production visited Meldrum School today. The children all thoroughly enjoyed their live theatre performance of The Wizard of Oz. Our thanks go to MPiP for meeting the cost of this event

### **End of Term Service**

As always, we end the school year by inviting our P7 parents to attend our End of Term assembly at Meldrum Parish Church. The service will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at approximately 10.00 am.

### **Aberdeenshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge**

Aberdeenshire Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge is a fun and accessible activity for children of all ages and aims to promote reading and involve children in cultural activity. Children can read books, listen to talking books or download and read e-books over the school summer holiday period. Summer Reading Challenge cards can be collected from Meldrum Library from Thursday 23rd June. For more information please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qA88uyAyN0M>

### **Aberdeenshire Council Smoking Policy**

Aberdeenshire Council's new smoking policy will take effect at all Aberdeenshire Council schools from the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016. The policy means that smoking is not allowed anywhere or at any time over the entire school premises including outside grounds. The policy applies to school pupils, all staff working within the school, parents/carers and visitors. These restrictions also apply to the use of electronic cigarettes. Further information can be found at <http://arcadialite.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/?p=14537>

### **School Meals**

We have been advised that, from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August, the cost of school lunches will increase to £2.15.

### **Thank You!**

On behalf of the pupils and staff we 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 on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 3.30 pm. The school reopens to pupils on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 we wish you all a very happy summer break.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signatures of Jane Brown and Carol Harper in blue ink.

Jane Brown & Carol Harper  
Depute Head Teachers

