

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 5th December 2014

Dear Parents

Christmas Calendar

Christmas Show – Aladdin Trouble

There will be three performances of our P5 – P7 Christmas show this year.

Tuesday 9th December starting at 6.30 pm

Wednesday 10th December starting at 1.45 pm

Thursday 11th December starting at 6.30 pm

Infant Christmas Singalong

The children in Primaries 1 and 2 will be holding a joint Christmas Enterprise Singalong in the Gym Hall on Friday 12th December. There will be two performances, one at 9.45 am and one at 2.30 pm.

Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas Lunch will be held on Thursday 18th December. As well as roast turkey with all the trimmings, the other menu options for the day will be ham or cheese sandwiches and baked potato.

Christmas Parties

Day	Class	Time
Tuesday 16 th December	P1/2G, P1/2YK & P2H	afternoon
Wednesday 17 th December	P6D & P6C	morning
Wednesday 17 th December	P5R & P5P	afternoon
Thursday 18 th December	P3D & P3H	morning
Thursday 18 th December	P7/6B & &7C	afternoon
Friday 19 th December	P4CE & P4B	morning
Friday 19 th December	P1E & P1M	afternoon

Christmas Fayre

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making this year's MPip Christmas Fayre such a great success and to all parents, family and friends for their support. The Fayre raised a total of £2950 on the day and we look set to reach a grand total of £3000 before the Christmas holidays!

Staffing Update

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Mrs Hepburn will be leaving us on Friday 12th December to take up a new post at Hatton School. In line with Aberdeenshire Early Years Team guidance, Mrs Hepburn's post will be replaced with a full time permanent Nursery Nurse. This vacancy will be advertised immediately after the Christmas holidays. I will be taking over in our Red and Blue Nursery classes on a full time basis until an appointment is made. From 15th December I'll be non-class committed on Wednesdays only, when Mrs Scherer is in as normal to take the classes for the day.

I'm pleased to advise that Mrs Gillian Simpson has been appointed to a Nursery Nurse post with our Yellow and Purple Nursery classes. Mrs Simpson replaces Mrs Kate Mack as Principal Teacher Relief to allow Miss Fraser to be released for her management duties. Gillian is due to take up post in early January, working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Admission to Nursery and Primary 1 for Session 2015-16

We've just been advised that registration dates for parents wishing to enrol their child for Nursery or P1 next session (2015-2016) will be as follows:

Primary 1 Monday 12th January – Friday 23rd January 2015
Nursery Monday 23rd February – Friday 6th March 2015

More information will follow as soon as we receive details from Aberdeenshire Council.

Standards and Quality Report 2013.14

Our Standards and Quality Report for last session has now been published. The report can be found on the school website (www.meldrum-pri@aberdeenshire.sch.uk) and copies are also available on request from the school office. The school website is a work in progress, but we're getting there! All of our monthly newsletters can now also be accessed on the website and technology permitting, we plan to introduce a 'latest news' regular update on the home page in order to share further information.

Commonwealth Legacy

Visitors to the Meadowbank playground will have noticed that a bronze bicycle stand was installed on Wednesday morning. The stand is part of the Commonwealth Games Legacy initiative and gifted to Meldrum School by Mr Viorel Etko to mark his Bronze Medal in the Men's Freestyle Wrestling at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. Our thanks go to Mr Etko for nominating the school. Positioning the bicycle rack in Meadowbank will not only remind visitors of Mr Etko's success, but also provide easy and safe storage for our cyclists and save senior pupils from having to carry their bikes down to the bike rack in the upper stages playground.

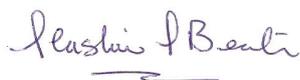
First Aid Success

Congratulations go to all of our P5-7 pupils in their recent First Aid training. As part of our Citizenship programme, all senior pupils are given the opportunity to undertake a nationally recognised First Aid qualification. This year our P6 and P7 pupils built on last session's Level One Certificate to gain their Level Two qualification. Primary 5 children successfully completed Level One last month and will work towards achieving their Level Three award in their P7 year.

And finally.....

On behalf of the pupils and staff I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 19th December and re-open for the new term on Monday 5th January 2015.

Yours sincerely



Alastair A Beaton
Head Teacher