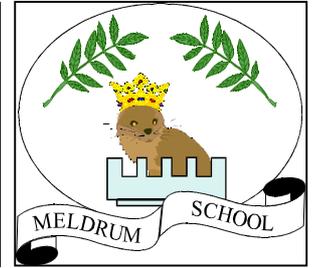


Meldrum School aspires to be a vibrant and inclusive learning community where learners can realise their full potential within a safe and nurturing environment, promoting equality and fairness, with a focus on continuous improvement and developing the capacity of all to embrace lifelong learning.



Meldrum School Newsletter

24th March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Easter Holiday Error

Please note that I made an error in the School Calendar sent home to all families at the beginning of this session. The school closes for the Easter Holidays at the end of the day on Thursday 2nd April and not Friday 3rd as previously stated. We re-open for the summer term on Monday 20th April. I'm sorry for this over-sight on my part.

Staffing Update

Our best wishes to Nursery Teacher, Mrs McKee, who is expecting a baby in August. Mrs McKee will continue working in our Orange/Green Nursery classes to the end of this school year. In accordance with current Aberdeenshire advice, Mrs McKee's maternity leave will be covered by a new full time Nursery Nurse appointment. We are currently in the process of getting this post advertised.

Pupil Reports

Curriculum for Excellence Progress Reports for 2014-15 will be issued to pupils on Friday 27th March. You will receive two copies of your child's report. Please retain one copy for your own records. Please sign and make any comment on the other copy, and return it to your child's class teacher by **Tuesday 31st March** as confirmation that you have received your child's report.

Open Evening

Our Parents Consultations and Open Evening will be held on Tuesday 31st March. Parent Consultations are held from 6.00 – 7.00pm and are available on request. Should you wish to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher, please call the School Office.

Our Open Evening for parents and family will be from 7.00 – 8.00pm. During the Open Evening, we will once again be having our Otter Hunt around the school. On the Middle Stages Landing, parents/carers will have the opportunity to complete a school "2 Stars and a Wish" sheet as part of our Quality Assurance Programme for this session.

There will also be the opportunity for parents to view and try on the schoolwear samples which will be located in the Reception area. Order forms will be available for completion if required but these will be issued to all families on Wednesday 1st April.

Book Fair

Our recent Scholastic Book Fair was a great success with total takings of £1862.63. 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.

Comic Relief

Many thanks to all pupils and staff who took part in Red Nose Day. A very successful day which raised a grand total of £518.

Toys In School

Just a reminder that items from home, including toys, should only be coming into school when children have been asked by their teacher to bring in an object as part of a planned classroom learning experience or when children wish to bring in one toy for Golden Time.

Please note that children are responsible for any items they do bring in to school and they should not be bringing in anything valuable such as electronic items.

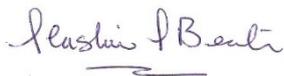
Education City

Education City is an online educational resource which we use in school to aid children's learning. It allows the teacher to target games and activities which support curricular learning. We also subscribe to the homework package allowing children to complete directed games and activities at home. Children each have a username and password to allow them to access Education City at home. Education City is generously funded by MPiP (Meldrum Parents in Partnership). Should you require any further information about the homework aspect of Education City, please contact your child's class teacher.

And finally ...

On behalf of all staff and pupils, I wish you all a pleasant and relaxing Easter break.

Yours faithfully



Alastair A Beaton
Head Teacher