



Meldrum Nursery Newsletter

Issued Monday 30th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

It's our first newsletter of 2017 and we have details of a range of activities and events which will be happening during this term to share. In both rooms we have welcomed new nursery friends who are settling in to the nursery setting. In Otter Room we have also welcomed Lesley Robinson, Early Years Practitioner to our team and Lauren Innes, a pupil from Meldrum Academy who is joining us for Work Experience on a Monday afternoon this term.

Home – Nursery Program

During this term the children will be taking part in our Home - Nursery program. Each Friday a child will get to take home their class soft toy for the weekend. The soft toy comes with a diary where the children can draw a picture or include a photograph of any activities they have done and an adult can add some written information too. On Monday the soft toy should be brought back into Nursery where the children will have the opportunity to share with the rest of the class their weekend news. This Home - Nursery activity provides a focus to promote and support listening and talking skills.

Nursery Library

This term the children will continue to have the opportunity to borrow a book to take home from our Nursery library. Each room will have an allocated Library day. The books will be available at the beginning of the Nursery session in the teddy bear bookcase and parents/carers are invited to select a book with their child. Library record sheets will be available for each child. Please write down the title of the book and the date it was borrowed. The sheet can then be placed at the front of your child's profile folder. Once a book has been returned another one can be chosen.

Nursery Room	Library Day
Rainbow Room	Wednesday
Otter Room	Thursday

Early Learning Parent Workshops

The first of our Early Learning Workshops for parents/carers of pre-school children takes place on Wednesday 1st February at 9.15am and 1.00pm in Room 20. This workshop will focus on ideas for supporting learning in early literacy and will be followed by a workshop focusing on early numeracy on Wednesday 8th February. Tea and coffee will be available.

Outdoor Clothing

During the winter months we continue to go outside daily whenever possible and in all kinds of weather. Please ensure your child has warm and waterproof clothing and footwear with them each day.

Parent Helpers

During this term there will be the opportunity to sign up to join your child's class for a nursery session as a parent/carer helper. Sign-up sheets detailing available dates will be displayed on the nursery noticeboards in the coming weeks. There will also be further opportunities during term 4.

Nursery Information

On the nursery section of the school website, you will be able to find copies of our newsletters and weekly 'Ask Me About' information. This can be found at www.meldrum-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk. Newsletters can be found in the 'Letters' section and to find the 'Ask Me About' information, use the 'Classes' tab, click on 'Nursery' and then 'Ask Me About'.



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Health Information Guidance

We have only been back at nursery for a few weeks but there are already a few bugs and viruses around. In line with NHS guidance it is advised that if your child displays symptoms of sickness or diarrhoea, they should not return to nursery until 48 hours after the symptoms have passed.

Diary Dates for Terms 3 and 4

Term 3	
Wed 01.02.17	Early Learning Parent Workshop (for pre-school parents) – Literacy 9.15 am and 1.00 pm in Room 20)
Wed 08.02.17	Early Learning Parent Workshop (for pre-school parents) – Numeracy 9.15 am and 1.00 pm in Room 20)
Fri 10.02.17 Mon 13.02.17	Mid – Term Holiday
Tue 14.02.17 Wed 15.02.17	Staff In-Service Days
Fri 17.03.17	Pupil Profiles emailed to parents
Fri 24.03.17	Stay and Play sessions (am and pm during Nursery Sessions)
Fri 31.03.17	Easter Holidays begin
Term 4	
Tue 18.04.17	Summer Term begins
Mon 01.05.17	May Day Holiday
Wed 10.05.17	P1 Parent Induction Meeting
Fri 02.06.17	Pupil Profiles emailed to parents
Mon 05.06.17	Occasional Holiday
May/June 2017	Nursery Trips (dates - to be confirmed)
Wed 07.06.17	January 2017 ante-pre pupils – Settling in Parent Interviews (am and pm during Nursery Session)
Thu 15.06.17 22.06.17	Nursery Sports Day Back up date
Tue 20.06.17 Wed 21.06.17	Nursery – P1 Transition Meet the Teacher Visits
Fri 30.06.17	End of Year Celebration Summer Holidays begin

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak to a member of your child's Nursery team.

Yours sincerely

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