



Meldrum Nursery Newsletter

Issued Monday 5th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

The first term of this new school year is now well underway and the children are becoming familiar with the nursery routines and making new friends.

Nursery Staffing

We have had a few changes to the structure of our Nursery staffing this session. In Otter Room, we have welcomed back Mrs McKee from maternity leave. Mrs McKee works on Wednesday and Thursday and jointly leads the Otter Room team with Sarah Menzies our Early Years Lead Practitioner. Lisa Fairley (Early Years Practitioner) works with us on Monday, Tuesday and Friday this session. Angie Mackay (EYP) also joins us in Otter Room having worked in Rainbow Room last session.

In Rainbow Room, Kirsty Wilson (EYP) works with us on Wednesday and Thursday, with myself in class on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Lorna Blake (EYP) also joins the team in Rainbow Room. Morag Reidford (EYP) spends Monday, Tuesday and Friday in Rainbow Room, and joins Otter Room on Wednesday and Thursday.

End of session arrangements – Otter Room

In response to safety concerns from last term, we have altered our end of session arrangements in Otter Room. On the Otter Room and Room 20 doors, signs are displayed to let you know which Key Worker groups are finishing the session there. When you arrive to collect your child, please wait at the appropriate door and a member of staff will ensure your child is safely passed over to you. The children will have already changed their shoes and have their outdoor jackets on.

Please remember to then sign your child out of nursery. The sign out sheets can now be found on the nursery noticeboard at the end of each nursery session.

Nursery Information

Outside each Nursery room there is a noticeboard sharing a range of useful information. The 'Ask Me About' books highlight different activities each class has taken part in each day. The 'Weekly News Update' provides a summary of the planned learning opportunities for the week ahead. 'Snack' menus are also available from the beginning of each week, these may be subject to change depending on availability.

Please also check your child's tray regularly for any newsletters etc. along with drawings and artwork.

On the nursery section of the school website, you will also 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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Nursery Reporting Calendar

During the nursery year there are a range of planned opportunities, as detailed below, where you will be able to find out about your child's learning in nursery and discuss their progress with their nursery team.

Term 1	
Tue 04.10.16	Settling in Parent Consultations (am and pm during Nursery Sessions)
Wed 05.10.16	Settling in Parent Consultations (am and pm during Nursery Sessions)
Thu 06.10.16	Settling in Parent Consultations (am and pm during Nursery Sessions)
Term 2	
Early December	Nursery Christmas Outing (date - to be confirmed)
Wed 30.11.16	Nursery Induction Meeting 1.30pm (Jan 17 ante-pre pupils)
Fri 09.12.16	Pupil Profiles emailed to parents
Wed 14.12.16	Stay and Play sessions (am and pm during Nursery Sessions)
Wed 21.12.16	Christmas Parties
Term 3	
Wed 01.02.17	Early Learning Parent Workshop (for pre-school parents) – Literacy 9.15 am and 1.15 pm)
Wed 08.02.17	Early Learning Parent Workshop (for pre-school parents) – Numeracy 9.15 am and 1.15 pm)
Fri 17.03.17	Pupil Profiles emailed to parents
Fri 24.03.17	Stay and Play sessions (am and pm during Nursery Sessions)
Term 4	
Fri 10.05.17	P1 Parent Induction Meeting
Fri 02.06.17	Pupil Profiles emailed to parents
Wed 07.06.17	January 17 ante-pre pupils – Parent Interviews (am and pm during Nursery Session)
Thu 15.06.17	Nursery Sports Day
22.06.17	Back up date
May/June 2017	Nursery Trips (dates – to be confirmed)
Tue 20.06.17	Nursery – P1 Transition Meet the Teacher Visits
Wed 21.06.17	
Fri 30.06.17	End of Year Celebration

Parent Consultations

Available appointment times will be displayed on the Nursery noticeboards later this term. Please write your name and child's name beside a time which is convenient for you. If you cannot find a time which is suitable, please speak to a member of the Nursery team.



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Outdoor Clothing

During the Nursery sessions we aim to go outside as much possible, in all kinds of weather. Please ensure your child has warm and waterproof clothing and footwear with them. In Otter Room, the main outdoor days are Wednesday and Friday, and in Rainbow Room they are Tuesday and Thursday. If your child requires a helmet for outdoor play on the trikes and scooters, please bring one in.

Personal Belongings

The children have started the new term with lots of smart new shoes, sweatshirts, jackets etc. Please name all shoes and clothing to ensure they are returned to the correct owners.

Bikes, Trikes and Scooters

Due to health and safety regulations we are unable to store any bikes, scooters, prams etc. during the Nursery session. If you wish to bring them to Nursery they can be stored in the cycle racks located in the Meadowbank or Upper Stages playgrounds.

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.

School Car Park

Our school car park is a very busy place, especially at the beginning and end of the school day. At drop off and pick up times, parents/carers are asked to refrain from using the disabled parking bays unless they have a valid disabled badge to ensure they are accessible for those who require to use them.

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

Yours sincerely

Hazel Fraser
Nursery Principal Teacher

Please use the space below to make any comments or suggestions and return to the Nursery Team