

Meldrum Parents in Partnership - Meeting 21.04.22

Attendees

R Lorimer, L Holland, C Harper, S West, J Brown, Jill G, L Downie, L Fowlie

Apologies Fiona Morris

Updates

Finance : JG

Clydesdale Bank Ac closed - balance transferred to Bank of Scotland making new balance £5393.88

Recent fundraisin Lattes and Pilates and Rag Bag added to the total
Netball and Football monies to be deducted (about £900)

P7 Gift to be donated - JG to take this forward - Calculators from WH Smith as last year

Float for Disco needed

Chair - LD

Rag Bag amnesty - 27th April - donations to be dropped at school office between now and then

Disco - Sat 30th April. Ticket sales going well. Need helpers for setting up and tidy up after.
FM to email those who have volunteered to help at the Disos

Prizes purchased, Disco booked.
LF to do Costco run for tuck shop supplies

Decorations - see what there is already and what we can put together.

House T shirts - LD to contact supplier (same as last year). No sports day date yet.

Spring Fair - need volunteers. Discussed stalls, food, how to fundraise (probably just from stalls, games and refreshments rather than tickets).

Welcome picnic - August/September time. Could this be a welcome back into the school?
Some of the school could be available for tours, a chance to showcase some of what the school has been up to etc as well as inviting local clubs and extra curricular activities along

Pupil Voice/School Garden Project

What can MPiP parents do now to support? School has compost, plant pots and apple trees.
Could do with larger plant pots/structures for Gardening, some time and skills from parents or volunteers who would support with putting some of the bigger aspects of the project together/into action. MPiP to do a plea using Facebook page and approach MIAG.

P7 update

JB exploring options for leavers as well as alternatives for the residential trip. JB will make contact with Nicola Alexnader (P7 parent volunteer) once she knows more - information coming soon

HT update - CH (see below)

Included some staffing info, school calender update, outdoor work for nursery completed, changes to P1+P2 playtimes, P7 update

Internet Safety and 'Be Internet Legends'

L Holland DHT and R Lorimer gave an update on how Internet Safety and using the internet positively is being delivered across the school. Pupils are enjoying using new Chrome books and some ipads for lessons and learning - school taking this opportunity to deliver 'Be Internet Legends' LH gave a presentation on what this involves and how its being delivered. Seeing a positive response from pupils

AOCB

LD will finish as chair at the end of this year so she can concentrate on being a new mum! Chair position will need to be filed

Proposal to encourage representation from all stages of the school - nursery to P7. Do we have a year rep or just do a small campaign to recruit more parents.

MPiP parents to do some words for the next newsletter - by Monday?

To try some drop in tea/coffee and info sessions - CH volunteered use of the school after drop off/before pick up

LF to take this forward with FM

LD and CH confirmed AGM will be in September

Next MPiP meeting could be face to face in the school and online.

MPiP Meeting 26/1/22

Head Teacher Update

Staffing

Our Principal Teacher, Lauren Cunningham begins her maternity leave next week. Emma Cooper will be taking over in P6C for the remainder of the session. The internal Acting Principal Teacher recruitment is ongoing and I should be able to share news of that next week. We have a new teacher starting with us next week, Emma Sim. Emma will be doing a mixture of NCCT time for two days and the COVID recovery post for three days. Katie Witt will be going off on maternity leave in a few weeks and the recruitment for her cover is underway.

In Nursery, Clair Anderson, will take up an Early Years Lead Practitioner secondment in the next few weeks. Megan Ewan recently took up her new Early Years Practitioner post and following recruitment and interviews this week, 3 new EYPs will be going us in the next few weeks.

COVID

Since we returned this term we have had an increase in Covid cases, reflective of the whole country. Thank you to all parents/carers for being vigilant to symptoms and supporting the school with this.

Junior Leadership Team

Linda Downie and Louise Fowlie will be coming along to our next JLT meeting to work with the children, particularly around playground improvements as MPiP are keen to have the children's input in this. THE JLT reps can discuss with their class to make sure we incorporate ideas from all the children.

House Captains

P7 House Captains have been contributing to the life of the school by taking on responsibilities such as dinner time escorts for P1 and P2, playground equipment leaders for P3-P6 and wet play helpers in P1-P6 classes. After Feb break, they will also begin helping out in the P1 and P2 playground at lunchtimes. All these duties are entirely voluntary but all P7s have wanted to be involved in the duties. In the classroom, the children have been working together to review and update our house point collection system and are currently planning to relaunch the system with poster and video campaign across the school which will introduce new house points token and Perspex collection towers now mounted on wall in centre of school.

Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors have been working on promoting Free from Friday - no wrappers initiative. All classes are involved in litter picks as part of pupil voice time. The whole school will all be taking part in RSPB Birdwatch in our school grounds. Classes will all be involved in designing their class garden space for the community garden at the Oldmeldrum British Legion – we are appealing to local businesses for donations of gardening equipment to support this.