



Staffing

We were sad to say goodbye recently to Morag Reidford, one of our Early Years Senior Practitioners, who left us after nearly 10 years at Meldrum. We would like to thank Morag for all her hard work supporting our children and wish her all the best for the future.

We also wish Carla Colom, Early Years Practitioner, all the best as she goes off on maternity leave today. We welcome Caroline Cruickshank to the nursery team.

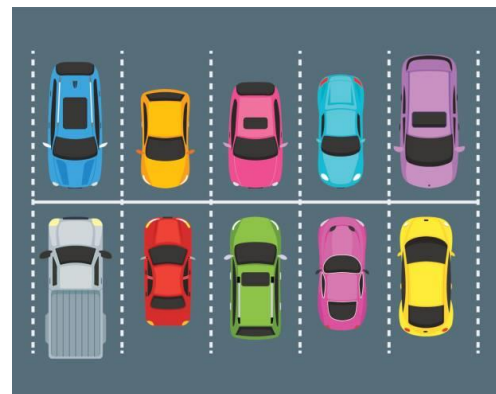
Emma Sim continues her work with us this term providing Health and Wellbeing and Additional Support for Learning teaching support to children across the school.

This term we are delighted to have student teachers in school supporting learning in P1A, P1B, P1C, P2A, P2B and P3A.

Car Park

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, I remain concerned about safety in our school car park. In order to discourage unsafe and irresponsible parking, Robertson Facilities Management, the company who run our building, have put up temporary cones and tape to identify the areas which are not for parking. Unfortunately, people continue to park out with the parking bays.

Particularly concerning at the moment is people parking and leaving their cars in the turning circle and people parking in the disabled parking bays. This also applies if you are dropping off and picking up from nursery or MASK. Only blue badge holders should be parking in the disabled parking bays at any time.



Could you consider walking or cycling to and from school?

Or try Park and Stride? Park five minutes walk from school and walk part of the way.

I would really appreciate your support with this matter as I do not want to reach a point where we have to close the gates of the car park.

World Book Day and Book Fair

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and we plan to celebrate by inviting everyone to wear their pyjamas and bring their favourite book to school to share with their class. Teachers will be planning learning and activities linked to World Book Day. There is no need for children to bring a donation.



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting next week. This is a great chance to purchase some new books and the school earns 60% commission on book fair sales. This commission is used to buy new books for the school. Each child will receive a World Book Day £1 book token which can be used at the Book Fair. Children can buy books in the following ways:

- Each class will visit the Book Fair on Wednesday 6th or Thursday 7th March. Children may bring some money to school (in a named envelope or wallet), browse and choose a book.
- If children have spotted a book at the book fair on Wednesday or Thursday, they can bring money to school on Friday 8th or Monday 11th March to purchase the book.
- The book fair will be open for parents/carers to visit on Thursday 7th March from 3.15 – 3.45pm. Entry will be via the playground on Commercial Road

Comic Relief

Comic Relief this year takes place on Friday 15th March. We plan to mark the occasion and raise some money by having a dress down day. Our suggestion for a donation would be £1 or £2 which will be collected by Mrs Holland, Mrs Brown and Miss Harper in the playground before school.



Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA)



Our Rights Respecting steering group has been selected for the year, with a representative from each class. The group are meeting fortnightly to make positive steps towards achieving the RRSA Bronze Award: Rights Committed. Our classes have celebrated LGBTQ+ History month, Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, World Water Day and

International Women's Day and learning about how these relate to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child later in the term.

Measles

Please see information below which Grampian Health Protection Team have asked us to share.

Measles is on the increase, with a rapid rise in the number of cases seen in parts of England, and a confirmed case in Scotland. It is a serious illness, but the MMR vaccine is proven to safely offer high levels of protection. It is given in two doses; if you are not sure if your child has had both doses, you can contact your GP practice to confirm.



If your child has never had the MMR – or hasn't had the complete course – you can contact our vaccination teams to arrange.

Aberdeen City – email: gram.immsservices@nhs.scot

Aberdeenshire & Moray – telephone: 01224 555333

Childhood vaccinations offer protection against many serious illnesses, and you are encouraged to ensure your child is up to date with all of them.

Further information on vaccinations can be found at: [Vaccines - Immunisations in Scotland | NHS inform](#)

Further information on measles can be found at: [Measles | NHS inform](#) and [MMR vaccine - Immunisations in Scotland | NHS inform](#)

School Term Dates and Holiday Consultation

Parents/Carers and pupils are invited to contribute to the consultation survey for the school holiday and term dates from 2025 to 2030. The consultation remains open until 22nd March. You can complete the survey [here](#).

Online Safety

Please see information below about an opportunity for parents/carers to join sessions to hear more about online safety and how you can support your children in their online lives. These sessions are online on Teams and all parents/carers are invited to join.

Growing up online: Come along to our informative session for parents all about supporting our children in their online lives. We'll cover tech trends, digital wellbeing and what to do when things go wrong!

- Parents of Secondary age young people: 12th March 6pm – 7pm.
- Parents of Nursery & Primary children: 13th March 4pm – 5pm.

Both sessions are open to any Aberdeenshire parent. To join either session please email christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk to get the relevant meeting link.

Road Safety

We have received a number of reports recently of children who cycle to school riding unsafely on roads and in some cases cycling the wrong way into oncoming traffic. Teachers have reminded children about the importance of road safety whilst riding to school and in the community. I would appreciate parents/carers also reinforcing this message at home and reminding children to always wear a helmet when riding their bike.



Head Lice

A reminder to please check your children’s hair regularly for head lice. Further information about checking for head lice and treatment is available [here](#). If you discover your child has head lice, please let the school office know as this allows us to track cases and issue class letters as necessary.

Careers and Skills for Life Week

Following on from our first successful Careers Week last year, we are planning a similar week in Term 4. We would love volunteers from our school community to join us to tell us about their job and skills. Please email meldrum.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk if you would like to get involved.



School Calendar

Dates for your diary for the remainder of the school year are listed below.

Term 3			
Week 9	Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	
Week 10	Tuesday 12 th March	Class Assembly – P7A and P7B	1.30pm
	Wednesday 13 th March	Class Assembly – P2A and P2B	11.00am
	Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Day	
	Friday 15 th March	School Reports issued to parents	
Week 11	Monday 18 th March	MPiP Coffee Catch Up	2.15pm, Room 21
	Tuesday 19 th March	Optional Parent Consultations	4.00 – 6.00pm
	Thursday 21 st March		
Week 12	Tuesday 26 th March	P1-7 Open Classroom (Literacy)	2.00 – 2.45pm
	Wednesday 27 th March	Class Assembly – P4A and P4B	2.00pm



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Term 4			
Week 1	Tuesday 16 th April	MPiP meeting	6.00pm, Room 21 or online
Week 3	Saturday 27 th April	MPiP Colour Run	Times tbc
Week 4	Friday 3 rd May	MPiP Coffee Catch Up	9.30am, Library
	Friday 3 rd May	Class Assembly – P6B	2.00pm
Week 5	Monday 6 th May	School closed – May Day holiday	
	Friday 10 th May	Class Assembly – P5A and P5B	2.00pm
Week 6	Friday 17 th May	Class Assembly – P6A	2.00pm
Week 7	Thursday 23 rd May	P1-7 Open Classroom (Numeracy)	2.00 – 2.45pm
	Friday 24 th May	Class Assembly – P5/6	2.00pm
Week 8	Wednesday 29 th May	P1-7 Sports Day	
Week 9	Monday 3 rd June	School closed – local holiday	
	Wednesday 5 th June	Class Assembly – P1A, P1B and P1C	11.00am
	Wednesday 5 th June	MPiP meeting	6.00pm, Room 21 or online
Week 10	Wednesday 12 th June	Alternate P1-7 Sports Day (in case of bad weather)	
Week 11	Tuesday 18 th June	P7 Transition visit to Meldrum Academy	
	Wednesday 19 th June	P7 Transition visit to Meldrum Academy	
	Thursday 20 th June	P7 Transition visit to Meldrum Academy	

Carol Harper
Head Teacher