Meldrum School Newsletter 19th March 2021





This week we welcomed P4-7 back to school and are pleased that we now have a full complement of children back at Meldrum School. Thank you for continuing to follow the national advice (see below) to ensure our schools and childcare settings remain open. In particular, we request that parents/carers do not linger at the school gates following drop off and nursery parents are requested to always wear a mask at drop off/pick up time.



Staffing

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we recently appointed a new Principal Teacher. Lauren Cunningham will join us from Hatton (Cruden) School and will take up her new post on Monday 26th April.

School Dinner Menu

Please find attached the school dinner menus for Spring and Summer 2021. The new menu cycle will commence on Monday 19th April. These will also be available on the school website and the school meals pages of the Aberdeenshire Council website.

Google Classroom and Sharing Learning

Thank you for all your hard work supporting your child and their learning via Google Classroom during the most recent lockdown. We will continue to use Google Classroom for home learning now we are back at school. As you will remember, we previously used Seesaw as a way of your child sharing their learning and have been looking at alternatives. We are currently trialling using Google Classroom as a way of your child sharing their learning so please look out for this within their Google Classroom. Please feel free to comment on your child's learning. Next term, we will seek your feedback on this new way of your child sharing their learning.

<u>Jewellery</u>

A reminder that if your child chooses to wear earrings to school we request that these are stud earrings only. Large hoop earrings can be dangerous, particularly during playtime and PE, and should not be worn to school.

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Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition 2021

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists. We have registered as a school to take part in the exhibition this year so that our pupils can submit artworks. These artworks are then judged by a panel of artists and a selection of the artworks will be displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

To enter, your child can submit up to three artworks of any type and there is no theme. If your child has been busy during lockdown and produced some art, we would love you to email us a photograph of it for submission. Please email submissions to meldrum.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Within the email please state that you consent to the following:

- that you give us parental consent for the photograph of your child's art to be entered in the competition
- that it is your child's own work
- that the work is not a copy
- that you are happy for the Royal Academy to publish the picture online, on social media and print it with the pupil's first name and age

For more information visit Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy

Our Community

We have been asked by an Aberdeenshire Council Local Area Project Officer to share the following information.

Following an approach from members of the community, this short survey is hoping to gauge interest in allotment provision in Oldmeldrum. If there is enough interest and people prepared to help run the allotment site, this project can progress, at which point, further consultation will take place. This initial survey will remain open until Sunday 21st March.

https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/meldrum-allotments

Yours sincerely

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