

Meldrum School Newsletter

24th June 2021



Staffing

We say goodbye to some members of staff this week. Firstly, to Sallie Bremner who retires this week after 20 years at Meldrum School. Sallie has worked within our Enhanced Provision and provided Additional Support for Learning to many children over the years. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank Sallie for her hard work over these years and wish her all the very best for a long and happy retirement. Rhona Shiell, one of our probationer teachers, leaves us and is looking forward to a teaching career in the Highlands. Thank you also to PSAs Jackie Reid and Sarah Core who leave us on Friday.

In August, we will welcome probationer teachers Rebekah Gray and Eve Convery to Meldrum. Finola Robertson remains at Meldrum and will be delivering Non Class Contact Time across the school alongside Rachael Reid.

We have also received Scottish Government Covid Recovery funding which has been used to fund an additional teacher who will support Covid Recovery priorities across the school. We are pleased that Emma Cooper will be remaining with us to fill this post.

Our vacant Additional Support for Learning post will be advertised early next term. Emma Cottingham will cover this post until the recruitment is complete.

Next Session

As we shared earlier in the week, our class structure and teachers for next session is as follows

P1B	Room 1	Ms Clare Brady
P1H	Room 2	Mrs Sylvia Harvie
P2MP	Room 3	Mrs Nicola Mackay and Mrs Laura Pirie
P2G	Room 4	Miss Rebekah Gray
P2/3L	Room 5	Miss Rachel Lorimer
P3YE	Room 6	Mrs Maureen Young and Mrs Rebecca Elder
P3/4WS	Room 9	Mrs Katie Witt and Miss Angie Stemp
P4MA	Room 10	Mrs Rebecca McEwan and Mrs Angela Aitken
P4D	Room 11	Mrs Kim Davidson
P5C	Room 12	Miss Eve Convery
P5CC	Room 14	Mrs Jenny Calder and Miss Karen Crooks
P6B	Room 16	Miss Sally Buist
P6C	Room 17	Miss Lauren Cunningham
P7C	Room 18	Mrs Emma Cruickshank
P7B	Room 19	Mrs Maureen Barclay
Enhanced Provision	Room 8	Mrs Katrina McCartney

It remains unclear what school Covid restrictions will look like in August. Further details about our return to school will be communicated towards the end of the holidays or on the inservice day on Monday 16th August.

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School Lunches – Friday 25th June

We have been advised by the Catering Team that the menu for Friday 25th June has been amended. The options will be - chicken burger, pasta bolognese or tuna mayonnaise sandwich.

Dance Off

This morning saw our first ever whole school Dance Off. Children (and staff) enjoyed performing and spectating as each class performed their dance routine. Congratulations to our winners, P5B!

'Light the North'

Earlier this session, our P7 classes were involved in the 'Light the North' project for CLAN (Cancer Link Aberdeen and North). The Lighthouse designed and decorated by P7 featured images that represented industry in the local area and North East including: a helicopter for offshore working, a boat representing fishing and supporting offshore working, a tractor to represent the local farming community, the iconic landscape of Bennachie, wind turbines to represent new industry, and the story of Robert the Bruce. The Lighthouse will be on display from 9th August until 17 October 2021, at the Garioch Heritage Centre in Inverurie and we hope as many people as possible will be able to visit and see the lighthouse.



Thank you for your support today as P1-7 children took part in Dress Down Day, raising £350.60 for CLAN.

Active Schools Summer of Play

Active Schools are running Summer Camps for children over the holidays. To find out more, click [here](#). Activities specific to our local area are listed [here](#).

Youth Cafe

The Stitch House Café would like to share information about their Youth Café. The Youth Café will be open for children from P6 and above from 5.00 – 8.00pm every Thursday and Friday until the end of June then every day during the holidays.

Raring to Go Magazine

Raring to Go Magazine Summer 2021 Issue is available [here](#). They also share news via Social Media – [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Finally...

A big thank you to our whole school community. During a challenging year you have all pulled together and demonstrated incredible resilience to adapt to our new routines and ways of

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working. To all our pupils and staff who are moving on to pastures new, we wish you the best of luck and don't forget to keep in touch. Enjoy your summer holidays, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you ready for the start of a new term on Tuesday 17th August.

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