



Meldrum School Newsletter 25th November 2022

Staffing

Jane Brown will continue in her seconded Acting Head Teacher post at Fyvie School for an extended period of up to 23 months. Subsequently, the recruitment for the longer term cover of Jane's Depute Head Teacher post here at Meldrum is underway.

School Uniform

We have a large amount of preloved uniform in school which we would love to find a new home. From next week, this placed on a rail in the school office (we hope to put it outside on finer days) which everyone is welcome to come along and help themselves to.

Health and Wellbeing Curriculum

One of the strands of our Health and Wellbeing curriculum is Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood which is taught in an age appropriate way throughout the school. All of the resources we use are from the [RSHP website](#), which is recommended by Education Scotland. Information for parents/carers can be accessed [here](#).

School Calendar

The school calendar for the rest of the school session is attached at the end of this newsletter. There are likely to be additional events added and the calendar updated and reissued later in the year.

MPiP Coffee Catch Ups

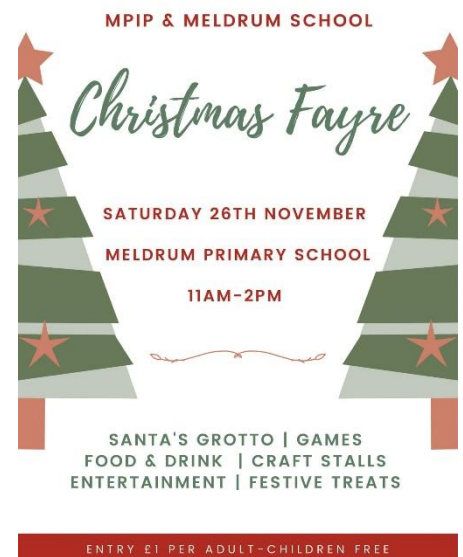
These are an informal opportunity to come along and enjoy a cuppa and a catch up with MPiP members and school Senior Leadership Team. These are all detailed in the school calendar below.

MPiP Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre is tomorrow from 11.00am – 2.00pm. Please come along if you can.

Scholastic Bookfair

Our Scholastic Book Fair took in £1991 in sales which earned the school £1195 in commission to spend on new books. Thank you for all your purchases.





Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our collection last week for Children in Need. We raised £427.58 for a great cause.



Class Assemblies

During the course of the school year, each class will invite parents in to share their learning at an assembly. Dates and times for these are detailed in the school calendar. Entry for these assemblies will be via the Gym Hall door in the Early Stages Playground on Commercial Road.



Christmas

We have a number of opportunities planned for parents/carers to join us in school to celebrate Christmas together. The dates and times of these are all detailed in the school calendar below.

Nursery Christmas Crafts and Singalong

Come along and enjoy some crafting and singing with your child in nursery.

Christmas Show

P5, P6 and P7 will be taking part in our Christmas Show, 'No One Wraps Like an Elf'. Preparations have started and we look forward to inviting parents/carers in to share our performance later this term. Ticket information will be shared in due course.



P1 Singalong

P1 would like to invite their parents/carers into school to share some Christmas songs (and maybe a mince pie!).

P2, P3, P4 Christmas Craft Afternoon

Come and join your child to create some Christmas Crafts together in their classroom.

Christmas Jumper Day

We plan to take part in Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 8th December. If you don't have a Christmas jumper, you can wear anything festive instead – for example Santa hat, Christmas hair clip, a piece of green or red clothing. MPiP have kindly arranged a collection



of preloved Christmas jumpers which you can view and take for free at the Christmas Fayre. If you wish to donate money to Save the Children, this can be done [here](#).



Christmas Service

During the last week of term, we will be visiting Meldrum and Bourtie Parish Church for our Christmas Service lead by Rev. Alisa McDonald.

Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 14th December. The lunch choice this day will change to roast turkey with all the trimmings. The vegetarian option is a cheese sandwich.

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties for all P1-7s will take place during the last week of term. On your child's party day, they can come to school in their party clothes if they would like to. Please remember that children will still need appropriate footwear and clothing for playtime and lunchtime!

Christmas Gifts

With the current cost of living, please do not feel obliged in any way to buy Christmas presents for school staff. If you would like to make a donation to a local foodbank or charity on our behalf, that would be greatly received by the school community and our wider community in Meldrum.

Community News

Daviot Oldmeldrum Explorers Santa Fundraiser

Our local scout group are raising money for some of their young people to visit Uganda next summer to build an accommodation block for a school. The money they raise will go towards for building materials and to help with the cost of the trip. You can book a slot to visit Santa by emailing uganda.domexplorers@outlook.com

DAVIOT OLDMELDRUM SCOUTS PRESENTS



11th Dec
Daviot Scout Grounds
Slots available between 1-5pm

£10 per child: includes a visit to Santa with gift, Elf games, Xmas crafts and toasting marshmallows.
Pop up café £2 for tea/coffee/cake.

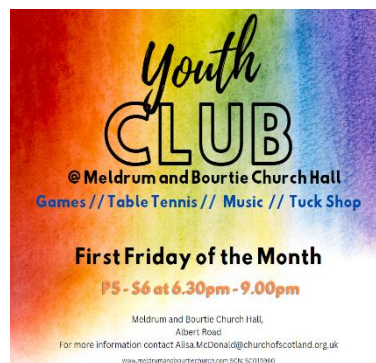
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All proceeds go to DOM explorers Uganda fund



Meldrum and Bourtie Parish Church

Meldrum and Bourtie Parish Church have a number of new initiatives which they would like to share with the community.



<p>Story and Play. The first Sunday of the month we will do Story and Play for All ages from 3pm – 4.15pm (which is very similar to what I have been doing with the primary school classes in school) With a story, time of creative response, then community play</p>	<p>Youth Club. We will be running a youth club on the first Friday of the month. Welcome to P5-S6 from 6.30pm – 9pm. Games, tuck shop and more.</p>	<p>Warm Space Hub. The church will be open to all Monday-Wednesday 11am-4pm for a warm space. Tea/Coffee, snacks, games, puzzles, kids area, and wi-fi all included.</p>
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Carol Harper
Head Teacher



School Calendar 2022/23

Term 2			
Week 5	Friday 2 nd December	P1/2 and P2 assembly	11.15am
Week 6	Monday 5 th December	P2/3 and P3 assembly	11.30am
	Thursday 8 th December	P5/6 and P6 assembly	11.30am
	Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Week 7	Wednesday 14 th December	School Christmas Lunch Day	
		P2, P3, P4 Christmas Craft Afternoon	2.30 – 3.15pm
	Thursday 15 th December	P5, P6, P7 Christmas Show Performances	2.00pm and 6.00pm
	Friday 16 th December	P5, P6, P7 Christmas Show Performances	2.00pm
	Friday 16 th December	Nursery Christmas Crafts and Singalong	9.30 – 11.30am
Week 8	Monday 19 th December	Nursery Christmas Party	AM
		P1 Singalong	2.30pm
	Tuesday 20 th December	Nursery Christmas Crafts and Singalong	9.30 – 11.30am
		P7A and P7B Christmas Party	AM
		P5/6 and P6 Christmas Party	PM
	Wednesday 21 st December	P5A and P5B Christmas Party	AM
		P3/4, P4A and P4B Christmas Party	PM
	Thursday 22 nd December	Nursery Christmas Party	AM
		P2/3 and P3 Christmas Party	PM
	Friday 23 rd December	P1/2 and P2 Christmas Party	AM
P1A and P1B Christmas Party		PM	

Term 3			
Week 1	Monday 9 th January	MPiP Coffee Catch Up	2.45pm, GP Room
Week 2	Wednesday 18 th January	P4A and P4B assembly	2.30pm
Week 3	Tuesday 24 th January	MPiP meeting	6.00pm, GP Room
Week 4	Friday 3 rd February	MPiP Coffee Catch Up	9.15am, GP Room
Week 5	Tuesday 7 th February	P5A and P5B assembly	11.15am
	Friday 10 th February	School closed – occasional holiday	
Week 6	Monday 13 th February	School closed – mid term holiday	
	Tuesday 14 th February	Inservice Day 4	
	Wednesday 15 th February	Inservice Day 5	
Week 9	Monday 6 th March	MPiP Coffee Catch Up	2.45pm, GP Room
	Wednesday 8 th March	P3/4 assembly	2.30pm
	Wednesday 8 th March	MPiP meeting	6.00pm, GP Room
Week 10	Thursday 16 th March	P1-7 Sharing Learning Open Afternoon	2.30 – 3.15pm
	Friday 17 th March	School Reports issued to parents	
Week 11	Tuesday 21 st March	Optional Parent Consultations	Times tbc
	Thursday 23 rd March		
Week 12	Wednesday 29 th March	Nursery Easter Stay and Play	9.30 -11.30am
	Friday 31 st March	Nursery Easter Stay and Play	9.30 -11.30am

Term 4			
Week 2	Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th April	P7 residential trip	
Week 3	Monday 1 st May	School closed – May Day holiday	
	Friday 5 th May	MPiP Coffee Catch Up	9.15am, GP Room
Week 5	Tuesday 16 th May	P1-7 Sharing Learning Open Morning	9.45 – 10.30am
Week 6	Tuesday 23 rd May	MPiP meeting	6.00pm, GP Room
	Thursday 25 th May	P1-7 Sports Day	Times tbc
Week 7	Thursday 1 st June	Alternate P1-7 Sports Day (in case of bad weather)	Times tbc
	Friday 2 nd June	School closed – occasional holiday	
Week 8	Monday 5 th June	School closed – occasional holiday	
	Tuesday 6 th June	P1A and P1B assembly	11.15am
	Tuesday 6 th June	Nursery Sports Day	10.00 – 11.30am
	Thursday 8 th June	Nursery Sports Day	2.00 – 3.30pm
Week 9	Monday 12 th June	MPiP Coffee Catch Up	2.45pm, GP Room
	Tuesday 13 th June	Nursery Outdoor Stay and Play	2.00 – 3.30pm
	Thursday 15 th June	Nursery Outdoor Stay and Play	2.00 – 3.30pm
Week 10	Tuesday 20 th June	P7 Transition visit to Meldrum Academy	
	Wednesday 21 st June	P7 Transition visit to Meldrum Academy	
		MPiP AGM	6.00pm, GP Room
	Thursday 22 nd June	P7 Transition visit to Meldrum Academy	