

This week we were very happy to welcome around 250 children from Nursery – P3 back to school. A special welcome to our new ante pre-school children who started nursery this week. We hope that continued national progress in suppression of COVID-19 will mean that we can welcome our P4-7 children back to school very soon. On this note, it is vital that we all follow the messages below in order for our schools and childcare settings to remain open. Please also avoid walking to school in large groups if you can.



**5 important steps**  
to help our schools and childcare settings stay open

- Adults wear a face covering at drop off/pick up
- Stick to one adult at drop off/pick up
- Adults keep 2 metres apart
- Avoid car sharing
- Self-isolate if anyone in your household has symptoms

For up to date information, support and advice visit [parentclub.scot](https://parentclub.scot)

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Thank you to our P4-7 children who have continued to work hard on Remote Learning activities. Keep trying your best with the activities set and do what you can, when you can. Remember, children can use the drop in Google Meet sessions to chat with their teacher about any tasks they need help with.

### Staffing

Following interviews last week, we have a preferred candidate for our vacant Principal Teacher post. Once all appropriate pre-employment checks have been completed, I will be in a position to share further details with you.

We welcome back student teachers Lauren Massie (P2L), Victoria Boulind Arqued (P2MP) and Alexandra Booth (P3YE) to complete the next part of their teaching placements. Next week, student teacher Charlene Pearce will join P1C for a 4 week placement.

### School Car Park

A further reminder about the safe use of our school car park. Please do not park on grass verges or in the disabled parking and bus bays. Your support in this matter is much appreciated.

### Comic Relief

This year, Red Nose Day is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We are currently planning for this and will share details with you soon.

# Meldrum School Newsletter

## 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021



### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Nursery and school staff have been planning activities, detailed below.

Nursery Come to nursery in your pyjamas for our 'Bedtime Story Day'. Nursery staff are planning a day making character crafts, reading favourite stories and having an outdoor story hunt.

P1-7 Teachers across the school will be planning book related learning tasks for the day. Our House Captains and Pupil Council Class Reps will also be contributing to some activities. In addition, we are planning a Masked Reader event. On the morning of World Book Day, children will have the opportunity to watch a video of various school staff reading a short section of a book while wearing a mask. Children can guess who the school staff are before the big reveal in the afternoon! For P1-3, the Masked Reader event will be held in classrooms and for P4-7 this will be on Google Classroom.

### Family Nurture

Aberdeenshire Council Educational Psychology Service have created a series of family nurture leaflets which have been added to their website. These cover a variety of topics including managing feelings, sleep, emotion coaching and understanding brains. We hope you may find them useful. They can be accessed [here](#).

### 'Walk and Talk' Activities

NHS Grampian Speech and Language Services have put together posters aimed at Nursery – P3 children which provide basic information about why attention and listening and phonological awareness skills are important and activity ideas of how to develop these skills when at the park or in the woods. As well as posters around Oldmeldrum (at the play park on the path from Coutens Park to Gas Street, the Pleasure Park and at The Den), we have also displayed some in our school grounds around the Adventure Play Equipment and in the Wildlife Area. Can you spot some after school? The community and school posters will remain up until 22<sup>nd</sup> March. You can find out more information [here](#).

Thank you for your continuing support as we work towards having all our children back at school. Remember to get in touch on [meldrum.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:meldrum.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Carol Harper'.

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