

Meldrum School Newsletter

9th November 2021



Staffing

We were pleased to appoint two new Additional Support for Learning (ASL) staff who took up post at the start of this term. Jill Marsters, who had been working with us temporarily, was appointed to a full time ASL post and Elizabeth Maclver appointed on a part time basis. I know you'll join me in welcoming Jill and Elizabeth to Meldrum.

Children in Need

Children in Need 2021 is on Friday 19th November. As this is an inservice day for us, we plan to mark the occasion and raise some money on Friday 12th November by having a dress down day (no fancy dress please). Suggested donation is £1 which will be collected by Mrs Holland, Mrs Brown and Miss Harper in the playground.



Pupil Voice and Participation

Pupil Voice is a chance for all our children and young people to have the opportunity to participate, lead and play a role in decisions which affect the school and their learning. We have refreshed our approach to Pupil Voice and participation in order that all children can take part in different ways. Each Monday afternoon, on a three weekly rotation, children will take part in Assembly, Pupil Voice and OTTER Clubs.

Junior Leadership Team The JLT will meet regularly to discuss school improvements and issues which are important to the children. Each class from Nursery – P7 will be represented on our Junior Leadership Team by a class representative who will share the views of their class.

House Captains All our P7s have become House Captains for our four houses; Chrystal, Forsyth, Keith and Manson. Their focus will be to promote positive relationships across the school by being good role models and leading by example. They will also work alongside their teacher and the Senior Leadership Team to plan House Events for all children in their House to take part in.

Eco Schools Group Our P6 children will lead the work of our Eco Group as children across the school work together during Pupil Voice Time as we strive to achieve our Eco Schools Green Flag.

OTTER Clubs OTTER stands for Our Time Together Enhancing Relationships and classes will team up with another class to work collaboratively to learn new skills and build relationships with children in another part of the school.

Assembly During the year, each year group will have an opportunity to plan and lead an assembly, sharing their learning and achievements with their peers. Our Pupil Voice groups will also lead assemblies linked to their work.

Additional Support for Learning

We are very lucky at Meldrum School to have Pupil Support Assistants and Additional Support for Learning Teachers who provide additional support for children in school. Support is provided to children for a variety of reasons – educational support, emotional support, social support and takes a variety of forms – individual, small group, whole class – depending on the

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specific needs of the children involved. During their school career, almost all children will receive support in their learning from one of team. If you would like any additional information about any support your child is receiving, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance.

School Photos

Tempest Photography will be visiting us on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th November to take individual and family photographs. All children will have an individual photograph taken and you may choose to have a family photograph taken (where all siblings attend Meldrum School and Nursery).

Please complete the following form <https://forms.office.com/r/sMCr6WV4qT> by Friday 12th November at 5.00pm to tell us -

- If you would like a family photograph taken
- If you do not wish your child to have an individual photograph taken

(If you wish your child to have an individual photograph only, you do not need to complete the form.)

If your child attends Meldrum Nursery but does not usually attend on Monday or Tuesday, you can bring them along on Tuesday 16th November at 1.45pm to have an individual and/or family photograph. Please come to the canopy entrance beside the nursery entrance. If you wish to have a family photograph taken, please remember to complete the form above.

Bounce Back

This term, our Bounce Back focus is Social Values. Our focus will be on the importance of being kind, friendly, cooperative and respectful. We will consider these values in relation to our families, our school friends and school staff, people we know in the wider community and when interacting with people we do not know so well.

Playground

Our P7 House Captains will be working with P1-6 children at lunchtime, organising playground games and equipment in Early Stages Playground and the Quiet Playground.

Snacks

A reminder that snacks children bring to school should be nut free. We appreciate your support to keep everyone safe in school.

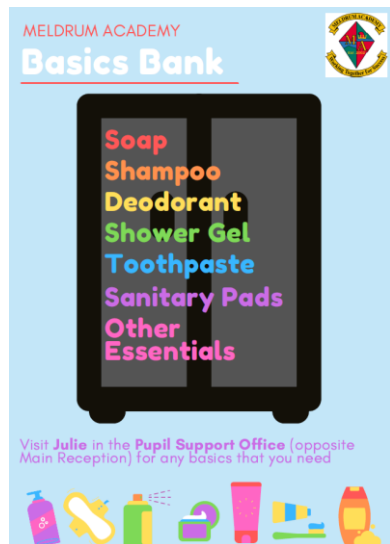
Jackets

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child always comes to school with a jacket. We try and get outside as much as possible so it is important that children are appropriately dressed for the weather.



Our Community

Thank you to MPiP who have arranged for us to plant a tree in the community as part of the Queen's Green Canopy: Plant a Tree for the Jubilee. This will be planted this week in Westbank Care Home.



Meldrum Academy have created a Basics Bank for the whole community to access should you require. Please email Julie Emslie, Pupil Support Worker julie.emslie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or pop into the Academy any time to pick up items you require. Further information below.

We want to ensure the most basic of personal care items are available to every young person at Meldrum Academy and the Cluster Primaries.

The Basics Bank will be made accessible in a safe and confidential manner to young people and their families, without the fear of being judged or others knowing. This service can be accessed as often as you need it. You will be able to access items such as shampoo, conditioner, shower gels and deodorants, toothpastes and toothbrushes and sanitary products. We also have kitchen/bathroom items, such as washing powder and cleaning products.

Support from School

As a school we are able to apply for food parcels and grants for winter clothing and jackets. As winter approaches, please let us know if we can help in any way. Please also remember that we have school uniform available at any time should you require it. Just get in touch if we can help out.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15 th November	School Photos
Tuesday 16 th November	
Wednesday 17 th November	Flu vaccinations
Thursday 18 th November	Inservice Days
Friday 19 th November	

Carol Harper
Head Teacher