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Primary School

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Meldrum Primary School Newsletter April 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

This term we are looking forward to the better weather - it is sure to be with us soon..! We are looking to increase the amount of time our pupils spend learning outdoors and we have purchased some new resources including outdoor cushions, planters and activity cards to help make the most of our time spent out in the open. Many classes have planned trips for this term and Primary 4 are very much looking forward to their stay at Lowport Outdoor Centre at the end of May.

Primary 7 had a fantastic time at Oatridge College this week at the 'Farm to Fork' event. This provided pupils with an opportunity to meet with a variety of people from industry within the farm to fork journey. Pupils also enjoyed many free samples of local produce and had the opportunity to hold some of the animals. Primary 7 also have a busy term ahead with visits from staff from Deans CHS and their transition week to the high school which will take place week beginning Monday, June 4th.

At this time of year I look to formally gather your views on our progress in school and on the new initiatives that we have put in place this session. This will come out to you as an e-form by email within the next couple of weeks. Your views are a very important part of our self-evaluation process so please take time to complete the evaluation.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to come into school to speak with me.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Russell (Head Teacher)

SCHOOL MEALS

From 1st April 2018 the cost of a school meal increased to £2.04 per day. Please remember to regularly check your child's iPay account to ensure there is enough money to cover the meals ordered. No change is given to children who bring cash to pay for school meals. The amount they bring is credited in full to their iPay account.

LOWPORT PARENT'S MEETING THURSDAY 3RD MAY 2018 6PM

All parents of children going to Lowport on Monday 30th May are invited to attend a meeting at Meldrum as detailed above. Information will be given out at this meeting regarding clothing required and time for collection on their return. If you are unable to attend the meeting please speak to Miss Ross or Mrs Cameron.

**DENTAL INSPECTIONS
PRIMARY 1 & PRIMARY 7 ONLY
THURSDAY 26TH APRIL 2018**

Staff from NHS Scotland will be in school as detailed above to carry our dental inspections. No X-rays are taken during this process. If you do not wish your child to be seen please write a letter to the school office by Wednesday 25th April.

HEALTHY TUCK

As you already know we have a healthy tuck shop every day at morning break which is run by our Primary 7 pupils. There is a selection of fruit and healthy snacks to purchase. Prices range from 10p to 30p.



**SCHOOL FAYRE
SATURDAY 12TH MAY 2018
11.00AM - 2.00PM**

If you are able to help out on the day please email our parent council on hello@meldrumparentcouncil.co.uk Donations for the tombola, bottle game can be handed into the school office by Wednesday 9th May and home baking donations by Friday 11th May.

PENS & PENCIL TROLLEY

This trolley is only open during lunch break on a Tuesday (for P1-P3) and a Wednesday (for P4-P7). There is a selection of stationary items to purchase starting at 10p.



ECO UPDATE

Our latest application to renew our Eco School status has been sent into Keep Scotland Beautiful. This involved providing them with our evaluation Action Plan and a powerpoint of evidence of the work that we have done on the themes of Litter, Energy and Waste Minimisation.

Thank you for all your help collecting used batteries for The Big Battery Hunt as this has helped us greatly with our application. The competition ends in the last week of the month and all children who have taken part will be submitted into a grand prize draw with the National Schools Partnership. There will also be smaller prizes for Meldrum pupils who have contributed well to the project. After this date we will retain our collection unit so you will still be able to recycle used batteries with us. The batteries we recycle are being used to create new school buildings and cars.

We hope to hear in the next couple of months whether we have been successful in retaining our Eco Schools status. We will keep you updated through our school blog.



Mrs Stewart

SEAL

At Meldrum Primary School the children learn their numeracy through a model called SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning). This is a method of teaching and learning which enables children to have a good understanding and depth to their numerical knowledge.

This term all classes have been enjoying, exploring and using a range of new materials and games. These have been purchased by the school to enable all children to have daily access to materials during maths, to help them develop, consolidate their understanding and improve their ability to apply this knowledge in a range of contexts. Look out over the next couple of weeks for some pictures on the blog

Mrs Smith



Term 4 - Calendar

April:	
Wednesday, April 11 th	Primary 7 to Oatridge College (AM)
Thursday, April 12 th	Primary 2 Cricket Tasters (AM)
Monday, April 16 th - May 4 th	Primary 1 / Primary 4 SNSA Testing Window
Friday, April 20 th	Primary 5 Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday, April 24 th	Primary 5 Basketball Deans CHS (AM)
Wednesday, April 25 th	Primary 3 Tesco Football Challenge (AM)
Thursday, April 26 th	Primary 1 / Primary 7 Dental Inspections (AM)

May:	
Wednesday, May 3 rd	Meldrum v Livingston Village Football (MPS) 3.45pm
Monday, May 7 th	Holiday
Tuesday, May 8 th	In-service Day
Wednesday, May 9 th	All pupils back to school
Friday, May 11 th	Primary 1 Assembly 9.15am
Saturday, May 12 th	Summer Fayre 11am - 2.00pm
Thursday, May 17 th	Primary 1 - Primary 6 to Nu Moves Dance Studio (various times)
Monday, May 21 st	Holiday
Thursday, May 24 th	Primary 6 to Dynamic Earth 9.00am - 3.00pm New Primary 1 Parents Open Evening 6pm
Friday, May 25 th	Primary 1/2 Assembly 9.15am
Monday, May 28 th	Primary 4 away to Lowport 9.00am
Wednesday, May 30 th	Primary 2/3 to Jupiter Artland 9.00am - 3.00pm Primary 4 home from Lowport (approx. 3.00pm)
Thursday, May 31 st	New Primary 1's in school 2.00pm - 3.00pm

June:	
Monday, June 4 th	Primary 7 Transition Week to Deans CHS - more details will follow
Thursday, June 7 th	New Primary 1's in school 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Wednesday, June 13 th	New Primary 1's sports afternoon
Thursday, June 14 th	Primary 4 to Botanic Gardens 9.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday, June 20 th	Sports Day 1 (weather permitting) (AM)
Wednesday, June 27 th	Sports Day 2 (if required) (AM)
Thursday, June 28 th	Primary 7 Leaver's Ceremony 2.00pm Primary 7 Leaver's Event (Evening) - more details will follow
Friday, June 29 th	End of term service - in school 9.15am
	Holidays!!

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