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Primary School

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Newsletter

June 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

Summer is finally here and we are working our way towards the last week of term! Our classes are enjoying the good weather and are spending time outside in the school grounds, on local walks and trips further afield. A big thank you to all our parent helpers who have come along on the trips. Your help is very much appreciated.

This term we have welcomed our new Primary 1 pupils for their transition afternoons. They have had a great time playing alongside our current Primary 1 pupils and also spent an afternoon with Mr Cox playing games in the gym hall. Next week we will say goodbye to our Primary 7 pupils. We wish them all the very best as they move on to Deans Community High School.

A big thank you to everyone who completed the e-form questionnaire that I had sent out to gain your views on our school and school improvement. Overall we had 30 returns for our Families Questionnaire (May 2018), an increase on last year's return. Year on year we continually strive to improve our school and benefit greatly from the input of parents, carers and family members. Here are some of your responses.

- **What do you see as the strengths of Meldrum Primary School?**

- Many people commented on the dedicated, friendly teachers and support staff and their open engagement with pupils and parents
- A few responses made comment of our small class sizes and the positive impact on pupils
- Great open door policy and improvements in communication
- Good leadership and welcoming environment
- A great improvement in lunch and after school clubs
- The Parent Council

- **How good is our communication between school and home?**

- 50% said communication was Excellent
- 50% said communication was Good

Communication between school and home is an area that we continually try to improve for the benefit of our pupils, families and staff. Our feedback this year shows an improvement on last year as we have no 'Satisfactory' results.

- **Do you feel that your voice is heard in school?**

- 87% said Yes
- 10% said No

We will continue to increase opportunities for parents and families to share their thoughts and ideas in school and through our Parent Council.

- Do you feel that you have someone to talk to in school if you have a concern?
- 97% said Yes
- 0% said No

I am pleased that pupils and parents feel that they have someone to talk to within school. We have a highly committed teaching staff and support staff who are visible around the school and with whom you can share any concerns.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a fun and safe summer holidays. Mrs Frances Stewart will be in post as Acting Head Teacher from August 2018 until I return to work next year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Russell (HT Meldrum Primary School and Deans North Nursery)



SCHOOL MEALS



As we approach the end of term please review your child's iPay account and settle any outstanding balance for school meals.

SCHOOL MILK

The last day to order milk for next term is **Wednesday 27th June**. All payments must be made either online or at the school office. No payments can be accepted after this date.



PRIMARY 7 LEAVERS EVENTS

Leavers Ceremony

This will take place in our school hall on **Thursday 28th June at 2.00pm**. All Primary 7 parents are invited to attend. Tempest Photography will be in school following the ceremony to take photographs. All photos must be paid for by cash direct to the photographer. Photos will be delivered direct to your home during the summer break.



Leavers Party

Primary 7 have been very busy organising their leavers party with the help from Mrs Brown and our Parent Council. This will take place in our school on **Thursday 28th June at 6.30pm - 9.00pm**.

DEANS GALADAY

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our football team who took part in Deans Galaday Cluster Primary School 7 a side football tournament. The boys played against the other local primary schools and won 1st prize. The boys were presented with the trophy from Kyle Buckle who is a former student of Meldrum. Kyle also played in our school team during his time here.



PARADE

Well done to everyone who braved the rain and dressed up to walk in the procession with us. It was a fantastic effort by everyone and your continued support to the school is very much appreciated.

RELAY TEAM

Well done to our relay teams who finally got a chance to race on Thursday night. Both teams finished in 2nd place.



SPORTS DAY

Due to weather our sports day was cancelled this week. This will now take place on **Wednesday 27th June 2018 at 9.30am** (weather permitting). All parents and carers are invited along. Please make your way to the front playground where sports will take place.

RAG BAG COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who handed in bags of old clothing for our Rag Bag collection earlier this month, we raised a total of £104.40

MELDRUM'S BIG BREAKFAST

Thank you to all the parents/grandparents who came along to our Big Breakfast last week. All our pupils had a great time, they enjoyed eating breakfast with their friends and their families. Also a big thank you to our kitchen staff for preparing all the lovely breakfast food for us to enjoy.



TERM ROUND-UP

PRIMARY 1	Pupils had a lovely walk around our local area, visiting local shops and looking at what other buildings and services are on our doorstep. Both classes also had a lovely walk around our local woodland with a member of the Woodland Trust.
PRIMARY 1/2	
PRIMARY 2/3	The class visited Jupiter Artland and enjoyed a lovely day walking around the grounds.
PRIMARY 3	The class took part in a Football Festival at Craigswood Sports Centre.
PRIMARY 4	Pupils had a fantastic 3 days at Lowport Outdoor Residential Centre. The class have also had a visit to Scotland's National Gallery and the Royal Botanic Gardens.
PRIMARY 5	The class had a great day at Falkland Palace learning about Mary Queen of Scots. Pupils also took part in a Basketball Festival at DCHS.
PRIMARY 6	The class enjoyed a visit to Dynamic Earth. Pupils began their transition to secondary school with a visit to DCHS.
PRIMARY 7	The class enjoyed a visit to Oatridge College as part of the Farm to Fork programme. Pupils spent a full transition week at DCHS in preparation for starting S1 in August.
FOOTBALL TEAM	Congratulations to our football team on winning the Livingston North League. The team won all their matches and claimed the title last week. Many thanks to Mr Thomson for taking training every Thursday and helping to referee matches when needed.
NETBALL TEAM	The team took part in a tournament at West Lothian College and came 5 th . Well Done!
DANCE STUDIOS	Pupils from P1 - P6 enjoyed class visits to Nu Moves Dance Studios in Deans.

P3 ENTERPRISE

The Primary 3 enterprise topic has been a great success. All Hama bead creations have been sold and a total of £120 was made from these. After paying back the loan which they needed to buy resources they made a profit of £80. They are currently investigating charities in West Lothian before making a decision on where the profits will go. Well done to all the designers, artists, technicians, sales people and finance committee for all their hard work!



PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to all our helpers who have come into school to help out in classes and/or go with classes on outings. We really couldn't do it all without you. If you are interested in helping out in school please speak to Mrs Stephenson at the school office.



REMINDER

Last day of term is Friday 29th June. School closes at 12.30pm
All pupils resume on Tuesday 21st August at 8.55am.
Breakfast club is open from 8.15am and is free to all pupils.