



Meethill School Newsletter MAY 2017



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Don't Panic!

Families are about to receive the pupil reports for this session. Although this is the last year that the reports will be issued in this form, parents/ carers should note that the method of reporting the Curriculum for Excellence attainment levels has been changed. In previous years, teachers have indicated the levels **at which the children are working**. **From this year, teachers will be reporting the levels that the pupils have achieved**. So it may **APPEAR** that your child has 'dropped' a level since last year's report but in reality, they will have continued to progress through that level, but may not have reached the point at which they can be considered to have fully achieved it. Teachers will be able to further reassure you at the parent interviews, but the written comments should also give an indication of the progress your child has made during this session.

We look forward to seeing as many parents (and pupils) as possible during next week's sessions. Mrs Firth, our Support for Learning teacher will also be available for consultation with those with whom she is already involved.

Musical Success

Following the submission of a 'demo performance' to the organisers, I am delighted to be able to report that the Meethill School choir has been invited to perform at the prestigious Inspiring Aberdeenshire awards ceremony at Haddo House later this term. Very well done to Mrs Pert and to the performers involved....BRIT awards here we come!

Message from Mrs Noble

I have now been at Meethill School for 6 weeks and would like to thank all parents, staff and pupils for making me feel so welcome. In my post as Depute Head Teacher at Meethill, I bring with me 10 years teaching experience and 3 years as Depute and Nursery manager working within Aberdeen City and I am very much looking forward to working with you all in moving Meethill School forward.

Taking on the role as Nursery manager, I would also like to say a huge well done to all the Nursery staff for their hard work and dedication to Meethill Nursery. Through the difficult times and various changes in the management structure of the Nursery, the staff have maintained their high standards and expectations throughout. This is reflected in our most recent, extremely positive, Care Inspectorate Inspection, a copy of which can be found on our School website.

Parent Council / PTA Update

As indicated in the previous newsletter, consultations will be taking place over the next few weeks around restructuring the representative parent groups ie Parent council and PTA and on the implications of the reduction in the length of the lunch break. Both pieces of work will be completed in time for the new session.

Website Now Live

The update school website is now live and over the weeks and months ahead we will be uploading more information, including newsletters, routine letters, agendas and minutes, key documents and hopefully, in time examples of pupil work and class updates.

<http://meethill.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/>

Thanks!

Thanks and congratulations go to all those who assisted with and contributed to the fantastic bingo tea and the school flower beds. A thoroughly well supported event, the Bingo tea raised nearly £1000 for PTA funds. The on-going work on the flowerbeds in the meantime is contributing significantly to the appearance of the school.

Violent Conduct

Although the pupils are to be congratulated on a real improvement in their overall behaviour, some children persist in attempting to sort out their differences by resorting to physical violence. These incidents can often be dealt with quickly if staff members witness or are alerted to the situation. When children retaliate with violence however or when others choose to involve themselves the situations often become less easy to disentangle. Whilst it is our aim to eradicate all incidents of violent conduct, your support in encouraging the children, for whom you have responsibility, to adopt less confrontational approaches to dispute resolution or to seek adult intervention will be much appreciated.

Term Dates

Bikeability	P7's Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th May
Parents Afternoon/ Evening	Tuesday 9 th 3:30-5:30pm Wednesday 10 th 6:00pm-8:30pm
Choir Practices	Monday 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th May. Tuesday 6 th , Monday 12 th & 19 th June
Athletics trials	Tuesday 16 th May, Catto Park 4:00-6:00pm
Sports Day	Wednesday 31 st May – 1:30pm
Sports Day (Back-up)	Wednesday 7 th June – 1:30pm
Holiday	Monday 5 th June – school closed
P7 Activities Week	Monday 12 th – Friday 17 th June
P7 Transitions Day	Wednesday 21 st – Friday 23 rd June
Inspiring Aberdeenshire	Friday 23 rd June further details to pupils involved will follow
P7 Leavers Assembly	Wednesday 28 th June 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Toasty Thursday and Friday

Toast is still available to buy each Thursday morning P1-P3 and Friday morning P4-7 at a cost of 20p a slice.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are pleased to have the Scholastic Book Fair again next week. Children will have the opportunity to browse and purchase books. The Fair will be open on both Parents Afternoon/Evening. This is always a very successful event in Meethill School and all commission raised goes directly into purchasing books/resources for the School and Nursery.

Uniforms

Uniforms can be purchased locally or online through Tesco/Florence & Fred, the school gains 5% cash donations for uniforms purchased from Tesco, order online [tesco.com/ues](https://www.tesco.com/ues).

Can we appeal for any outgrown/unwanted uniforms in reasonable condition, which can be used in times of accidents. Please hand these into the school office.