



Meethill School Newsletter June 2017



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Nearly there!

It is entirely appropriate to begin by thanking parents and families for your support of the school over the past session. Your recognition of the challenging circumstances in which the school found itself in the early autumn and your patience in giving us time to 're-group' has been much appreciated by staff. I am happy to be able to report that with the staffing model we have in place for next session we are well positioned to build on the progress made this year and we look forward to working with you and your children after the summer break.

The staffing for next session is as follows:

- P1 Mrs Burnell/ Mrs Skinner and Miss Cowe
P2 Miss Walkingshaw and Miss Hazlerigg
P3 Miss Aitken
P4 Miss Rutherford P4/5 Mrs Eade
P6 Miss Brown P7 Miss Bartlet
SfL Mrs Firth Music Mrs Pert Learning Hub Mrs Barbour

Moving on

As well as wishing the very best to our P7s who are moving up to Peterhead Academy, we send our best wishes to all the pupils who are leaving us this summer to take up places in other schools in August.

As well as pupil movement of course, we also have some very notable staff departures. After 26 years of service to the school Mrs Bagshaw has decided the time is right to step back from full time commitment to the teaching job which she has fulfilled so conscientiously for so long. I am sure we all wish Mrs Bagshaw well in her retirement and would thank her for her service to the school and her profession.

Thanks and best wishes also to Mrs Dyson who is leaving her post as School Administrator. Although her time at Meethill was punctuated by a period of secondment elsewhere within the Authority, Mrs Dyson's contribution to the smooth running of the school has been considerable.

Our third departing member of the staff is Miss Anderson from the early year's nursery team. Although only with us for a short time, Miss Anderson is popular with both staff and pupils and we wish her good fortune in her new post.

As well as these departures of course, we are looking forward to the arrival of Miss Cowe, Miss Aitken and Mrs Hazlerigg who will be taking up their new teaching posts.

Musical Performances Worthy of Note

As indicated in the previous letter, the Choir performed at the Inspiring Aberdeenshire award ceremony at Haddo House. The group sang very well and although only a short performance, they managed to generate a named tweet and complimentary photo posting on Twitter by the Director of Education, Maria Walker (<https://twitter.com/barneyerrol?lang=en>)

This event was closely followed up by a more local performance, when, combining with the choir from Boddam, the group sang two items at the Choices for Life presentation ceremony in the local community theatre.

Laughter and Tears

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the end of year assemblies and leaver events. The Nursery Graduation was very well attended and the pupils were extremely well behaved. We look forward to them joining the P1 group in August.

The P7 Leaver's assembly was a lovely balance of laughter and happy memories and it was wonderful to see so many parents and family members in attendance sharing in tears and giggles in equal measure. Please check out the website for lots of photos. (Have your tissues ready!)

We are the Champions

After a series of postponements, we eventually manage to hold our school sports which, once again was very well attended. The morning 'walkathon' was very successful and the fine afternoon made for a very pleasant and competitive 'main event'. As a result of their efforts on the day, the triumphant house were the Diamonds and indeed this contributed to the Diamonds completing the awards 'double' as they were also crowned House of the Year. The proud house captains received the Peter Collin trophy at the assembly, presented to them by Mrs Anne Collin. We were very happy to have Anne join us for the occasion. Anne also presented the Pupil of the Year award to joint and worthy winners Kyle Gothard and Shonie Strachan.

Term Dates

Friday 30th June	Dress Down Day – Last Day of Term
Monday 21st August	In-service Day
Tuesday 22nd August	Return to School
Wednesday 30th August	P1 Pupil & Parent Lunch
Thursday 31st August	P1 Pupil & Parent Lunch
Monday 4th September	P1 Pupils in all day
Monday 16th October	Autumn Holidays

Hoping everyone has a wonderful, sunny, safe, summer break and look forward to seeing you all in August.