



Middleton Park School

MIDDLETON PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

A very warm welcome back to our new school year. We have had a very smooth start to the session with new and returning pupils all full of energy and ready to learn. Exciting learning opportunities are taking place across the school and we look forward to sharing these and working with you over the next few months.

We are very pleased that all pupils are wearing school uniforms and appreciate your support in ensuring our pupils are looking so smart. It is really important that pupils are at school on time for a 9 am start. Please can you help us by making sure your children are at school on for a 9am start. Late pupils cause disruption for the rest of their class as well as for their own learning.

Every Friday morning from **8.30 - 9.30 a.m.** we have a drop in session for parents and carers. If you have any queries, concerns or good news to share, please come and tell us. If anything is more pressing, please contact the school as we will always manage to find time to meet with you.



Jenny Watson
Head Teacher

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PROPOSED AMALGAMATION CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Copies of this document are available from the school office.

STAFFING UPDATE

We have managed to fully staff our school for this session. We are delighted to welcome Miss Sarah Black and Miss Ann-Marie Brownie to Middleton Park School as part of our teaching staff. Mr Cameron Kirk will continue one day a week.



Miss Ann-Marie Brownie



Miss Sarah Black

STICKMAN



Primary 3 and 4 created their own puppet show last term as part of a Scottish Book Trust partnership. The puppet show was filmed and posted to Vimeo. The pupils aimed to send their film around the world during the summer holidays. They succeeded! During the summer their film was watched in 19 different countries by over 800 different people. Well done Primary 3 and 4!

CLASS NEWS

Every term a separate Class Newsletter will be sent home from each class teacher. We hope you will find this useful and will help you keep informed about your child's learning journey. We will appreciate any feedback and ways we can improve our communication with our Parents and Carers.

MIDDLETON PARK NEWS CHANNEL

Every Friday we will have a news report to share called 'Live Learning at Middleton Park School'. This will be produced by the pupils and the whole school will 'tune' in to watch the latest news at 11 am every Friday. The link will be sent home to you by Group call. The news reports will be posted to our Middleton Park School Vimeo site, <https://vimeo.com/user18272725>

NUMERACY WEEK

We are having a whole school Numeracy Week from 30th September - 4th October. We will be sending home a video link with our Numeracy Home Challenge and there will be an Open Morning on Friday 4th October from 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. In preparation, please encourage lots of practise of number bonds and timetables.





New P1 Class

OLDMACHAR COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Over the summer holidays, we successfully secured funding from Celebrate to fund our own Oldmachar Commonwealth Games for all Pr 4 - 7 pupils in our Associated School Group. The actual Games will be held on the 6th June at Aberdeen Sports Village but all the pupils will receive coaching in a variety of different athletics and sports from January - June. We will be working closely with coaches from the Sports Village and from Aberdeen College.

MASTER CLASSES

This year we are trialling Master Classes to allow our pupils to learn new skills and have new opportunities. The first set will run on 6th, 13th and 20th September. Please contact the school if you can help.



Visit from Edinburgh Zoo

We would also welcome parent helpers in school at other times. Please let us know if you are able to help.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Our new library has lots of new books after our very successful sponsored Rock Climb. Mandy Wilson, one of our parents, is going to help lead the development of our library and will be in the library every Thursday 1p.m. until 2.30 p.m., starting 12th September. If you can come and help, please let us know.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVERY FRIDAY

Drop In Open Surgery 8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.

TERM ONE

SEPTEMBER

Monday 16th

Friday 20th

Monday 21st

Tuesday 24th

Tempest Photography (details to follow)

September Holiday

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Parent Council 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

OCTOBER

Friday 4th

Tuesday 8th

Friday 11th

Numeracy Morning 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

Parent Council Disco

Dress as you please day

Last day of Term

TERM TWO

OCTOBER

Monday 28th

Tuesday 29th

Wed 30th

First day of Term

Parents' Night 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

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Parent Council 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Monday 11th

Friday 29th

In-Service Day

Learning about Scotland

Open Morning 9.30 a.m - 10.30 a.m.

DECEMBER

Tuesday 3rd

Wed 4th

Tuesday 10th

Friday 17th

Friday 20th

Parent Council 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Evening Express Christmas Concert

Music Hall - Evening

Christmas trip to cinema

Parent council Disco

Dress as you please day

Last day of term

TERM THREE

JANUARY

Monday 6th

First day of term

FEBRUARY

Friday 14th

Monday 17th

Tuesday 18th

In-Service Day

February Holiday

In Service Day

APRIL

Friday 4th

Term Ends

TERM FOUR

APRIL

Tuesday 22nd

First day of term

MAY

Friday 2nd

Monday 5th

Tuesday 13th

Wed 14th

In-Service Day

May Day Holiday

Parents' Evening 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

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JUNE

Friday 6th

Oldmachar Commonwealth Games

JULY

Friday 4th

Last day of term