

# New Machar School News

September 2015



Dear Parents, Carers and friends of our school,  
Welcome to our first newsletter of session 2015/'16. I am delighted to say that we have very much enjoyed a busy but settled first couple of weeks. I hope that you all enjoyed a pleasant summer holiday and that you are now happily back into some sort of routine.

*Many thanks, Mr P.R.Rooke*

## Aims, Vision and Values

Early in this session we will be reviewing the school aims, vision and values. This is a whole school development involving all pupils, parents and staff. Our Parents' Evening in October will give parents/carers the opportunity to contribute to our work in this area. Pupils and staff will engage in school activity very soon with a view to have our reviewed aims, vision and values published early in term two.

Buses Over the first few weeks of term we have been aware that some children are a little uncertain as to whether or not they require the bus home. Please ensure that you child knows their plan and it is also extremely useful if this information can be written in their Home/School book.

## Parent Council News

On behalf of the Parent Council, welcome back to you all and a very warm welcome to all the new families at New Machar Primary School. The Parent Council are looking forward to a busy year of events and fundraising. Details of all our events will be circulated via school newsletters and the Parent Council Facebook Page – if you have not already joined the page please look us up!

Our first meeting of this session is on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm** and we welcome all existing and new parents. After the meeting we will forward details of the class representatives and ways to get in touch with them if you have any issues or suggestions.

## Request for Non-Fiction Books

Our early stages classes are looking to enhance the non-fiction section of their library. We wondered if anyone has any good quality, unwanted non-fiction books, we would be more than delighted to rehouse them here at New Machar.

Rights Respecting School As many of you will be aware we were awarded a Recognition of Commitment to the Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA) in January of this year. Our next step is to achieve Level 1, which can take up to 2 years. A fundamental aspect of this is informing the wider school community about the UNCRC and how it applies to what we do in daily learning and teaching. This month marks the start of many new experiences for the pupils. We have a guitar club beginning for P3-5 pupils with a new member of staff, Mr McLean; an arts and crafts lunchtime club for P5 children beginning in term 2, and a touch typing lunchtime club for P6 children will also be starting very soon.

These experiences ensure that our pupils have access to **Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)**: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

If you would like to be a part in providing an extra-curricular experience for our pupils, or are interested in the RRSA, don't hesitate to contact me via the school email address.

Miss McDonald



## House Captains and Vice Captains

This session we would like to raise the profile of our House groups. The work done by the Captains and Vice Captains around sports in term four last session was superb. We now feel that we can maximise the impact of having House groups by doing more throughout the year. With this in mind we set out to appoint captains and vice-captains as early as possible. I invited applications from our Primary 7 pupils and I was extremely impressed with the number and importantly, the quality of application. My congratulations and thanks goes to all who took time to apply.

I can confirm that the following appointments were made –

<b><u>ALPHA</u></b> Captains	Jessie Martin	Sam Taylor
Vice-Captains	Demi Mathieson	Calum Kelly

<b><u>BRAVO</u></b> Captains	Jamie Mann	Matthew Brown
Vice-Captains	Alyssa Munro	Danny Webster

<b><u>CHARLIE</u></b> Captains	Emma-Jane Kennedy	Mikey Loszak
Vice-Captains	Katie Ho	Euan Pirie

<b><u>DELTA</u></b> Captains	Jasmine Ritchie	Jack Buchan
Vice-Captains	Louise Jolly	Ewan Sinclair

Well done to you all, I look forward to working closely with you throughout this session.

### **Staff News**

We have welcomed Miss Paula Kelly and Mr Jamie McLean to the New Machar staff team and we are delighted with how well they have both settled in. I can confirm that the pupils in both P4/5 and P3 have given me lots of wonderful feedback already!

We currently have a full-time teacher vacancy at New Machar. This position would support the non-class contact time for our teachers. I hope to fill the post and update you very soon.

## MOVIE MADNESS!



P6/7 will be creating movies in class which portrays a message, we hope that you would be interested to come and watch them!

We will be having an Oscar Premier Themed Night in Term Two, where you can get some snacks and settle down to a good movie!

To keep updated...  
**WATCH THIS SPACE!**

### **Nursery News**

I am delighted that this session the Grow Well Choices team will be working closely with our nursery youngsters and staff around the very important subject of promoting healthy lifestyle choices. This term the main focus is BE ACTIVE TOGETHER!

I need to remind all that we require prompt pupil collection from nursery due to the need for a quick turn around and also please ensure we always use the correct door to avoid setting off alarms.

**PE Kit** - a reminder that pupils should always bring a change of top, a change of shorts/trousers and trainers/plimsolls for PE lessons. Having such a great facility in the Multi-purpose, we will try to go outside as often as the weather allows, so jumpers and long trousers would be advisable for the coming weeks.

Many thanks, Miss Cockburn

# Have Your Say!

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Your ideas, views and opinions are very important to our school. If you would like to comment on any of the items within this newsletter or anything else, please do so below and return this page to the school office. Alternatively, you can email us at [newmachar.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:newmachar.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) with *Have Your Say* as the subject heading.

Many thanks!

Your Child's Name and Class (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and relationship to child (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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