

New Machar School Library



Thanks for all your support so far in our journey to re-establish our school library.

Particular thanks goes to our Parent Council who have generously supported our library with funding of £6,000 to date.

Our Journey

We began by sorting through our old books. We sorted them based on condition, relevance and appropriateness. We donated our old books to Books Abroad. Marion Wands, Young People's Services Resource Support Librarian, came to help with this process.



Next Mr Carle and Miss McPherson visited some other Schools to see their furniture.

Thanks to Meiklemill Primary School for allowing us to look around.

From this we ordered some new shelving units, tables, cushions and Kinderboxes (boxes for picture books.)

We ordered some new books from money raised from the Book Fairs from the last two years. We ordered a variety of fiction and non fiction texts. We received many donations too. Thank you. Our 100 square competition from Clare Simpson at Usborne Books also helped us to raise money to spend on more wonderful books.



Next, we needed to catalogue all our books. We are using the Junior Librarian System. This is an online system where all books are barcoded. There will be an opportunity for children, parents and carers to log on, at home to see the books available and complete book reviews. More information to follow. Miss McPherson and our Parent working group attended a training session with Steven from Junior Librarian who showed us how to use the system.



Our wonderful PSA team worked hard at the end of term 3 to freshen up the infant GP room by papering the walls. Mr Carle, Mr Moir and Miss McPherson worked hard to build our new shelving.

The books filled the shelves and we are almost ready to launch our new library...



What next?



ASDA Green Tokens!

Please continue to fill our tube. We are hoping to use the money to help us buy more books and audio books!



Author Visit!

We are delighted to announce that all children will have the opportunity to work with Kate Leiper, a well known author and illustrator. We have been lucky to secure funding for this from the Scottish Book Trust Live Literature Programme. Kate will be in school on the 14th and 15th of May. You can find out more about her at <http://kateleiper.co.uk/>

Opening of the Library!

We will be holding a small opening ceremony on Wednesday 23rd of May to formally open our Library. The Pupil working group will be working on invitations shortly.

Whole School Open Afternoon!

We will be holding a whole school open afternoon on Thursday 31st of May to celebrate our library opening. We will be welcoming parents/carers from P3/4-P7 at 2pm until 2.30pm and parents/carers from P1-P3 at 2.15pm until 2.45pm. Classes will showcase their work with Kate Leiper, displaying it in gym hall and will spend this time reading and completing reading activities. The library will be open to see so please do come along!

Classes using the Library!

Week beginning 28th May classes will be visiting and borrowing books from our School Library!