



First Class

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OPEN AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 22 MAY 1.30-3.00 PM

Open Day

Come along to our Informal Open Afternoon on Friday 22 May from 1.30-3.00 pm. You will have lots of opportunity to see teaching and learning across the school in every classroom. Hopefully if it's a good day some outdoor learning too.

We are also holding an election to establish our Values across the school. Come along and make your contribution and vote.

Please respect that the Open Afternoon is an opportunity for you to see how we are progressing as a school and teachers will be teaching lessons. Feel free to ask your child questions about their learning but it is not an opportunity to chat

with the class teacher about your child or look through jotters/ individual pieces of work. Children are to remain in the lesson/classroom throughout the afternoon.

The Open Afternoon is an opportunity to...

- see learning in all areas of the school
- watch your child engage in learning experiences
- see displays of work and resources
- find out how you can become involved in the life of the school

P7 Information Evening

Our current P6s and their parents are invited to join us on Wednesday 20 May at 6.30 pm in the P7 annexe for a presentation from current P7 pupils and staff on what to expect in P7. This will include information on...

- Learning and Teaching
- P7 Duties and Responsibilities
- P7 Residential Trip
- Transition Events

Progress Reports

Thank you so much to all parents and pupils who have completed the feedback information enclosed in your child's progress report. If you have not done this please complete it with your child and send it into school by Wednesday 20 May.

Generation Science

P6/5F would like to thank Mrs McVey for nominating us through her work to receive a Generation Science Show this week entitled 'Rock Hunters.' We had a fantastic afternoon learning about how oil is formed and building our own drilling platforms.





“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.



Involve me and I learn.”



- Benjamin Franklin

of attainment and aspirational attitudes in our children.



Parent and Pupil surveys are now ready and can be accessed by clicking on the following links. Please let us know our strengths and how we can improve. If you have any problems following the links – let us know.

[Parent Questionnaire](#)

[Pupil Questionnaire](#)

Please show us your support.

Community Café

Well done to P6D and P2C hosting a fantastic Community Café this morning. Next month it is the turn of the Nursery Groups. Please show your support by coming along and joining us for a coffee.



Some of the Primary 1 girls took part in the Baker Hughes Fun Run. Well done Isla, Juliet, Amy and Catherine

Questionnaires – How good is our school?

As always we are striving for improvements here at Kinellar and really want to make positive changes to the school resulting in higher levels

Dates for your Diary

P1 Induction – Tues 19 May – 7 pm

P1S Class Assembly – Wed 20 May

P7 Info Evening – Wed 20 May 6.30pm

Open Afternoon – Fri 22 May – 1.30-
3.00 pm

P3 Trip – Scottish Symphony Orchestra
Thurs 21 May

P7 Enterprise Day – Thurs 21 May

P6/5 Victorian Trip – Mon 25 May

P5 Victorian Trip – Wed 27 May

Parent Council Meeting – Wed 27 May
– 6.30 pm

P6 Victorian Trip – Thurs 28 May



Late Arrival at School

There are an increasing number of children arriving late at school. All children should be at school for the first bell at 8.55 am ready to go into school at 9.00 am. We do appreciate that things crop up from time to time but with over 400 children in the school we need to keep good time to ensure smooth running of the school. Late children have an impact on the school day.

Crossing Patrol

The Crossing Patrol on Fintray Road has been a massive success, instilling confidence in parents, pupils and staff.

Unfortunately our crossing patroller will be off long term sick for the foreseeable future and we wish her all the best for her recovery. The crossing will be unmanned, it is extremely difficult to get relief crossing patrols.

We will keep you updated.

Playground

We recognise that the playground we have is not ideal. In comparison to some other schools our space is workable. We are working with the children on a playground charter to encourage positive behaviour and we are also allocating a budget to some

classes to spend on outdoor play equipment. We are very fortunate that our standard of playground behaviour is good but there's room for improvement. Any parents wishing to volunteer to help in school with lunch clubs - Please let us know. You are always welcome.



Congratulations to Clinterty and Caskieben!

All the children in the house of Clinterty will be given a privilege day to celebrate winning the house cup. On Thursday the 28th of May, all the children in Clinterty may 'dress as they please' and will be given a lunch slot all together followed by games and fun in the grass park across from the school. On Friday the 29th it will be the turn of Caskieben.



Young Leaders

A massive thank you to the girls from Kemnay Academy. They come to Kinellar every Friday to teach dance to the middle stages. Great to see young people giving up their Friday evenings to support other youngsters!

