



# First Class

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## 'Meet the Teacher' Thursday 3 September 6:00 – 7:00pm

### Well Done Everyone!

A really positive start to the term. All the classes are settling in and you will soon receive a class newsletter to inform you of the areas of the curriculum being covered. The main topic and other specialist subjects will also be highlighted and a timetable will be provided.

### New Pupils

Welcome to the new families who have joined our school community this session. All of our Primary 1 pupils have settled well during the induction period and are now in school full time. The Inverurie Herald will be in school on Tuesday 8 September to photograph our P1s. Please see below information about the Parent Council, we are looking for some new recruits!



### Meet the Teacher

You are invited to come along to 'Meet the Teacher' this Thursday, 3 Sept, 6:00 – 7:00pm. This is an informal event to give you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom etc. You are also welcome to look around other parts of the school and see the various stages. Please be aware that the purpose of this is not to discuss academic progress, there will be a formal Parent's Evening at the beginning of next term. The nursery parents are also invited as you may want to become familiar with some of the teachers in the school.

### School Photographs

The photographer will be in school Thursday and Friday this week to take individual and family photographs. If you would still like a photograph and have not yet returned the form, please do so as soon as possible. Unfortunately we will not be able to tell you the day your child's photograph will be taken due to the logistics of such a large role and families with children at different stages of the school. It may be the case that the individual photos are taken on a different day to the family photo.

### Uniform

We were delighted to see the majority of our pupils returning to school in their uniform after the holidays. We continue to raise the profile of the school and uniform is a vital part of this. If you still require uniform please email

[kinellarschooluniform@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kinellarschooluniform@yahoo.co.uk) - the next order will be ready in October. If you have any queries please email the above address. Please note that the polo shirt worn under school jumpers should be white or blue.

### **Resolving Friendship Issues**

If you are concerned about a dispute which your child has had with one of their peers, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. Do not approach pupils after school in order to resolve issues which have happened in the classroom or playground as we prefer to deal with this in accordance with our behavior management policy.

### **Parent Council**

The annual Parent Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 16 September at 7:00pm. We are looking for a new Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. This is a great opportunity to be fully immersed in the school community and get involved in some of the decision making.

### **Sponsored Bounce**

The Parent Council plan to hold a Sponsored Bounce again this year. This is always very popular with the pupils and raises a lot of funds for the school. More information to follow soon.

### **Spanish After School Club**

Ms Garcia will be recommencing the Spanish club shortly. This will take place on a Thursday after school. 6 places are available for P3-7 pupils at a cost of £10 per week. If you would like more information please pick up a leaflet at the main office.

### **Information Evening**

There will be an information evening for parents on Thursday 1 October at 6:00pm. The theme of this is Child Protection, particularly in relation

to internet safety. This event will feature a talk from NSPCC entitled '*Share Aware - supporting your children to stay safe online*'. This is a very relevant topic for everyone and we would encourage as many parents as possible to come along. We are giving you advance notice of this so that you can arrange child care if necessary as it will be strictly no children due to the sensitive subject.



### **Eco – Green Flag Award**

At the end of last session we were awarded our second Green Flag. We will raise the new flag at the end of 'Meet the Teacher' so please make your way to the Eco Garden at 7pm to celebrate with us.

Thank you to all those who gave up their time to maintain the Eco Garden by attending the Summer Gardening Club and regularly watering the plants. The garden is looking great!



## Dropping off and lining up.

Lovely to see the Primary 1 children already into a routine of lining up first thing in the morning, after break time and after Lunch.

Although we are not obliged to provide supervision in the playground before school we do endeavor to organise a rota of parents to supervise from 8:45 – 9:00. We do not have enough volunteers yet to cover every day so if you would be able to take this on one day a week please let Ruth Stannard know: [ruth.stannard@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.stannard@aberdeenshire.gov.uk). Other than this, there should be no parents in the playground in the mornings due to the volume of children we have and the spaces available. We like to have a member of SMT present at the gate to welcome the children to school from about 08.50. Children should not arrive too early for school.

## Excellence Time



Excellence Time is held every Wednesday afternoon and is used as part of our behavior management policy. We aim to use this time to develop the pupils' skills for learning, life and work. If you have a particular skill or interest that you would be willing to share with the

children during this time please contact Katie Finch: [katie.finch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:katie.finch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).



**Thank you for your continued support,**

**The SMT**





**Congratulations to all of our Cup  
Winners from last session – Well  
deserved by all of you!**

Middler Cup for Staff Co-operation  
**Amy Meikle**

Louise Mathers Cup for Caring for Others  
**Lauren Thomson**

Mackie Memorial Cup for Effort and  
Achievement  
**Lucy Herbertson**

Stuart Murray Shield for Endeavour  
**Matthew Paterson**

Environmental Shield  
**P3M**

Anne Gray Cup for Fair Play / Helping in the  
Playground  
**Josh Ogbu**

Anderson Cup for Manners in Dinning Hall  
**Isabella Topp and Dionne Rae**

Netball – Most Improved Player  
**Finlay Kerr**

