



First Class

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Car Park

The School Car Park is for **STAFF ONLY**. Parents should not use the car park for dropping off, turning or parking.



As always, we request that parents **do not approach children** in the playground at lunchtime or breaks.

Parents should always come to the main office if they want to contact their child during the day or if they have something to drop off to them.

The gates in the staff Car Park are for the **emergency services** to access. No parking on the double yellow lines. This applies to Staff and Parents. We also operate a no 'double parking' rule.

The Car Park gates into the school grounds are for the use of emergency services and landscape services only. **Do not use these gates** to drop children off or take children to/from nursery.

The disabled bays are for Blue Badge holders only. We have a number of parents with blue badges- please respect this.



Dropping off

At the recent Parent Council AGM, a number of parents spoke about their concerns over the entrance being blocked thus forcing the children onto the road. When you have dropped your child at school, please stand away from the entrance.

As a general rule, parents should not stay in the playground after dropping children off. There are many reasons for this. If you would like to sign up to the parent rota for the playground **0850-0900** then please contact Ruth Stannard.

Calendar Dates

We usually remind parents and children of events coming up in the newsletters or on posters around the school.

As always, please refer to the website for all your diary dates. We are in the process of printing the calendar for your convenience but always check the website as there could be changes.

Handbook

We have a small minority of parents feeling there are not well informed about the school. Please remember to read all the information in the school handbook. This is available online, on the website and you can also request a paper copy if required.

We pride ourselves on effective communication in Kinellar School. This was also picked up at a recent Quality Improvement Visit in the 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.

'You said, we did'

If a member of the school community has a suggestion of an area we can improve on, we will tell you about it in this section of the newsletter. You said could you have more information on clubs running in the school...

After school Activities and Lunch clubs

Here's a timetable of everything happening in the school. If there are any parents willing to run clubs in the school please let us know.

Day	Lunchtime	After School	Evening
Mon	Mythology Club Library	Running Club P1-3 Term 2 (TBC)	Rainbows 1630-1730
Tues	Bead Club P4-7 Lunchtime	Tennis P4-5 & P6/7 Term 2 (TBC)	Rainbows 1645-1745 Brownies 1815-1945
Wed		Hip-Hop Recorder (full)	
Thurs		Dance Club P4-7 Term2 Spanish all ages - TBC	Brownies 18.15-1945
Fri	P2 Loom Band Club Lunchtime		

Holiday Dates

This is a reminder to all parents working in the City of Aberdeen. Kinellar School is open as normal on Monday the 28th of September.

Sponsored Bounce and Community Café

The children are looking forward to their participation in the 'bounce' on Thursday. We are delighted that P7M and P3G are holding their Community Café at the event in the afternoon. See you there!



On the day of the bounce, the Kinellar Stars are coming down to the school to use our Library. It will be lovely to see them in the school.

Staffing

I'm delighted to inform you that Rebecca Gibb will be joining our team in October. She will take Primary 2F. Rebecca, originally from Edinburgh, is well known to the SMT and she is looking forward to starting.

We are also pleased to announce that Alexis Flockton is returning to us on October the 6th to take Primary 6. Alexis has been on a short career break and is looking forward to working alongside Miss Finch. Welcome back Mrs Flockton.

Requests from the School Office

Can all parents please return the recent data update forms sent out to all. It just ensures that we can contact you quickly if we need to. Also, they are asking if parents and children can remember all their belongings in the morning so they are not constantly interrupted by lunch boxes, violins, recorders, snacks and dinner money! It can't be helped sometimes but please keep this to a minimum.

1. Make sure your children are on time in the morning
2. They should have everything they need for the day including packed lunch boxes, tickets and PE kits etc.
3. Ensure your child knows the after school arrangements.
4. When leaving a phone message, please leave your name and number and someone will try to get back to you ASAP

Art Workshops

Our visiting Specialist teacher Lucy Brydon has recently reduced her hours as a teacher and is starting her own studio to deliver classes and promote her own work. We are lucky enough to still have Lucy working with us here at Kinellar School on a Tuesday. During the October break, Lucy will be running workshops for Primary Children at her studio near Inverurie.



Studio 51

Autumn programme of classes

Children's October holiday classes

October 12th 10am -12pm **PLAYFUL PRINTING**
Come along and try out some quick and easy printing ideas! We shall be printing using natural and found objects, and creating some stamps of our own!

October 13th 10am -12pm **FABULOUS FELTING**
Felting is fun! make a little picture, pencil case or bag using wet felting techniques.

October 14th 10am -12pm **CRAZY COLLAGE**
Come along and make a canvas using lots of patterned paper, which we will then paint on top of.

October 15th 10am -12pm **MARVELLOUS MOBILES**
Let's make a mobile out of junk materials that you can hang up in your bedroom.

Children's classes are all £15 and suitable for ages 7-11.
Please bring an apron. I am a local teacher and PVG checked.

Adult's classes

October 4th 1-4 pm **INTRODUCTION TO GELATIN MONOPRINTING**
Try out this exciting method of making layered and textured artwork using a Gelli plate, natural and found objects, and hand cut stencils.
£45 including materials

November 1st 1-3pm **WET FELTED FLOWER BROOCH**
Make a felted poppy brooch just in time for remembrance day.
We will embellish with beads.
£ 25 including materials

December 6th 11am -4pm **MIXED MEDIA PORTRAITS**
In this workshop we will use a variety of mixed media and collage techniques to paint a whimsical portrait.
£50 including materials

To book email lucybrydonart@gmail.com or message www.facebook.com/Art.By.LucyBrydon

Studio 51, Lethenty Mill, Inverurie AB51 0HQ

Twitter



We have twitter on our website. This is for last minute information to parents (as things do change sometimes), things we forget to tell you (we are human) and exciting updates and events in the school.

As always, the emergency phone line and pin number still applies.

After School Club

As a Senior Management Team we are acutely aware that there is a significant need in the community for after school care. As a school we will do everything we can to give advice and support for families in this area. We currently have a few new parents wanting to help with this. We will arrange a meeting in the near future to re-group and push this forward.

Have a concern or a question?

As always, if you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact us. If it's concerning the wellbeing or academic progress of your child at school, please follow the information below in order that your query is answered promptly and by the correct person.

1. In the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher by phone, letter or email. Bear in mind that they will be in class and might contact you at the end of the day. Please remember that the Class Teacher may need to consult other members of staff before getting back to you. We cannot promise that we will get back to you on the same day.
2. Usually, any minor queries can be dealt with in this way. If the Class Teacher needs additional support to deal with your query, they may discuss this with their Depute Head Teacher. The class teacher will get back to you or in some cases it may be the DHT.
3. If there is an ongoing problem, the Class Teacher and DHT will discuss this with the Head Teacher.
4. If your concern is an urgent Child Protection matter, please contact the DHT or HT immediately. In the event that the DHT is in class and the HT is out of

school, please leave a message with the school administrator.

The school office staff all have to adhere to strict confidentiality policies and will ask you what the matter is concerning. We cannot prioritise your call unless we know what it is about.

Contact us

As always if there is anything we can help you with, please don't hesitate to contact us
pamela.farquhar@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
ruth.stannard@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
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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.

Coming up in Issue 20 - Curricular Edition and 'Learning Walk' of the school.