



You are invited to Parent Council AGM P7 annexe at 7 pm on  
Wednesday 3 September 2014.

All Welcome!

Unfortunately our system was down on Monday 1 September meaning all ICT drives and email systems were unusable. For this reason our newsletter did not go out as planned. This could not be avoided but it did result in information about photographs not going home. This afternoon P4G, P5 and P7s will have their individual photos taken. The rest of the school and families will be taken tomorrow.

## Update

It's been a very positive and productive first couple of weeks back. All the children have settled well into class. It is lovely to see them looking so smart in their school uniform and ready to engage in their learning. P6/5 and P6 are enjoying the new annexe building and the P7s have loved the process of designing and ordering the furniture to create a learning environment suited to their needs.



## Upcoming Events

Tue 2 Sep – Photographs start

Wed 3 Sep – Parent Council AGM 7pm and Individual or Family Photos continue

Thurs 4 Sep - P5-7 Team Teaching Info Evening – 6pm

Tues 9 Sep – P7 Tour Kemnay Academy

Thurs 11 Sep – Curriculum Awareness Evening

Thurs 18 Sep – Meet the Teacher

We are looking forward to seeing you all at these events.

## **Term 4 Treat**

Today the members of Clinterty enjoyed 40 minutes of popcorn and a movie as a reward for their excellent conduct last term.

## **Extra-Curricular**

We are excited to announce some extra-curricular activities that are taking place this term.

P6-7 Netball – Monday 3.15-4.30

P2-4 Hip-Hop – Wednesday 3.15-4.15

P5-7 Hip-Hop – Wednesday 4.15-5.15

P6-7 Golf – Wednesday 3.15-4.15

Mrs Smith and Miss Morrison are running a Bead Club during a lunch hour. We are also looking into the possibility of organising a Science Club if you would be interested in helping with this please contact Miss Finch.

## **P7/6 Football**

If you would be interested in helping with the P7/6 school football team please contact Katie Finch at the school.

## **Campus Update**

The outdoor space between the nursery and the annexe buildings is not ideal. However we are working on a plan with the children to tidy up this area to ensure that the walkways are functional, clear and user friendly.

We continue to wait on our delivery of outdoor seating. These benches will provide

an area where children can relax and eat lunch on warm days.

In addition to this we are also waiting on the delivery of a shed for some of our outdoor equipment. The children will be involved in making hanging baskets and raised beds, giving them ownership of the outdoor environment. Thank you to Homebase for their kind donations when P2F went to visit them last session.

## **Lunch Hour**

During the holidays our serving hatch was upgraded and expanded to accommodate the growing numbers here at Kinellar. This has improved the lunch experience for all. The children receive their food more quickly and are able to enjoy packed lunches together with school dinners. In the future it may be necessary for some of our upper stages children to eat their lunch in the creative room and we will continue to monitor this. In January, P1-3 will be offered free school meals and we are working with the catering service to ensure this runs smoothly. We want the lunch experience to be as positive as possible for children and will continue to make this a priority.

Please ensure that your child has a lunch ticket with them every day to enable the lines to move quickly. Well done to our P7 Young Leaders who are helping to support some of the younger children in the dining hall.

## **Printing Press**

We are currently meeting with the printer in order to supply you with an annual calendar. This will be with you as soon as possible. We are also printing resource cards for all the children so we can make best use of our Junior Librarian System, GLOW and Mathletics.

## **Healthy Snacks**

Please encourage your child to bring a healthy snack with them to enjoy at break time.

## **Parent Council AGM**

This meeting is open to **ALL** parents. Please come along and show your support to the school and Parent Council. We are hoping that a number of our new parents from our Nursery and P1 intake will join us on the evening of the 3 September.

## **After School Club**

As a Senior Management Team we are 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.

## **Primary 1**

All Primary 1 children have enjoyed meeting their teachers and classmates and joining us for lunch. They are all involved in the P1 standardised assessment 'PIPs'. This assessment provides us with in-depth

feedback which will be used to inform future learning and teaching.

## **Health and Well-being Event P7**

We are fortunate to have Nicola from 'Re-Solv' coming to school on Wednesday 3 September to deliver a presentation on Substance Misuse to our P7 pupils. Nicola is flying to Aberdeen for the day and will work very closely with our Life Education Centre educators. Mrs Lorraine Morrice is co-ordinating the event and has worked with us as a teacher at Kinellar over the last year. Alison Durward is also joining us from the Police School Liaison Team.

## **Visiting Specialists**

Rory Allardice joins our Visiting Specialist team. Mr Allardice will help us to fulfil our two hours of compulsory PE every week. Mr Ross, Miss Kinnaird, Miss Brydon, Miss Macdonald and Mr Wilson all continue to work with us this session.



## Office

Please note that our admin system will undergo a number of changes over the next couple of days – Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 September. Our email system 'Lotus Notes' will be migrating to Outlook. This means that there will be some 'down time' in the system and we may not receive emails. Please be patient while this happens.

## Plastic Bottles

We need 100 more 2l plastic bottles for our greenhouse. If you have any please send them into school.

## Photographs

The photographer will be with us for 2 days and we will do our best to stick to our timetable, however we do have to be flexible.

Tuesday (pm) – P7T, M, P5 and P4G

Wednesday – Yellow Nursery, P1G, S, M, P2C, H, P3R, S, M, P4M, P6/5, P6 and Blue Nursery.

## P1

As explained at induction, parents can take their children up to the door of the P1 entrance until the end of September. Please do not congregate at the gate as it blocks the pavement for other children.

## First Class News Letters

These will be emailed out to families and will also be on the Website. In addition to this, the current First Class will be displayed on the noticeboard in main entrance. This will minimise the need for any paper copies to go out. If you are not receiving the email, please let the office know. We will only put out a paper copy if you do not have access to the internet. Any reply slips that you need to return to school will be sent home on paper to ensure we always get these back to us.

