



# First Class

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We can't believe it is almost the end of term 3! This term has not been short of challenges but we continue to be grateful for the ongoing support of the Kinellar families. Our pupils have adapted well to many changes in their routines and we are proud of the progress they have continued to make.

## Lendrick Muir

The primary 7 pupils (and staff!) have had a brilliant time on their residential trip to Lendrick Muir. Follow us on Twitter for the regular updates and photos!



## Primary 2 Night Walk

Despite the rain we had a successful night walk with the P2 children and parents. As usual, we were impressed with the resilience and enthusiasm of some of our youngest pupils!



## P5-7 First Aid Training

Our P5-7 pupils recently completed the next part of our 3 year first aid training. This is an experience which was enjoyed by all and a brilliant opportunity for our children to develop the skills and confidence to save lives!

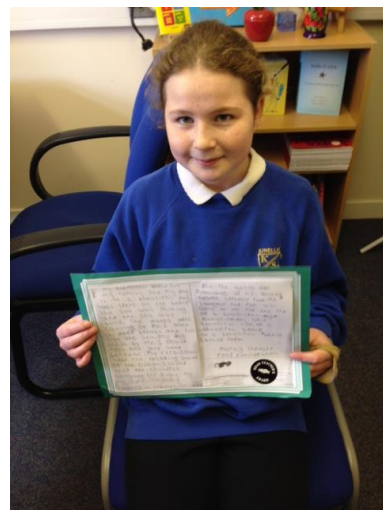
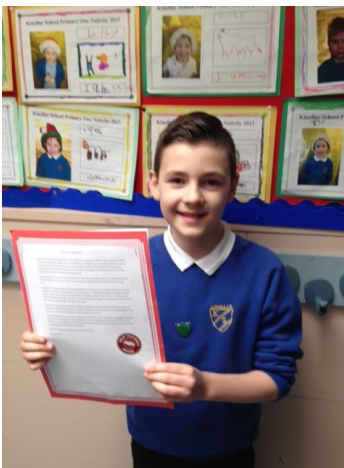
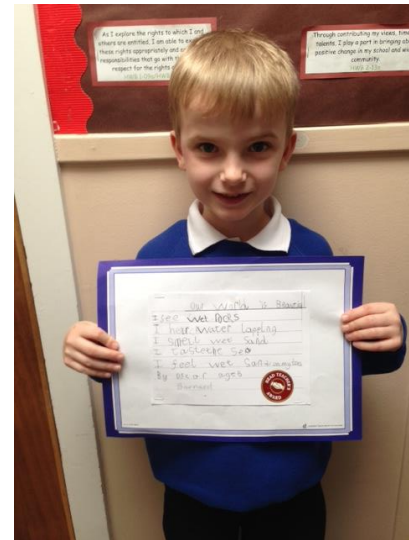
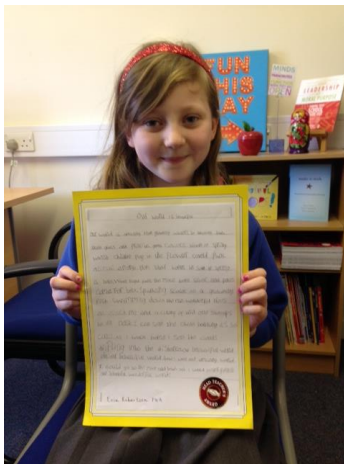
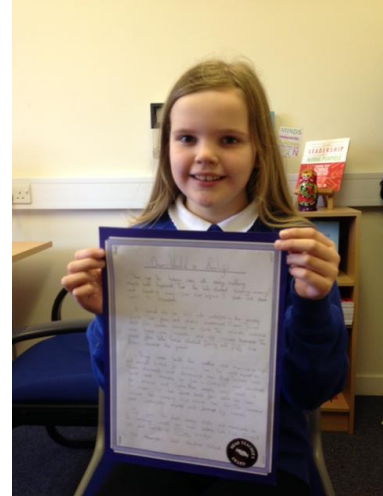
## Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 March at 7pm. We value the parent voice at Kinellar and would urge you to come along.

Writing competition

# RIBI YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION

Our Primary 3-7 pupils have recently submitted entries to the 'otary Young Writer' competition. Mrs Farquhar was very impressed with some of the pieces so has chosen a winner from each year group to receive a certificate soon! The theme was 'Our Beautiful World' and the following children expressed their sentiments beautifully. Morag Stewart P7, Jack Barber P5, Erin Robertson P4, Oscar Barnard. These pieces of writing will be displayed in the school for all to read.



### The Pied Piper

The P5 show is rapidly taking shape with rehearsals looking and sounding great! We still have tickets available to purchase from the school office at a cost of £2 each. The show will take place on Tuesday 29 and Thursday 31 March at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6:15pm.



### Campus Update

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Public Consultation regarding the replacement Kinellar School. The feedback received was very helpful and will help to inform decisions made over the coming months. The proposed plans for the new school are on display in the main entrance. If you have not yet seen them, please feel free to come in and have a look. Our gym hall is now back to full capacity following fire doors being fitted. This allows us to cater for more children at once during lunch



and also to hold events such as assemblies and Community Cafes.

### Book Fair



Thank you to the Parent Council for organizing and running another successful Book Fair, taking in over £2500. This will provide the school with a substantial amount of vouchers to be spent with Scholastic. Last year's Rewards were used to purchase 'Read and Respond' materials for the infants and also a range of Global Citizenship books.

### Lunches iPayment

Hopefully everyone has received the letter had the opportunity to sign up to the new online payment system for lunches. If your child is in P1-3 or receives free lunches, we would recommend that you still set up an account without adding payment. This will allow you to see what your child has chosen for lunch and will also be ready for when the system extends on to payments for trips etc. If you have any questions about this please contact the school office or watch the following clip online: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwH9\\_3n7O4I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwH9_3n7O4I).

Any pre-purchased tickets can be returned to school and these will be credited to your account.

## **Curricular Evening**

Our information evening on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March was not well attended by parents. We understand that this was a busy time and will run a similar session at a later date.

## **Absences/Lates**

If your child is to be absent from school, please call the office before 9:15am so that we can ensure everyone is accounted for.

We are still experiencing a several families coming to school late. It is essential that children are able to be part of their class's morning routine and be ready to learn as soon as the day begins.

## **Stationary**

Please ensure your child brings stationary to school. We are happy to supply the basics for when pupils forget, however, we are currently using a lot of our budget on stationary resources.

We suggest a pencil case should contain the following:

- Writing pencils
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Glue Stick



If your child would like to bring their own colouring pencils/pens they may.

**NO SCISSORS PLEASE!**

## **Kinellar Values**

Happiness – Respect – Honesty - Achievement

This term we are focusing on Achievement. The children have attended an assembly on this topic and can add their achievements to the box at the main entrance.

## **Staffing**

Congratulations to Mrs Margo Brewster our Administrator who has accepted a job as School Support Manager at Moffat Academy in Dumfries. We wish her all the best in her new venture!

Miss Maryann Morrison will be reducing her hours to 4 days per week after the Easter Holidays. Mrs Karina Atwell will teach P1M on a Friday. Mrs Atwell has worked at Kinellar in the past and is a well known face around the school.

## **Reports**

You will be receiving your child's annual progress report during the last week of term. Please take the time to complete the comments sheet with your child and return to school as soon as possible.

## **Incas Testing**

Due to a problem with the online system used for our Incas testing, P2 have not yet commenced their assessments. We hope to get them started as soon as possible.

## **Play in a Day**

Our Primary 3 classes will be producing a 'Play in a Day' on 26 (P3S) and 27 April (P3G). Through this play entitled 'Super Fred' they will be exploring role play and drama while learning about the importance of healthy eating and

exercise. You are invited to come and watch your child's class performance at 2:45pm on the allocated day.



### Nursery

Our Nursery continues to be held at Kinellar Hal.... We continue to be in regular talks with the team at Aberdeenshire Council regarding a more permanent solution for nursery accommodation.

The children have enjoyed getting out and about over the past few weeks and have been treated to snack at the Leys Hotel and a trip to Hoodles! Thank you to the Leys Hotel staff who provided a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all!

Next stop...Sainsbury's Garthdee for an Easter Event- enjoy!

### Dates

- 25 Mar** School Closed - Holiday
- 29 Mar** The Pied Piper 6:30pm
- 31 Mar** End of Term Assembly (pm)  
The Pied Piper 6:30pm
- 1 April** P6F & P2H Community Café  
Last day of term 3
- 26 April** Play in a Day P3S
- 27 April** Play in a Day P3G

### Contact us

As always if there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us

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### P2F News

Many thanks to a kind boy in P2F who donated his Birthday money to the school after the recent Fire. What a thoughtful and generous thing to do. Proud of you Kishan. Kishan will help choose something for the nursery with his kind donation.

