



First Class

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Honesty Respect Happiness Achievement

Honesty

This term our school value is honesty. Each class has had an assembly on this and the pupils were asked to try and remember an Honesty Affirmation as part of their assembly.

A small affirmation to keep us thinking

I am honest and I can be trusted to keep my word. I can admit my mistakes and learn from them. I tell the truth, kindly and tactfully. I have no need to impress others and I accept myself the way I am.

P1 Trip

Our Primary 1 pupils had a fantastic trip to the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses as part of their topic on the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. If you look closely you will be able to see P1D at the top of the Lighthouse.



Super Hero Community Café

Well done to P3S and P7/6T who organised their Community Café. The pupils enjoyed dressing in superhero clothes and serving tea and coffee to their parents and members of the local community. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the café. It was good to have such a great turnout as always! The charity they were supporting was Cash for Kids.

Staffing

Karen Masson and Teresa Kaczmarek will job share the post of Administrator. The admin support Assistant job has been advertised and we hope to recruit soon.

Many thanks to Eilidh Alexander in P5P who takes over from Miss Paterson. Miss Paterson is enjoying the challenge of her secondment to Newmachar. Eilidh is filling her shoes well and is already part of the team.

Nicola Kaprellian our Part Time PSA is returning home to England where she was previously a teacher. Although Nicola and her family have enjoyed their time in Aberdeenshire, their hearts are at home and they are looking forward to their daughter Lucy starting school near family and friends.

Natura Farres Garcia will also be heading home to Spain this Summer. Nautra's parents are delighted to be having her home and Natura will be able to use her teaching qualification in Spain.

We can also announce that Aileen Clark our SFL teacher will be retiring at the end of the session. Aileen has worked at Kinellar for many years and has fond memories of the school. We will be saying a special goodbye to Aileen at the end of term.

Staffing and Classes 2016/17

With fluctuating numbers, a general rise in school role and staffing changes towards the end of term, it is not always possible to give children and parents their exact teacher/class for August. We hope to have our Primary One teachers in place for their transition. The other classes are still being confirmed but we cannot guarantee that our initial plans and numbers won't change near, during or at the end of the holidays. We will update you when we can.

School Transport

You will receive a letter soon asking you to state your preference for school transport when we move to Kinotre. This is just an initial request for information and then we will plan the details with you at the beginning of next session.

P5 Assembly

Well Done to Primary 5 who put on a fantastic assembly on recycling. Thank you to all the parents who attended.

Play in a Day

Our P3 pupils had a fantastic time putting on a Play in Day. The play was entitled 'Super Fred' and through the day they were able to explore role play and drama while learning about the importance of healthy eating and exercise.. We were very proud of all our P3 pupils and what they managed to achieve in a day.



Education City

Hopefully you will have heard by now that we have subscribed to Education City. Your child will have received their login this week. Please go on at home and have a look around. During this term, teachers will be creating cities for their pupils to explore. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to download the app.



Campus Update

Things are moving quickly with our new campus. If you've not seen the plans yet, please feel free to come and take a look in the reception area of the school. Thanks to the Kinellar Community Hall for providing us with the room to store our equipment. The nursery

are settling well into their new temporary premises and we welcome Denise Lorimer to the team as Early Years Principal Teacher for the Kemnay School Community Network.

Midmill is also developing well and is really taking shape. The SMT hope to visit the site soon and get a feel for the building and how we will use the space.



Lend a Hand

Following our very successful 'Lend a Hand Day' last year, we are hoping to have a similar event/times for parents to help out around the school. We will construct a doodle poll with some dates and times for you to consider. It would be really appreciated. Jobs include Library, washing PE equipment, sorting resources and helping with the gardening and outdoor spaces.

Kinellar Gala

We are looking forward the Gala. Please come and support all the stalls and fun!



Community Safety and Respect



Sadly, we have had a number of complaints from local residents about vandalism. Can you please remind your children of the importance of safety and responsibility nears farms. Farm buildings, slurry pits and hay bales may seem like fun places to play and explore but they do pose a high risk to children when they're not fully supervised or told of the dangers. We will be learning about this in class over the coming weeks in order to raise awareness. It's great that the children are out and about but please remind them of the following.

- Avoid playing on or near bales of hay
- Do not tear open the black plastic wrapping from bales as it spoils the contents

- Do not go near open water or drink from water sources near farms
- Stay out of fields with animals - cows can be unpredictable and sheep will 'worry' easily.

Sports Day



Sports day will take place on Wednesday 25 May. If the weather is bad we will let you know if we have to cancel via the phonline and website. You should have received a letter about this. We hope you will be able to come and join us for the picnic and support your children.

Dates

16 May	EIPs P1
17 May	Nursery → P1 Induction (2)
18 May	P6→P7 Info Evening – 18.00
24 May	Nursery Induction 1830-2000
25 May	Sports Day

27 May	Nursery (blue) / P5 Café
1 June	P5P Class Assembly Parent Council Meeting
6 June	Holiday
7 June	Nursery → P1 Induction (3)
8 June	Alternative Sports Day

Outdoor Learning

You may have heard your children talking about outdoor learning. Mrs Moore currently takes this on a Monday and Wednesday. She has requested that on warmer days it would be great if the children had a hat and sun cream on.



P5P cooking Rhubarb on the fire pit-yum!

Kinellar School Parent Council Update

Hopefully everyone has had a chance to view the minutes from our meeting on March 23rd - these are available from our noticeboard. As you will have read the Parent Council have a reasonable sum of money which we are keen to use wisely with the school. Since the meeting

the Council have contributed towards Charanga music station, school trips for each class, a road safety banner and the P3 'Play in a Day' session - these contributions totalled over £2,500.

The School has been busy since the start of term so we haven't yet arranged the first meeting for the Just Giving steering group but we will update you soon on this.

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be on June 1st at 7pm at the School which you are very welcome to attend. As always please feel free to contact us with any comments or suggestions on our Facebook page or at kinellarschoolparentcouncil@yahoo.com



Contact us

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

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