



First Class

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Open Morning

Kinellar School Open Morning is on Saturday 5 November from 10 am - 12 pm. This is an opportunity for anyone with links to the school to come and share their memories and have a final look around before demolition begins in the next few months.

Parent Tour

We would like to invite you to a tour of Midmill School on Thursday 3 November. **We are only able to accommodate one parent per family and strictly no children on this tour** (pupils will have already viewed the school on 27 October). Where possible, if your child/ren is/are in P1-3, please sign up to a tour with Mrs Stannard, if your child/ren is/are in P4-7, please sign up to a tour with Miss Finch and if you have children in both infant and upper stages please sign up with Mrs Farquhar. For parents who are unable to attend the tour there are scheduled parent's evenings in November where you will have an opportunity to see the school.

Click here to sign up -



Staffing

Miss Morrison our P5/4 teacher has accepted a post with Aberdeen City Council and will be starting there after the holidays. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Morrison for her service with us and the skills she has

brought to our team and we wish her well in her new role.

We are in the fortunate position to be able to tell you that Mrs McKenzie will be starting as the P5/4 teacher when we move to Midmill. She has been working as a teacher for 10 years and will be bringing great knowledge and expertise with her to the post.

Mrs Milne our P1A teacher will be starting her maternity leave next term. We are delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs McVey will be joining our P1 team and will teach P1A Monday to Wednesday.

Mrs Moore, who over the last two years has taught Outdoor Learning and Philosophy for Schools, will be starting her maternity leave after we move to Midmill. A music specialist will be joining our team and will be teaching Music on a Monday and Tuesday.

Flu Vaccines

Flu vaccines will be held in Midmill School on 7 and 8 December.

Sickness

As we are coming into flu season, please encourage your child to wash their hands regularly. Recently a school was closed in Aberdeenshire due to a bad bug.

First Week Back

During the first week back all classes will be doing some work around bus safety. We hope to walk pupils to their bus stop during the week and discuss where and how to stand while they are waiting for their bus.

On Tuesday 24 October RS coaches will be sending a bus to school for all classes to familiarise themselves with using a bus safely.

You will have by now received your transport pack. On the morning of Thursday 27 October please follow the instructions enclosed within this pack. Children being taken to Midmill by parents/carers should not arrive before 8.50 am we have organised for a bus to return them to school at lunch time.

School lunches for Thursday 27 October will be ordered on Wednesday 26 October, please ensure that your child knows what they will be doing for lunch.

We appreciate that some pupils are anxious about moving to Midmill. Mrs Farquhar held an assembly yesterday which hopefully addressed some of these concerns. Teacher's will be offering pupils in their class opportunities to discuss any questions they might have. We have created a story to explain to children the moving process. This is on the website, under the documents tab, please go over it with your child if you feel it is necessary.

Lost Property

We seem to still have a large amount of lost property. This will all be going into rag bag at the end of term, so if you are missing anything please collect it before then. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.

Learning Circles

Mrs Farquhar will be hosting a Learning Circle on 1 November at 9.30 am. This is an opportunity for parents to discuss and answer

questions on the learning in Kinellar School. Any parents wishing to join the learning circle please note your interest by email - pamela.farquhar@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.



Dates

27 Oct	Trial Transport Day
1 Nov	Learning Circle
3 Nov	Parent Tour of Midmill
5 Nov	Open Morning
7-8 Nov	Flu Vaccines
14 Nov	Inservice
15 Nov	Inservice
16 Nov	School Closed for Move
17 Nov	School Closed for Move
18 Nov	First Day at Midmill

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

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Topic Update

This term each stage has been working on a topic linked with our local community so when we move we are able to take parts of Kinellar with us. Here is a snapshot of some of the learning we have been doing throughout the school.

Primary 1

Primary 1 have been learning about Parks and Playgrounds and have visited some of the places where they like to play in Blackburn.



Primary 2

Primary 2 have been learning about Farms and Forests and have been getting up close to different types of cows!



Primary 3

P3M and P3S have been investigating homes around Blackburn. They completed a questionnaire about their home and did an observational drawing of their house for homework. Then for writing they created their 'House for sale' schedule.



Jemima's photo, she said "The bug house is special to me because I really like bugs and that is the place where I met my first friends. I met Lexi and Cristina but they have both left. I really like the ladybug hotel because it looks really beautiful"



Primary 5 and P5/4

P5 and P5/4 have been learning about the history of Blackburn and Kinellar. These are some posters linked to what they have discovered.

Primary 4

P4G have been learning about the history of the school building and how it has changed they have been creating a 3D model of our school building.



The Primary 4A have been doing a photography project about places within the school that are special to them. This is

Primary 6 and 6/5

Primary 6 and 6/5 have been learning about our Community Partnerships. They went on a community walk, visiting their favourite places in Blackburn.



Primary 7/6 and 7

P7 and P7/6 have been learning about AWPR and have been researching bridge building and having a go at creating their own. Here is a picture of the winning bridge in P7.



Kinellar School Parent Council Update

Friday 7 October 2016



The first fund-raising project of the school year has been very successful - the Spree books have raised £650 for the Parent Council. Many thanks to everyone who purchased a book (or two or more!). A great start!

Recently, on behalf of the Parent Council, the teachers for Primary 4 asked the children to design and draw a new logo for the Parent Council. The designs were all of a very high standard and well thought out. It was very difficult to pick a winner and we are pleased to announce the winning design was submitted by Maddie Caldwell. Her design will feature on our Facebook page and future communications - well done Maddie! Maddie will receive a book token as a prize for her design.

The standard was so high that we have selected a number of other designs which will also feature on our Facebook page - they are from Ben Smith, Kacey Paterson, Olivia Marcar, Erin Robertson, Gabrielle Topp, Emily Macintosh, Aimee Barber, Abby Paterson & Morgan Shaw. All of the designs will appear on our Facebook page soon.

Many thanks to all the children who submitted a design. Everyone will receive a small gift after they return from the holidays.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable October break. As always if you have any comments or suggestions for the Parent Council please look us up on Facebook or email kinellarschoolparentcouncil@yahoo.com.