



First Class

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Happy Holidays

We hope that everyone in our school community enjoys a well-deserved break over the summer. We have achieved a lot this year and are extremely thankful your ongoing support.

We wish our Primary 7 pupils all the best as they embark on a new chapter at Kemnay Academy. Come back and visit us!



Sponsored Walk

Kinellar School Parent Council have organised a sponsored 'walk home from school' which will take place on Friday 1 September, departing Midmill School after lunch. Your child should bring a sponsor form home today. As always, there is no obligation to seek sponsorship but all donations will be greatly appreciated. Please contact KSPC if you have further questions or would be able to assist on the day.

Staffing

As usual at this time of year we have some changes to staffing for next session:

Miss Becky Gibb is leaving to teach in Malaysia. We are sure she will thoroughly enjoy this new post and all the adventure associated with teaching abroad.



Mrs Karina Atwell has secured a post at Kellands School as part of the Language Unit. This post will be an exciting change for Mrs Atwell and she will be an asset to the team at Kellands.

Miss Laura Grant is due to have a baby boy in August. We are looking forward to meeting him next session!



Miss Louise Dalgarno will become Mrs Paterson in July. Best wishes for your wedding Louise and Craig!

We will be joined by several new members of staff:

Miss Abbie Hammond – P5
Mrs Amelia Davies – P7/6
Mrs Carol Hendry - P1

We also say goodbye to 2 of our bus escorts, Mitchell and Gillian and thank them for all the support they have given our pupils in assisting with the transport to Midmill. We will be recruiting new escorts for these posts soon.

Nurture Hub

The Scottish Government recently announced that £120m would be provided to schools through the Attainment Scotland Fund to be used for additional staffing or resources to help reduce the poverty related attainment gap.

We were granted a sum of money as part of this and have decided to use it to set up a nurture hub within the school. This will be an extremely valuable resource which will assist us in meeting the needs of some of our more vulnerable learners.

Meet the Teacher

'Meet the Teacher' for Session 17-18 will take place on Thursday 7 September, 6:00 – 7:00pm. This will give you the opportunity to see your child's new classroom and have an informal chat with their teacher.

Ducklings

Our P4 pupils were very lucky to look after 4 duck eggs which hatched just a few weeks ago! This was a brilliant learning experience and the whole school were excited to see their progress!



House Treat

Well done to CLINTERTY, the winning house for term 4! Their treat will be on Friday 25 August. Pupils in Clinterty should wear non-uniform on this day.

Awards



Congratulations to all our pupils who won awards at yesterday's End of Term Assembly. Nominations are made by staff and it is always very difficult to choose winners! They are as follows:

Happiness
Cailyn Bruce

Respect
Isaac Barnard

Honesty
Jacob Affleck

Achievement
Skye Gerrard

Middler Cup for Staff Co-operation
Phoebe Gray

Mackie Memorial Cup for Effort and Achievement
Aaron Parke

Stuart Murray Shield for Endeavour
Isaac McBean

Environmental Shield
Primary 2G

Anne Gray Cup for Fair Play / Helping in the Playground
Beth Roberts and Daisy Gray

Science & Engineering
James Young

Anderson Cup for Manners in Dining Hall
Holly Byrne

Early Level Literacy
Carrie Forbes

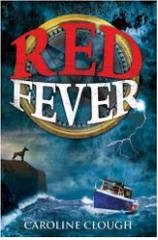
Numeracy Improvement
Kian Stewart

Class Excellence Award
Primary 6/5

Health and Wellbeing Award
Dionne Rae

Scots Language Quaich
Primary 4A and Primary 4G

Caroline Clough



P5-7 enjoyed a visit from author Caroline Clough this week. She has written 3 books, all set around Scotland. She shared some writing tips and answered questions about her novels.

Trips

Our pupils have been lucky to experience some great trips this term.

Primary 3 visited Tesco, where they learned about the different counters and departments within the store and also Inverurie Garden Centre.

Primary 6/5 went on a trip to Aberdeen Snowsports Centre where they tried Snowboarding, Skiing and Tubing. The staff at ASC were very complimentary about the behavior and attitudes of our pupils.



As part of their topic on Space, Primary 5 visited Aberdeen Science Centre where they had a super hands-on experience.



Primary 6 enjoyed a camping trip to Hillhead Campsite in Kintore. They showed a great deal of resilience and thoroughly enjoyed the overnight stay despite the heavy rain!



Buses

Bus B pick up times have changed. Please note: Instead of picking up at Kinellar Hall at 08.10 it will now be at 08.20. Subsequent pick-ups will be at +5 minute intervals.

We are aware that in the new session, your child may be attending new after-school clubs or changing the days/times they attend. If you need to make any changes to the days your child will be collected from school please email Ruth Stannard (below) over the holidays. This will enable us to ensure the registers are accurate for the first week back.

School Lunches

There has been an increase in the price for school lunches. They will now be charged at £2.20 per meal for P4-7 pupils.

Summer Disco

Thank you to KSPC and the many parent volunteers who made the summer disco possible. There was a super atmosphere and it is always a pleasure to see our pupils enjoying themselves so much!

The Club@Midmill

We have received several enquiries regarding an after school club for the new Kinellar School. We are currently in liaison with The Club@Midmill and hope that this will be available to families back in Kinellar School. If you would like to express an interest in this, please contact the Club directly: theclubmidmill@gmail.com



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