



First Class

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Welcome Back

It is great to have everyone back after the Christmas break. We hope you had a lovely couple of weeks. We have a lot to look forward to this term.

ALEC Visit

We will have our annual visit from the ALEC Mobile Classroom on 9th – 12th January. Unfortunately, due to reduced ALEC staffing levels, they are unable to work with nursery and primary one classes this year. P2-P7 pupils will be given the opportunity to visit the classroom to learn about various Health and Wellbeing topics. You should have received a letter regarding this.

http://www.alec.org.uk/alec_programmes.html



P7 Residential 2016/17

Our P7 pupils are heading off to Lendrick Muir for their residential trip from 20-24 March. There is a final information evening about this trip on Wednesday 18 January at 6.30 pm. This will take place in the Music/Drama room at Midmill.



P7 Residential 2017/18

There is an information meeting on Tuesday 24 January about next year's P7 residential trip. This meeting is for current P6 parents. It will be a 6.30 pm in the Music/Drama room at Midmill Primary.

First Aid Training

Our P5-P7 pupils will be taking part in First Aid training on 15-17 March. This is funded by our Parent Council and is a valuable learning experience for our upper stages pupils.

The Club@Midmill

We are pleased to announce that the new before and after school club at Midmill Primary School is now open. They offer before and after school care from 7.30 – 9.00am and 3.00 – 6.00pm and are located in the school dining hall area - with access to outdoor space and the gym hall. There will be lots of activities and games for the children to enjoy each day and a healthy breakfast and afternoon snack will be served.

The Club@Midmill will also be launching a holiday club, offering childcare over the holidays and on In-service days. All children who attend Midmill Primary School, Kinellar Primary School and Kintore Primary School are welcome at the Club.

To register your child or for more information please visit our website at www.theclub.scot or email theclubmidmill@gmail.com



P4A & P4G Assembly

This session, each class will have the opportunity to host either a Learning Café or a Class Assembly. P4A and P4G will be inviting their parents to a class assembly on Wednesday 8 March. We hope you will be able to attend and share in what your child has been learning this term.

Snow Closures

In the event of bad weather (usually snow) we ask all parents to phone the School Information Service on 08700544999 Pin 021990 or check the Aberdeenshire School Closures Website <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closuresaberdeenshire>. If the weather is bad and you are unsure if the school will be open, please do not phone the school. The reasons for this are that we may be trying to use the phone lines for the following reasons:

- Contacting bus companies
- Contacting staff to ascertain where they are on their journey
- To make emergency calls
- To make arrangements with the janitor
- Consultation with other schools in the cluster
- Contacting private before school care providers

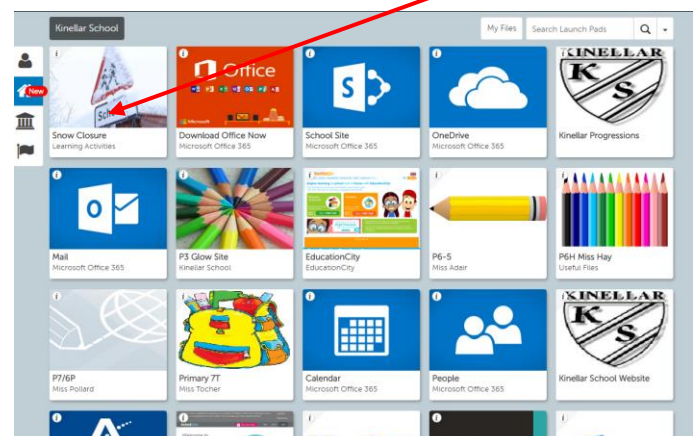
We will endeavour to update the website and phone lines as early as possible. If the school is closed to pupils on school transport you should not transport your child to school yourself.

Learning activities for your child to complete at home during closures are being uploaded on Glow. Instructions below:

Go to the following website and log in using your child's details found in their homework diary:

www.rmunify.com

On the launch pad click the Snow Closures icon



School Emergency Evacuation Procedure

You will have received a letter this week saying that in the unlikely event that the school is required to evacuate throughout the day due to extreme weather, all bussed children will be transported back to Blackburn by bus. Please note the following points.

- Parents will be informed by text message and email that the school is closing early and an approximate arrival time of buses.
- **ALL PUPILS** must be collected from their bus stop by an adult, indicated below.
- Pupils who do not usually use the bus **on that specific day** will be allowed to use the bus.
- Parents must liaise with the emergency contact below and avoid calling the school as our phone lines require to remain open for urgent communication only. E.g. bus companies, medical emergencies etc.

Please complete and return this letter as soon as possible.

New Arrivals

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Milne, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Moore's babies.



Angus James Milne was born on 28 November weighing 10lbs 11oz.

Abigail Ruth Andrew was born on 23 December weighing 3lbs 8oz.



Charlie Douglas Moore was born on 31 December weighing 6lbs 14oz.



Term 3 Dates

9-12 Jan	ALEC
5-13 Jan	P5 Incas
16 Jan	P7 Incas begins
17 Jan	P7 Info Evening Lendrick Muir
18 Jan	Parent Council Meeting
24 Jan	P6 Info Evening for Lendrick Muir
10 Feb	Holiday
13 Feb	Holiday
14 Feb	In-Service
15 Feb	In-Service
8 Mar	P4A & P4G Assembly
20-24 Mar	P7 Residential Trip

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

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Kinellar School Parent Council

We hope everyone had an enjoyable festive period. It seems so long ago but we'd like to thank you all for helping the children participate in our annual Elf Shelf. The Christmas Disco was also a great success. Over both events we were very pleased to record a profit of £600 and we would like to thank all the volunteers involved. Forthcoming events include the annual Book Fair which will take place next month - more details to follow on this.

You can have a say in how the money is used and join us at our next meeting on Tuesday January 17th. This will be our first meeting at Midmill and will start at 7pm. We have changed the day of the meeting based on parent feedback and we hope you can join us and but if you can't please send in any agenda items you have to our usual email address kinellarschoolparentcouncil@yahoo.com

