

We tied all the lost property together and the total length was 33 meters!! Please remember to name your child's belongings!



First Class

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Honesty Respect Happiness Achievement



One Day Creative

Thank You to KSPC and Blackburn Rotary for funding Cyber Safety workshops for the whole school. These were great fun and addressed an important issue which is very relevant to our young people today.



The following websites were recommended at the parent session. Please take some time to have a look:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/.../keeping-children-.../online-safety/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/.../how-to-keep-kids-safe-online-...>

<http://pixelkin.org/dictionary/>

Homework Survey

Thank you to those of you who have participated in our Homework Survey. We are aware that homework is a subject which generates many different opinions and this is evident in the data gathered. We will also be gathering the thoughts of staff and pupils in order to gain a wider perspective. We hope to use this to inform our planning for homework next session and hopefully reach a 'happy medium' which suits the majority of our school community.

Learning Cafés

The Learning Cafes which have been held this term have been a great success so far. It is brilliant to see our pupils sharing their learning with their families and there is always such a positive atmosphere. The next Learning Café will be held on Friday 16 June, 10 – 11am, and will be hosted by P1G and P6H.

Warm Weather

Hopefully we will continue to see pleasant weather over the next few weeks and into the holidays. Now that we are in such a fantastic building, classes have been making the use of outdoor spaces for learning opportunities. Please remember to apply sun screen before your child comes to school and ensure they have a filled water bottle every day.



Upper Stages Lunch Payments

Please ensure you are keeping your child's lunch balance in credit. We have an unusually high rate of unpaid lunches and this creates additional admin for all involved.

'Dead Slow' Please!

Please bear in mind that the road approaching Midmill School is set at a 20mph limit. Parents dropping off and collecting should be driving **below** this in order to keep both the Kinellar and Midmill children safe.



Scholastic Book Fair

As always, we received a good response to the Scholastic Book Fair. This event generated over £2,000 to be spent on books. Staff and pupils are working together to purchase new novels for the upper stages and also to replace some library books. Thank you to KSPC for organising and running this.

PVG Certificates

We would like to remind you that if you wish to volunteer in school you **must** hold a PVG certificate. The form for this can be acquired from the school office.

Summer Holiday Camps 2017

Fun packed full and half day sport and culture camps for children aged 5 to 14 years. Following the success of last year's pilot programme the Culture and Sport Summer Holiday Camps are being offered in 9 venues across Aberdeenshire this summer.

- Wk 1** 3 to 7 July Huntly
- Wk 2** 10 to 14 July Turriff and Alford
- Wk 3** 17 to 21 July Ellon, Alford and Banchory
- Wk 4** 24 to 28 July Banff
- Wk 5** 31 July to 4 Aug Fraserburgh, Huntly and Stonehaven
- Wk 6** 7 to 11 Aug Peterhead
- Wk 7** 14 to 18 Aug Ellon

Summer Holiday Camps offer full or half day sessions with early drop off from 7:30am to 9am and late pick up from 5pm to 6pm. Summer Camps cost £27 per day, £15 per half day and £1.50 per early or late session. Concessions apply – for details of eligibility see <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/sports/leisure-centres-and-swimming-pools/entry-charges/benefit-related-concessions/> For individual programmes for each camp and online booking and payment go to <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/local/holiday-programmes/>

Campus Update

As you will have noticed, things are well under way at the new Kinellar School site. Now that demolition is complete, the build has started. We are confident that the completion date we have been given (July 2018) will be met. Red Kite Media will continue to film the progress. It will be exciting to watch the developments over the coming months!

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 31 May. All pupils will have an early lunch at Midmill and will then be bussed to Kinellar Park. We will not be holding the family picnic this year. We will have two tracks and upper stages and infants will race at the same time on their designated track. Pupils will then be free to go home from the park with their parents.

Please note the following:

- **It is the expectation that all pupils will wear their new house t-shirt.**
- **School bags should not be taken to school.**
- **Pupils should come to school dressed ready for sports day.**
- **Pupils should bring a jacket, snack and water bottle to school.**
- **Sun Screen should be applied before leaving home in the morning.**

Summer Reading Challenge



Can your child read up to six books during the summer or even more?

Get along to your nearest library from Thursday 22nd June to join the Summer Reading Challenge. The challenge will run until Saturday 26th August.

This year's reading challenge is all about books and their illustrations - "**Be Drawn into a Good Book**".

Each child taking part will receive a themed card to keep track of the books they have read. They can also listen to talking books or download e-books and will collect a sticker for each book read. They can do this as many times as they want and will be awarded a prize after reading six books or more.

More information can be found [here](#).

Renewable Energy

Did you know there are 200 solar panels on the roof of Midmill School? P6 and P6/5 have been learning about Renewable Energy this term and enjoyed a visit from Alastair Stewart, Principal Electrical Engineer at Aberdeenshire Council to explain how they work. They will also be taking part in 'A Day Full of Energy' hosted by Darran Byrne from BP on 16 June.



Well Done to...

We are very proud of Samuel and Isaac who had a brilliant weekend at the Deeside Rugby Tournament, making it to the finals!



iPad Music Sessions

We are lucky to have another opportunity to work with Mr Watt again this year. P4 – P6/5 are currently in the middle of a 10 week block of creating music through iPads. They thoroughly enjoy these lesson each week and it is great to see how technology can be used across the curriculum.

This is a Youth Music Initiative (YMI) Project. YMI projects are funded by the Scottish Government via Creative Scotland therefore there is no cost to schools or pupils.



Dates for your Diary

Sports Day	31 May
Parent Council	31 May
Holiday	5 June
P1 Induction Meeting	6 June
P1G/P6H Learning Café	16 June
P7 Step Up Days	19,20,21 June
P1 Step Up Days	20, 21 June
Summer Disco	23 June
P7 Party	28 June
End of Term Assembly	29 June

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

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