



First Class

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Fundraising Disco!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRIMARY 7 TEAM FOR ORGANISING AND
RUNNING THE DISCO. JUST OVER £1100 RAISED.



Uniform

Well done with the continued efforts on the uniform front. Kemnay Academy also have very clear uniform expectations. A gentle reminder to all children and parents about the uniform. Here are the guidelines.....

In 1997/98 the School Board sought the opinion of all parents, children and staff regarding a school uniform for Kinellar children. A strong agreement was reached that a school uniform policy be implemented from August 1998. It has been very successful.

- white or blue polo shirt (with or without school logo)
- school sweatshirt (with school logo)
- grey/black/blue trousers or skirts
- **black shoes**
- fleeces are optional
- waterproof jacket

If you would like to order school uniform this term please can you have your orders in

Kinellarschooluniform@yahoo.co.uk no

later than Friday 27th March 2015 and the uniforms will be given to your children in the last week of term.

Calendar Amendment

Please note that Term 4 begins on Monday 20th April. Apologies for the error on the Calendar of Events.

Red Nose Day

Red noses will soon be on sale in school at a price of £1 each. These will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sales begin on Monday the 2nd March. Thanks to Mrs Gibb for organising! Red Nose Day is Friday 13th March – no uniform day. Dress as you please. Bring an optional donation and there will also be a tuck shop selling goods at 20p each.



Stationery

At the beginning of the academic year we requested that all children bring stationery in with them including a glue stick, ruler and a pencil case.

Please ensure that these are replenished as we are now well into the second half of the year.



In addition, we now have iPads, listening centres and laptops being used frequently in the classroom. You may want to supply a pair of in-ear headphones for your child.



At a recent meeting, the teachers mentioned that it would be helpful to have a stock of tissues and wipes in the classroom for the children. If you would like to donate some, please send them in with your child to give to the class teacher. It's appreciated!



Healthy Snacks

Please encourage your child to bring a healthy snack for break times. Each week, teachers will count how many healthy snacks have been brought by their class on a given day and the winning classes will get Healthy Harriet or Healthy Harry to keep in their classroom the following week. Winning classes will also be rewarded with an additional 15 minutes of break time.



We are collecting Sainsbury's *Active Kids* Tokens again. Please pop any you collect into the box at the Main Entrance.

After School Clubs

If you want your child to take part in a new after school activity, please email the school with your permission and how you wish your child to get home. ie 'will be picked up' or 'will walk home.'

Children must keep to the arrangements made with parents in relation to attending after school clubs. Only in exceptional circumstances pupils may 'change their minds' during the school day, i.e. illness. If your child wishes to stop attending a club, please put this in writing or email the school.

Book Fair

Our book fair is well underway with plenty of orders coming in. There are a lovely selection of books again this year. Remember, we will receive very generous commission on all purchases too.



Health Club

We are really lucky this session with the selection of after school activities. The next one on offer is based on health and wellbeing.

HEALTH CLUB

Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm

March 5th - 26th

Throughout the month of March we will be running a weekly Health Club after school. Working with the Health Engagement team from the Grampian Regional Equality Council, we will be running a variety of fun and exciting activities to engage with Kinellar pupils on a variety of health and well-being topics.

Healthy snacks will be provided free of charge.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Gillian McKay (GREC):

gmckay@grec.co.uk

If you would like to attend please email the school giving your permission for your child to attend.

Health club will meet in the library and please pop a note into your teacher if you wish your child to attend.

Rugby Festival

The Primary 6 and 7 are attending the Kemnay Cluster Rugby Festival on Tuesday. They are looking forward to meeting children from the rest of the cluster. Photos to follow.



Teddy Swap



Primary 1G and 4G are hosting a 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' Community Café on Friday 20

March from 10 am until 11.30 am. As part of this they would like to have a 'Teddy Swap'. If your child would like to take part, please send ONE, clean, unwanted teddy to the school with your child by Monday 16 March. There will be no cost for the event, the idea is to encourage children to Reuse and Recycle unwanted items. Children who bring in a teddy will be able to take part in the event and bring a different teddy home.



Blackburn Football Club are looking for both Boys and Girl's to join our various football teams for the start of the new season in March 2015

Currently we are running the following teams

Y.O.B 2003 7 a-side non-competitive Games are played on a Sunday

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Y.O.B 2006 7 a-side non-competitive Games are played on a Sunday additional coaches required

Y.O.B 2007 Fun 4v4 Games will be played on a Sunday additional coaches required

Y.O.B 2008 Fun 4v4 Games will be played on a Sunday

Y.O.B 2009 Fun 4v4 Games will be played on a Sunday additional coaches required

We are also very keen on starting a Girls team

If your child is interested in playing for any of the above teams please get in touch stating child's name and DOB

via email to Blackburnfc2011@hotmail.co.uk

Regards

The Coaches

Child line Assembly



We are lucky to have a Childline Assembly in school on 11 March. ChildLine representatives will talk to P4-7 pupils about keeping safe. The aim is to ensure children have:

- an understanding of abuse including bullying, and an ability to recognise signs of abuse
- knowledge of how to protect themselves from abuse
- an awareness of how to get help and sources of help, including ChildLine.

P6 and P7 pupils will also receive workshops in class as a follow up to the assembly.

'Train My Capacities' club - Monday

Starting this Monday 2nd @ 3.15pm. £ 10 a session meet in the library. There are 4 places left. This course will enable your child to develop their thinking skills and learning capacity!

Parking

I am afraid that we have had **4 near misses** in a fortnight. 3 of these involved drivers turning in/reversing out of the staff car park and failing to see children crossing. I have had a discussion

with our Police Liaison Officer and she is going to offer us some more advice.

We have an on-going problem with parents parking and turning in the school car park. We are waiting for signs to go up informing parents of the general expectations. In the interest of child safety, please follow the basic rules.

Strictly no parking or turning in the car park when picking up/dropping off children.

Community Café

Well done to P1M and P5M for hosting a very successful Healthy café. Thank you for your support in this. We raised £450.

No reversing out of the car park as children are crossing here to get to school.

No stopping outside the school or on the zig-zag marking. Strictly no dropping off.

No parking in the Bus Stop

Absolutely no parking on the double yellow lines in the car park or in front of the gates in the car park as this is our only emergency service access to that particular part of the school.