



First Class

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Honesty Respect Happiness Achievement

Book Fair



Here are the remaining times for parent visits to the book fair. It will be running from the Community Room in Midmill.

Friday 24th 3.15pm - 5pm
Monday 27th 3.15pm - 7pm

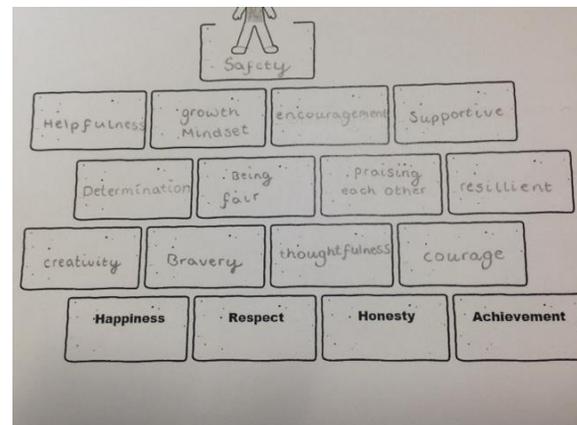
We do hope you will join us at this event. Your child will have already appeared with the brochure and a 'wish list.' Remember that the commission goes toward new books for the school.

Look forward to seeing you and many thanks to all the parents volunteering to run this event.

Assembly



At our recent Assembly, the children were learning about the foundations of a building and how this can pave the way for a strong and safe structure for years to come. We have been thinking about how this relates to our own learning as we grow. Our four school values are forming part of those foundations for future learning. P4-7 began thinking about their own building blocks



Nursery

Our nursery are now settled in to their new classroom across the road. The interior has been fully renovated to suit an early level environment and the children are enjoying the fantastic new resource.

As they are off-site the Nursery will be joining us for some transition events soon. On the 8th of March they will join us here at the school to spend some time in the Midmill building. They will have the opportunity to see the school, play outside, watch an assembly and have a snack. We look forward to welcoming them here.

A kind gift...

The landscaper working on the nursery and carpark used one of the oak trees from the main road to create this lovely sign for us!



Reports

Annual reports are being written by the teachers at the moment. They are due out on 21.03.18 and will also contain your child's reflection of their learning. Please take time to comment on the report and we will record your feedback.

Reporting

Snapshot Jotters should be with you this week. These jotters are an opportunity for you to give your child feedback on their progress. As always, please share these jotters with your

child and discuss their learning. This is part of the reporting process and it is important that you take time to comment on your child's work.

School Transport

Our buses are running smoothly at the moment. At the recent Assembly, we reinforced bus behavior and conduct.

The reminder to all children included....

Remain in seat with seatbelt on at all times.

Be polite to Escort and Driver

Respect and look after other children on the bus

Be mindful of the public and property at the bus stops.

The escorts have been incredibly supportive on the buses and have noted that the majority of children are exemplary in their conduct. There have been a number of changes to escorts. Just for clarity, here are the Escorts:

- Bus A – Jane McIntosh
- Bus B – Mr Mitchell Skilling
- Bus C – Mrs Marj Turriff
- Bus D – Mrs Morag Gerrard
- Bus E – Mrs Gillian Burnett
- Bus F – Mrs Kerry MacLeod
- Bus G – Mrs Lynne Grieg
- Relief – Mrs Carol Connell

Lendrick Muir

It's not long to go now! Our residential trip is always a highlight of the Primary 7 year. The deadline for all payments is the end of February 2017.

Staffing

Miss Hay has now started her maternity leave. We are looking forward to hearing her news when it comes. Miss Finch will take her class for the moment.

Mrs Shepherd joins us to teach our resilience and health scheme 'Bounce Back.' More information on this will follow in our next edition of First Class.

Both Miss Finch and Mrs Stannard are class committed at the moment meaning that they will have much less time on their DHT duties. Please understand that they will not be able to communicate as quickly as they have done in the past whilst they are in class full-time.

Demolition

Demolition of the Kinellar School site starts very soon. The site will be secured with fencing and there should be no access to the site. However, please reinforce our message at our most recent assembly- strictly no playing on building sites. The children will be curious about developments and we are delighted to tell you that the Parent Council have organized some drone footage of the school at various stages of development over the next phase of the build.



Uniform

We are currently having to remind children about uniform. Please remember that all children should wear uniform as this helps them

come into school with a collective and purposeful attitude. Kemnay Academy have similar standards regarding uniform and we all take great pride in the appearance of the children and schools they represent. Details of our uniform can be found in the school handbook on the website. Please note that the children should wear black school shoes and that jewellery should be minimal. Football shirts/kits are not permitted.

Royal Visitor



HRH Princess Anne will officially open the school on the 1st of March 2017. This will be a small and subtle affair but some of the children will be involved throughout the day. Although we will not be able to take photographs of the children with her, there may perhaps be footage on BBC/STV and in the local press.

First Aid

Primary 5-7 First Aid training will take place on the 15th, 16th and 17th March. This is funded by the Parent Council and pupils build on their previous learning, gaining a higher level of award each year. All pupils will receive a First Aid certificate to show they have completed the course. The course is delivered by Grampian Training Services.



Aberdeen Science Centre

Primary 2 and Primary 4 are looking forward to upcoming visits to Aberdeen Science Centre linked to their class topics on Toys and Electricity.



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

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is ongoing and we'd like to thank all the volunteers who have given up some of their spare time to help throughout the week. We'd appreciate your feedback on the selection of books this year and if there is anything we can change or improve for next year. Please email kinellarschoolparentcouncil@yahoo.com with your comments.

Recently the Blackburn and District Rotary Club offered the Parent Council and other groups and clubs in the community to apply for funds that they had generated from the recent Gala. The Parent Council were successful in applying for funding to allow the School to run some E-Safety/Cyber-Bullying creative workshops for Internet Safety for some of the classes. More details to follow on this. We would like to thank Blackburn and District Rotary Club for their kind donation and their hospitality at the recent presentation evening.

The next date for your diary is Thursday March 30th for our next Parent Council meeting. This will start at 7pm at Midmill School. If you have any comments or questions please contact the email address above or look us up on Facebook.