



First Class

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Staffing

Last week we said goodbye to our Janitor, Colin Ironside, who has worked with us over the past 2 years. He will be missed by the staff and pupils and we wish him all the best as he starts his new position at Kemnay Primary along with Alehousewells. We will let you know when a new janitor has been appointed.

Road Safety Magic Show

The primary 1-3 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a performance from Allan's Magic on the first day back! The show was fascinating and certainly reinforced the message of 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think'. For more information about this see the link below:

<http://www.allansmagic.com/schools/road-safety.html>



Magician's Assistants!

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be on Wednesday 11 November. As always, all parents are welcome to come along and contribute.

We would like to welcome our new Chair, **Irene Bryce**, and Vice Chair, **Catherine Brown**, to the team. We will be working closely with them to ensure we are listening to the parent voice and acting upon any concerns. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kirsty Quin and Lynne Greig for their leading roles in the Parent Council over the past 2 years. Their hard work has been greatly appreciated by staff, pupils and parents alike.



Rotary Shoebox Scheme

"Spreading a little Happiness"

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We still have plenty boxes available for anyone who wants to take part in the Shoebox Scheme. These need to be returned by next Wednesday, 11 November.

'You said, we did'

You said - We don't do enough to celebrate achievements out with school.
We did – Achievement notice boards will soon be appearing in the hall.

P1-3 should bring achievements for display to Mrs Stannard and P4-7 to Miss Finch.

Winter Weather

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for coming to school over the winter months. We endeavor to allow the pupils outside at playtime and lunchtime as much as possible so it is essential that they have a warm waterproof jacket and suitable footwear. All items of clothing should be clearly labeled with your child's name.



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

We will endeavor to update the website and phone lines as early as possible.

Parents Evenings

Thank you for the responses regarding your preferred times for Parents Evening. We will try to accommodate these as much as possible and let you know your time at the beginning of next week. A 10 minute period will be allocated for each appointment. If after this time you feel you require additional discussion, please contact the appropriate DHT to arrange.

Learning Conversations

Over the next few weeks, every pupil will be taken out of class to have a Learning Conversation with their teacher. This will give them the opportunity to discuss their strengths, interests and areas for improvement. If you would like to discuss this with class teachers on Parents Evening they will be happy to do so.



iPad Music Technology

This term pupils in P3 and P4 are working with Music Technology using iPads supplied by the Instrumental Music Service. Each pupil will be creating a short i-movie related to their project work and incorporating their own music which they will have composed using the GarageBand app. It is hoped that parents will be given the opportunity of viewing the movies once completed.

Drop off and Pick up

We are **still** receiving complaints about parents parking on the double yellow lines outside school. Please park in an appropriate place which does not compromise the safety of our children.

P1 parents should try to keep the gate area as clear as possible. We are concerned that some pupils are having to walk on the road to pass the parents waiting on the pavement.

After school Activities and Lunch clubs

Here is an updated timetable of everything happening in the school. If there are any parents willing to run clubs in the school please let us know.

Day	Lunchtime	After School	Evening
Mon	Mythology Club P4-7		Rainbows 4:30 - 5:30
Tues	Bead Club P4-7 Chess Club P6	Tennis P4-7 3:15 - 4:00 P1-3 4:00 – 4:45	Rainbows 4:45 - 5:45 Brownies 6:15 - 7:45
Wed		Hip-Hop P4-7 3:15-4:15 P1-3 4:15-5:15 Recorder P4-7 3:15-4:00	
Thurs		Dance Club P4-7 3:15 - 4:30 Spanish all ages - TBC	Brownies 8:15 - 7:45
Fri	Loom Band Club P2 Junk Modelling Club P3S	Running Club P1-3 3:15-4:15 P4-7 4:15-5:00	

Our Curriculum

You will soon be receiving a copy of our Curriculum Rationale. This is a description of how Curriculum for Excellence is delivered at Kinellar School and also incorporates our newly refreshed values, vision and aims. It outlines our expectations for Learning, Teaching & Assessment; Transitions; Ethos & Life of the School; Curriculum Areas and Personal Achievement. We look forward to sharing this with the school community soon.

Contact us

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

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Here are some photos from our recent 'Learning Walk' around the school...



