

First Class

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Lendrick Muir

Here are some photos from our recent P7 residential trip. Everyone had a brilliant time and gained many new skills and experiences. They represented our school well and we were proud to call them Kinellar pupils!



Rugby Festival

The P6 and 7 pupils attended a Rugby Transition Event at Kemnay Academy on Tuesday which included all the Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils from the cluster. They competed in teams against the other schools and everyone participated well, showing good sportsmanship!

P5 Cluster Ceilidh

The Primary 5 pupils attended the Cluster Ceilidh on Wednesday. This forms part of the transition program to Kemnay Academy, allowing them to engage with children from their year group in the other schools. They had a great time and danced enthusiastically despite having had such a busy week!

Sports Relief Community Cafe

Well Done to P2F and P6F who organised their Community Café today to raise money for Sports Relief. The pupils enjoyed dressing in sports clothes and taking part in Beat the Goalie and a Fun Run across in the park. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the café. It was good to have such a great turnout as always!



Staffing

Congratulations to Miss Shona Patterson who has taken up the post of Acting Depute Head Teacher at Newmachar Primary School. She begins her post after the holidays. Eilidh Alexander will take up the teaching of Primary 5 for the rest of the session.

Head Lice

It has been brought to our attention that there are some cases of head lice scattered throughout the school. Whilst the infection could have occurred outside school, for example at football training or on a sleepover, as a school we do have a duty of care to pass on the information.

Please do not treat your child with chemicals as a preventative measure ("just in case") - this is ineffective. Check and detect first, then only treat if a living moving louse is found.

Pied Piper

Well Done to Primary 5 who have done an outstanding job of their Pied Piper performances. Everyone has been highly impressed by their acting, singing and overall enthusiasm. We are very proud of their achievements and appreciate the huge amount of work which goes into a show like this.

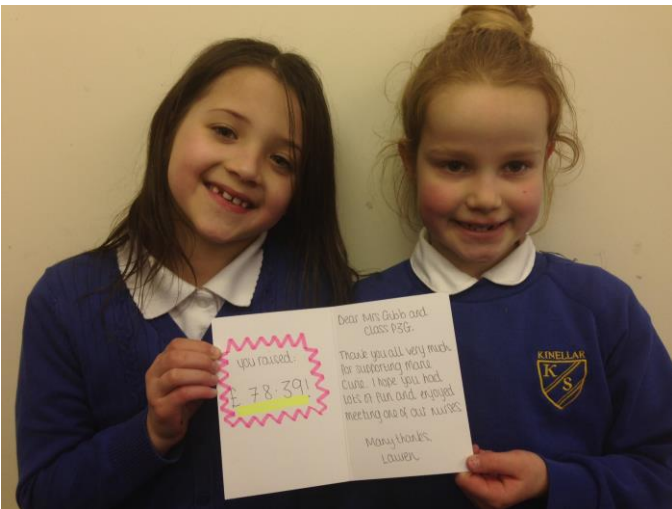
P1/P7 Easter Craft

Our Primary 1 pupils enjoyed an Easter Craft morning run by the Primary 7s on Monday of this week during which they created beautiful chicks and bunnies. We encourage these opportunities for reciprocal teaching and are always amazed by the results.

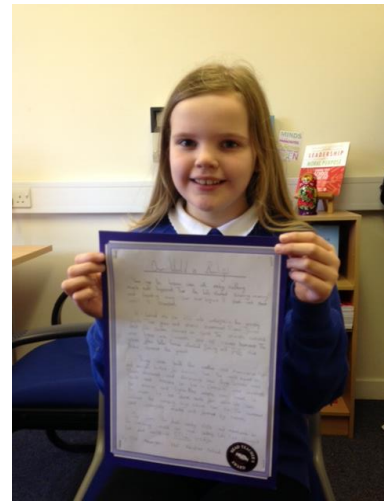
P3 Marie Curie Fundraising



P3G have been learning about the work of Marie Curie Nurses and presented this to parents and pupils through their assembly. As part of this, they collected donations for daffodils and raised a fantastic £78.39 for the charity. Well done P3G! Here is Kate and Phoebe with a Thank You letter they received.



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In our previous issue, Eilidh Youngon's (P6F) picture was included but not her name. Well done Eilidh for your wonderful writing!

Play in a Day

Our Primary 3 classes will be producing a 'Play in a Day' on 26 (P3S) and 27 April (P3G). Through this play entitled 'Super Fred' they will be exploring role play and drama while learning about the importance of healthy eating and exercise. P3 Parents are invited to come and watch their child's class performance at 2:45pm on the allocated day.

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Campus Update

We now have access through both sides of the demolition site meaning that our staff and pupils can move safely through all areas of the school. **After the Easter holidays, all pupils who are in the annex classrooms should enter school through the main gate.** The emergency services gate from the Staff Car Park was being used as a temporary measure but will no longer be required.

Dates

18 April	P2 Incas testing begins
26 April	Play in a Day P3S
27 April	Play in a Day P3G
25 April	P4 Incas testing begins
2 May	Nursery – Primary 1 Transition
4 May	P5G Class Assembly
5 May	Parents Evening
6 May	P3S & P7/6 Community Café
10 May	Parents Evening

Holidays!



We hope everyone has a wonderful time over the holidays! We look forward to welcoming our children back for Term 4 on Monday 18th April.

Contact us

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 Update

First Class Newsletter

Friday 1st April 2016



The KPSC updates will now feature in the First Class newsletter to provide you with regular communication of what has been discussed at meetings and any activities we hope to co-ordinate with the school.

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for the support that you have provided to the KSPC over the last few months. The KSPC are aware that there is a huge amount of support for the school and this is evident with the fundraising activities that take place, not just via the crowdfunding Just Giving page but with the fantastic support with all of the fundraising events and most recently with the annual Scholastics Book Fair. We felt the fair was a great success over the 3 full days it ran, providing families the opportunity to visit the fair in the evening with children to have a browse through the selection of books on offer.

At the recent KSPC meeting held at the school on 23rd March the attendees discussed the funds that have been raised and I'm sure you are interested to know how they will be spent. The crowdfunding Just Giving money will need careful consideration and it has been agreed that a Steering group would be formed with representation from the KSPC, a pupil for each year group and several teachers. As a result the money will be distributed to areas that will benefit the children's learning and experiences and ensure that each year group contributes to

how the money is spent. We felt it was important that the pupils play a role in deciding how the money is spent and we look forward to hearing their ideas. If you have any suggestions that you feel you would like to put forward to the Steering group, please email kinellarschoolparentcouncil@yahoo.com as we would be interested to know your thoughts.

The KSPC also discussed the other funds that have been raised through Christmas Cards and Elf shelf to name a few and it was decided that a Disco would be appropriate as this has been a huge success with the children in the past. We are currently planning a date with the school to ensure it fits in with a busy Term 4! We are also exploring ideas for the kids to get involved in a variety of activities at the school – activities that they wouldn't normally get an opportunity to sample. Hopefully more news to follow shortly on this.

KSPC Funds have also contributed towards the following;

- Easi-Ears Listening station



- Subscription to Charanga Music - <http://charanga.com/site/>



We recently updated our constitution and a copy will be available on the KSPC noticeboard after the Easter holidays.

We are always looking for volunteers for different activities throughout the year. If you can assist with playground duties in the mornings on a regular basis then it would be great to hear from you. Also, if you have an interest in horse-riding and are willing to give up some of your time to help some of the children with the horses then we'd be keen to hear from you. Please email us and we'll put in contact with the appropriate people.

The next KSPC meeting is to held at the school on 1st June 2016 at 7pm. If you have any agenda items or feedback please speak to your KSPC representative or contact us prior to the meeting at kinellarschoolparentcouncil@yahoo.com

We wish you all an enjoyable Easter holiday.

P2	Uma Thankappan, Kirsty Deans, Catherine Brown (Vice Chair)
P3	Marshia Peel
P4	Lynne Greig, Lyndsay Cassie
P5	Xania Aracas, Lynda Barnard
P6	Tara Cran
P7	Laura Simpson

Kinellar School Parent Council Membership	
Nursery	Arlene Fortune, Lynda Barnard (Treasurer)
P1	Alastair Fleming (Chairperson), Anna-Marie Pithie