



First Class

You are invited to 'Meet the Teacher'
Thursday the 18th of September 2014 6-7pm
All Welcome!

Update

Ryder Cup 2014



We were lucky to win a small number of tickets for the Ryder Cup this year. This is a fantastic opportunity for our extra-curricular golf players and 'Club Golf' members in the school. The Ryder Cup Practice Day is courtesy of Standard Life and we are very appreciative of the chance for some of our children to be involved in this. Miss Finch will escort the children on the day. Our Janitor and keen golfer, Mr Ironside will join the group from the staff. Alehousewells School are joining us too.

Events

Thurs 18 Sep – Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 24 Sep Primary 5 Class Assembly

Thursday 25 Sep P7 into S1 Evening at Kemnay Academy

Friday 26 Sep Community Café

We are looking forward to seeing you all at these events.

Community Café – Macmillan

On Friday the 26th of September P7M, P3R and P3S are hosting our Community Café. The proceeds of the Café are going to the Macmillan Coffee Morning. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Extra-Curricular

P6-7 Netball – Monday 3.15-4.30

P2-4 Hip-Hop – Wednesday 3.15-4.15

P5-7 Hip-Hop – Wednesday 4.15-5.15

P6-7 Golf – Wednesday 3.15-4.15

P7/6 Football

If you would be interested in helping with the P7/6 school football team please contact Katie Finch at the school.

Core Staffing

As you are aware, we have 3 DHTs working here at Kinellar. All of them require time out during the week for their management remit. At the moment, we still have a vacancy in Mrs Stannard's classroom for 2 days a week and we are actively seeking two other days to cover Probationers on their day out. At the moment we are covering this with regular and trusted supply or in-house where possible. Although this is not ideal, Mrs Stannard is working hard to ensure continuity and progression for all the children.

Campus Update

We are still waiting for some items for the new Annex. The P5 and 6/5 teachers have been very patient. The pin boarding for the annexe is on the way but may perhaps be some time yet. This is certainly no reflection on the teachers – they are keen to display

class work. For this reason these classrooms do feel a bit bare but I'm sure you'll enjoy seeing the new facility and meeting the teachers.

Lunch Hour

This continues to go well. All the children are eating in the hall. This now means we have no children eating in other areas of the school. It's great when all the children can eat together. Thanks to the children for their patience, we've tried lots of different configurations and we now have one that fits well. All going well, we will now prepare for the predicted increase in lunches in early 2015.

Primary 1

The Primary 1 children continue to settle but are looking exhausted by 3.15! After the end of September, the Primary 1 children can be dropped off at the gate and should line up at their infant door. Parents should drop their children off and if possible move away from the gate so that other children can access the entrance.

A member of staff is usually at the gate for safety. In addition to this we have a parent helper rota to help us monitor the children.

Visiting Specialists

Some of our Visiting Specialist teachers will be joining us for the 'meet the Teacher.'

Make sure you pop in to see them in the Performance Room.

First Class News Letters

These will be emailed out to families and will also be on the Website. In addition to this, the current First Class will be displayed on the noticeboard in main entrance. This will minimise the need for any paper copies to go out. If you are not receiving the email, please let the office know. We will only put out a paper copy if you do not have access to the internet. Any reply slips that you need to return to school will be sent home on paper to ensure we always get these back to us.

Mrs Moore

Mrs Moore is now on maternity leave. We wish her all the best and she promises to visit as soon as she can. We miss her already.

Primary 4M Blog

I hope you have had time to go on the school website and look at the new blog from Primary 4 M. They have been working hard with Mr Madden to share some of their work with you. Check it out!

Excellence Time

We have a team of children helping me with the 'First Class' publication during

Excellence Time. In the future they will write articles and take photos. Watch this space.

Curricular Events

Both our Team Teaching and Assessment events were well attended. We are hoping to run more of these later in the session. We will keep you updated.

Twitter



A little birdie told me that twitter is landing on our website. This will be for last minute information to parents (as things do change sometimes), things we forget to tell you (we are human) and exciting updates and events in the school.

We are looking forward to having this resource to communicate rapidly with parents. As always, the emergency phone line and pin number still applies.

