



First Class

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Honesty Respect Happiness Achievement

We are Moving

We have had a very positive response to the news that we are moving ahead of schedule. Many thanks for the continued support from parents, pupils, staff and the community, it is very much appreciated. We always say it is not about the building it's the people in it, however we are looking forward to giving our pupils the facilities, resources and environment they truly deserve.

Introducing the Master Class



As your child may have already told you, Excellence Time has had a name change and is now being called a Master Class. Pupils will have the opportunity to sign up for various activities with the aim of developing skills for life, skills for learning and skills for work. This is will not to be used for punishment or reward because we want all of our pupils to have the opportunity to develop these skills. If you have a skill that you would be interested in sharing with a class over a period of 5 weeks then please let us know.

Activity Days



Our Activity Days, which had to be postponed in June, have been rescheduled for Thursday 8 September and Friday 9 September. Each class will have the opportunity to try Zorbs, Climbing, Bikes and Street Sports. There will also be other activities for pupils to take part in throughout the day. Pupils can wear sports clothing on their assigned day. P1-3 will be taking part on Thursday 8 and P4-7 on Friday 9 September. The Parent Council are going to organise our parent volunteers to help with this. If you are available on either the 8 or 9 September. Please let them know by emailing kinellarschoolparentcouncil@yahoo.com.

Updated Think Sheets

If your child's behaviour does not meet with our school values of happiness, respect, honesty and achievement a 'think sheet' will be completed with the class teacher and a restorative conversation will take place. Once the think sheet has been completed it will be sent home with your child and it should be discussed with them and signed. We have agreed the following sanctions as a school and would appreciate your support in implementing these sanctions where needed.

Positive Behaviour and Restorative Approaches

At Kinellar School we value happiness, respect, honesty and achievement. It is our responsibility to ensure we display these values. We should try to make sure we enable others to be happy, we show respect towards everyone, we are honest about our mistakes and we achieve and enable others to reach their full potential.

If we are not displaying these values the following sanctions will be put in place:

1 – Verbal Warning

A member of staff will issue a warning about behaviour.

2 – Second Warning

Pupil's name recorded by a member of staff.

3 – Think sheet

Think sheet completed and sent home to parents.

4 – Pupil meets with SMT

Think sheet sent home and meeting between pupil and SMT.

5 – Parents and pupil meet with member of staff

Think sheet sent home and meeting between pupil, parents and staff.

Meet the Teacher

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Thursday 1st September from 6-7 pm. This will be an opportunity for you to talk to your child's class teacher in an informal setting and allow you to see the learning environment.



Engagement Evening

On Monday 29 August at 7 pm there will be a meeting to discuss initial transport questions, answer queries, issue the council transport booklet and provide information on the trial transport day on Thursday 27 October. All welcome.



Christmas Party or Christmas Disco

We value your opinion on what you and your children would prefer regarding celebrating Christmas this year. Traditionally we have held parties in school for year groups or classes, which we are willing to continue if it is the preferred option but we would like to offer the option of an Infant and Upper Stages Christmas Disco with Santa Grotto, Christmas themed tuck shop and games/prizes which would take place one evening after school instead. We have created a poll on our Twitter page and would appreciate it if you could register your choice. You can do so by clicking [here](#).



Reporting to Parents

Reporting to parents on progress should comprise a range of activities including written reports, children presenting their learning to parents, parents' consultation meetings and on-going oral discussions. In light of this we have changed the format of our Community Cafés. This year each class will have either a Class Assembly or Learning Café. This will be a chance for pupils to showcase their learning. Learning Cafés will still be open to the whole community and tea and coffee will still be served but instead of focusing on raising money the focus of the stalls will be to show the learning that has been taking place within the classroom.



We are also rolling out the use of Snapshot Jotters throughout the school. These will be sent home periodically to enable you to engage in quality discussion with your children about their learning. Please comment on the pieces of work and return to school as soon as possible. **It is essential that these jotters are returned to school in order for the profile of work to be built upon.**

Entering and Exiting School

Please ensure you are not using the car park to enter and exit the school building. This entrance was used as a temporary measure after the fire but should no longer be used by pupils or parents.

Dates

29 Aug	Engagement Evening 7 pm
1 Sep	Meet the Teacher 6-7 pm Individual & Family Photos
2 Sep	Individual & Family Photos
7 Sep	Infant Activity Day
8 Sep	Upper Stages Activity Day
14 Sep	Parent Council AGM
27 Oct	Trial Transport Day
14 Nov	Inservice
15 Nov	Inservice
16 Nov	School Closed for Move
17 Nov	School Closed for Move
18 Nov	First Day at Midmill

Trophy Winners

If you were awarded a Trophy at our end of term assembly. Could you return it to school so we can send it away to be engraved.



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

We'd like to welcome everyone back for the new school term. A special welcome to all the new pupils in the school and the new staff members. We would like to wish everyone the very best for the school year ahead.

The Parent Council calendar is still being finalised for 2016 but one date for the diary is the Kinellar School Parent Council AGM which will be held on Wednesday September 14th at 7pm. Getting involved in the Parent Council is a great opportunity to participate in some important discussions and decision making and to help the School achieve its aims. At the AGM parents will also hear about planned activities for the forthcoming year. It promises to be an exciting period ahead for the School and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Please look out for updates on our Facebook page.

