



# First Class

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## Activity Days

The Activity Days were a great success and we have had a lot of positive feedback. Many thanks to the parents who helped out each day. We could not have done it without you.



## Campus & Transport Update

The following was issued to all parents this week from Aberdeenshire Council:

*“Aberdeenshire Council will be issuing all parents and carers a Transport Information Pack very shortly in preparation for the temporary move to Midmill School. Within this pack will be pupil bus passes and details of where pupils will be picked up from, including details of the pupil Escorts. If after receiving your transport pack you still have further queries, council officers will be available within the school hall on a drop in basis on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 from 4 – 7pm**. A Home to School Transport guide was issued at a previous engagement event, further copies can be collected from the school if required.”*

We have received many offers of help (for which we are very grateful) with moving from parents so we will create a Doodle Poll nearer the time to organise this.

## Pupil Property

Please ensure your child is in the habit of bringing everything they need to school in the morning. A lot of items are being dropped in at the office by parents and this will not be so easy when we move to Midmill!

We endeavour to return lost property to pupils, however, most of what we have at present has no names. **Please ensure your child's clothes are clearly named.**

### Learning Ambassadors

Each teacher has nominated a 'Learning Ambassador' for their class. These children welcome visitors to their classroom and explain what they are learning. You will see them wearing their shiny 'Ambassador' badges around the school!



### 'Kid in the Classroom'

Listen out for some of our Primary 2 children on Northsound 1 next week at 7:50 each morning!



### Sickness

Please remember to adhere to the 48 hour rule when your child is sick. We appreciate that often children recover quickly from a sickness bug, however, it is essential that they stay at home to prevent the spread of the infection.

### Bikeability Training

Our P6 pupils are about to start their Bikeability training. It will take place every afternoon except Thursdays from 1.25-3.15 pm.

If this is something you would be willing to help with, please click [here](#) to add your name to the doodle poll. If you would like more information about Bikeability just click on the badge.



### Parent Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete our online survey. The response was huge compared to last year and the information gathered will help to shape our future improvements. The results of this will be shared at the next Parent Council meeting. If you would still like to contribute please click the logo:



### Travel to School

It is lovely to see so many bikes (for Bikeability) and scooters outside school. Please encourage your child to wear a helmet at all times when on a scooter or bike. We have had a couple of bumps recently!



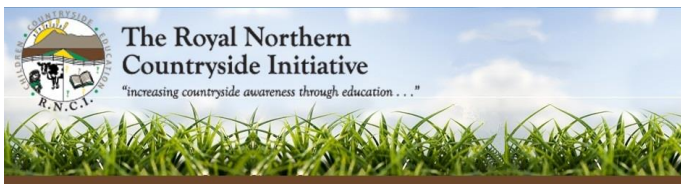
## Travelling Library

Our travelling library is now up and running, thanks to some parent volunteers. The library comes to each class once per fortnight and the children are enjoying having the opportunity to borrow books again



## CCOW Visit

Our Primary 2 pupils have been learning about farming as part of their local area study and will be receiving a visit from the Countryside Classroom On Wheels on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Due to the classroom being at school all day, the Primary 3 children will also be given the opportunity to visit.



“The Countryside Classroom on Wheels (CCOW) is a purpose built, bio secure trailer designed to bring livestock, crop and feed samples to the school playground with the aim of introducing pupils to farming, food production and the countryside and raising awareness of

the kinds of animals and plants raised on Scottish farms.

The trailer will be stocked by a local farmer with animals and crops brought from his farm.

A CCOW visit enables pupils to see farm animals at close range and hear from the farmer how they are cared for. They can touch, smell and feel a variety of crops and feeds and hear how they are grown and produced.”

<http://www.rnci.co.uk/Pages/CCOW.aspx>

## Dates

<b>6 Oct</b>	Transport Drop-In Session
<b>7 Oct</b>	Learning Café P5 & P7
<b>27 Oct</b>	Trial Transport Day
<b>14 Nov</b>	Inservice
<b>15 Nov</b>	Inservice
<b>16 Nov</b>	School Closed for Move
<b>17 Nov</b>	School Closed for Move
<b>18 Nov</b>	First Day at Midmill

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

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016



On behalf of the Parent Council we would firstly like to thank all the volunteers who helped the children enjoy the activity days last month. Everyone seemed to have a great time. The activity days were funded by the Just Giving donations. As we've mentioned in previous minutes there will be a small sub-committee set up to agree on projects to spend the remainder of funds on and we'll communicate their plans soon.

We would also like to thank everyone who was able to attend the Parent Council AGM which was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September. We discussed a range of topics and the minutes can be found under the Parent Council section of the Kinellar School website.

<http://kinellar.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parent-council/>

We have recently updated the Parent Council section of the website after listening to feedback, the minutes needed to be more readily available to the parent forum so they can now be found there. We hope you find this useful. Please check the website for regular updates and goings on from the Parent Council along with our social media page on Facebook.

At the AGM the Parent Council membership for session 2016 / 2017 is as follows, please ensure you get to know your class representative and raise any matters you feel your representative should take to the Parent Council to be discussed or if you would prefer come along and meet everyone at the next KSPC meeting which will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at Kinellar School. Everyone is welcome and we don't always meet to ask for volunteers or fundraising ideas (we feel we are pretty good at that already going by the amount of support we get every time we ask for parents to help at events but keep reading as we do have some volunteer posts vacant for Christmas time!). The meetings are also an opportunity to discuss

important matters related to the pupils learning and help support the school to make it the best it can be for the children.

As you will have heard from recent communication the parents and children have voted and a Christmas Disco is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope to set up some stalls for the kids to spend a little bit of money and if you are able to volunteer your time and effort to assist it would be greatly appreciated. Please get in contact if you can help.

The next KSPC meeting is to be held at the school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 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](mailto:kinellarschoolparentcouncil@yahoo.com)

<b>Kinellar School Parent Council Membership 2016 / 2017</b>	
<b>Chairperson:</b> Alastair Fleming <b>Vice Chairperson:</b> Catherine Brown <b>Treasurer:</b> Lynda Barnard	
<b>Nursery</b>	Anna Patience
<b>P1</b>	Arlene Fortune, Lynda Barnard, Katrina Denholm, Karen Simpson
<b>P2</b>	Alastair Fleming, Anna-Marie Pithie, Karen Goodwin, Deborah Moir
<b>P3</b>	Uma Thankappan, Kirsty Deans, Catherine Brown
<b>P4</b>	Marshia Peel, Karen Simpson, Lynda Barnard
<b>P5</b>	Lynne Greig, Lyndsay Cassie, Arlene Fortune, Kirsty Deans
<b>P6</b>	Xania Aracas, Lynda Barnard, Karen Goodwin
<b>P7</b>	Tara Cran, Zoe Stuart

**NEW GYMNASTICS CLUB**

OPENING IN INVERURIE



Classes begin on **24th October**  
at **Garioch Sports Centre**

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