



First Class

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We need you!

OUR PUPILS NEED PARENT HELPERS TO WALK THEM UP TO THE COMMUNITY HALL FOR PE. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND LET US KNOW WHEN YOU ARE AVAILABLE.

We are nearly at the end of Term 1- we can't believe it's passed so quickly. We have had a really productive and positive term here at Kinellar. Thanks to all the staff for their hard work, the support from parents and most importantly the children for working hard.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact us. If it's concerning the wellbeing or academic progress of your child at school, please follow the information below in order that your query is answered promptly and by the correct person.

1. In the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher by phone, letter or email. Bear in mind that they will be in class and might contact you at the end of the day. Please remember that the Class Teacher may need to consult other members of staff before getting back to you. We cannot promise that we will get back to you on the same day.
2. Usually, any minor queries can be dealt with in this way. If the Class Teacher needs additional support to deal with your query, they may discuss this with the Depute Head Teacher. The class teacher will get back to you or in some cases it may be the DHT.
3. If there is an ongoing problem, the Class Teacher and DHT will discuss this with the Head Teacher.
4. If your concern is an urgent Child Protection matter, please contact the DHT or HT immediately. In the event that the DHT is in class and the HT is out of school, please leave a message with the school administrator. The school office staff all have to adhere to strict confidentiality policies and will ask you what the matter is concerning. We cannot prioritise you call unless we know what it is about.

Meet some of our new staff

This year we have some new staff that need introducing. Our First Class team have undertaken the task of interviewing them.

Meet Mrs Kaprielian – PSA

I enjoy spending time with my daughter taking her to lots of activities including gymnastics and ballet. I also love to design and make clothes for young children.

My favourite food is Italian.

I think Kinellar Primary School is a very friendly, happy place to work. I am happy and honoured to be part of the school.

Meet Mrs Atwell – P2C

I enjoy cooking and baking cakes and cookies (but I especially enjoy eating them).

My favourite food is Japanese food.

I think Kinellar School is fun and friendly.

Tune in next time to meet two more new members of staff.

Late Arrivals

There have been an unusual amount of late children arriving at school through the front door of the school. The first bell rings at 08.55am and the children should be in line ready to go into school. Late children cause disruption to the beginning of the school day, additional pressure on our busy office and it also sends out the wrong message to the children.

Upcoming Events

06.11.14 P7 Technology Event @ Kemnay Academy

12.11.14 P3S Class Assembly

12.11.14 – Parent Council

13.11.14 – Parent Evening

14.11.14 3M and 7T Community Café

17.11.14-19.11.14 - In-Service Days

20.11.14 – Parent Evening

20.11.14-21.11.14 – Flu Vaccinations

P5 Football

Our P5 football team need more players to be able to compete. If you are interested please contact Simon McKenzie.

Excellence Time

During Excellence Time we are developing skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. We are coming to the end of our first 5 week block.

If you have any skills you would like to share with our pupils then please let us know? We would love to have you partner with us in this. Excellence Time takes place on a Wednesday at 2.15 pm.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Munro will be returning after maternity leave two days a week. She will be working alongside Mrs Stannard in P3S.

We would like to thank Mrs Davidson for all her hard work in the school. We wish her a happy retirement.

We are excited to welcome Mrs Downie to the staff as probationer cover for P7T.

Extra-Curricular Activities Term 2

Recorder Club

Miss Singer and Mrs Garden will be starting a recorder club on Wednesday 5th November.

Dancing

There will be a dance club starting on a Friday afternoon. It is being run by pupils from Kemnay Academy who are undertaking their young leader award.

Spanish

There will be a Spanish club starting up after the holidays. It will cost £10 a lesson. There are only 6 spaces available as the Spanish Tutor would like to work with the children in small groups and get the children listening carefully and talking correctly. Ms Natura Farres Garcia will meet for a brief meeting with parents interested to discuss the Spanish club on Monday 3rd of November @

3.15pm. You can also leave a message for her here at the school.

If you would like to sign up for any of these clubs you will receive more information at the beginning of Term 2.

Margo Brewster - Administrator

Sadly our school administrator is leaving us to go on a secondment at Westhill Academy. As you understand, the recruitment process can take some time. In the short term, there will be occasions when the office is closed. May we ask you for your co-operation and patience. Please ensure the following.....

1. Make sure your children are on time in the morning
2. They should have everything they need for the day including packed lunch boxes, tickets and PE kits etc.
3. Ensure your child knows the after school arrangements.
4. When phoning please leave your name and number and someone will try to get back to you ASAP

Congratulations to the Whole School Community for the donations to the 'Giving Tree.'

We are delighted to announce that 4 of our children collected an Award along with our Parent Council at the VSA Awards Ceremony at the Town House Aberdeen this week.



Amy Meikle, Paul Canham, Beth Roberts and Emma Booth sitting in the Town House waiting for the award.

Below with Fiona Kennedy and the shield they were presented with.

