



First Class

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Meet the Teacher

Thank you to everyone who came to meet the teacher on Thursday. It was great to see so many parents and pupils here. If you didn't get the chance to complete the parent survey please click [here](#).

KSPC Sponsored Walk

Our Sponsored Walk was a great success. Well done to all the pupils who took part and a big thank you to the Parent Council for organising the event and to all the parent helpers who made the walk possible. We do not know how much money was raised yet, but we will let you know. If you have not seen the drone footage of the walk yet you can view it [here](#). It was a lovely afternoon and really good to be back on 'home ground.'



Snapshot Jotters

Your child will bring home a snapshot jotter this week. As part of your child's learning journey, we would appreciate if you could discuss and comment on your child's learning and return the jotter to school within a week.

Reporting and Profiling

The way Aberdeenshire Schools are reporting to parents about their child's progress is changing quite dramatically. Due to children being assessed on an ongoing basis and also having much more involvement in their learning journey, the annual report is no longer fit for purpose. Reporting will also involve parents and children in an increasing amount of learning dialogue and agreed next steps in learning.

On the 9th of November, there will be an information evening on the new reporting format and we would also like parents have their say on what reporting should look like going forward.

The 'Big Conversation'

It is a privilege to work in schools and in the wider Education and Children's Services and we want to develop the relationship we have with you, both as individuals and through organisations and groups, such as Parent Councils. We view our relationship with you as an important partnership. However as with any partnership, we can make it better and help the understanding in the roles we all play in giving children and young people the best possible education.

Maria Walker

Director of Education & Children's Services

Our Working group will look into this in more depth but please feel free to access the online survey about 'The Big Conversation' -**please click [here](#)**

Maths Week Scotland

Maths Week Scotland is a brand new initiative from the Scottish Government to help everyone in Scotland see maths positively. The aim is for everyone to experience the benefits, joy and beauty of maths in exciting new ways, and to raise the profile of maths and its importance in all aspects of our lives. If you would like more information on maths week, click [here](#). As part of maths week we would like you to tweet us pictures of your family or your children practicing their maths in unusual places. If you are not following us on twitter you can do so by clicking [here](#).

Dates for Diary

13 Sep	P7 & P7/6 Assembly
20 Sep	Parent Council AGM
22 Sep	P5H & P3A Learning Café
9-10 Oct	Flu Vaccines
13 Oct	P4T & P3M Learning Café

Proud Artists

Last term some of our pupils ran a competition to draw the new Kinellar School for display boards around the construction site. Look out for these appearing soon!



Who to contact?

In the event that you have a question or concern, you should contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. They are the people who know your child best in school and will be able to resolve most issues which arise.



If you feel that your concern has still not been resolved then you should contact the appropriate Depute Head Teacher; Mrs Ruth Stannard P1-3 or Miss Katie Finch P4-7.

We work very closely as a management team and all issues which arise within school are shared with Mrs Farquhar, the Head Teacher. If you feel you require to meet with her, please make an appointment via the office.

As always, if there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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