



# First Class

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## Information Evening for Parents



Thank you to everyone who attended the Information Evening last night. It was encouraging to see so many parents come along to be informed of the changes to reporting and profiling at Kinellar School. We will shortly be sending out the first of two reports for this session and we provided advice on how to engage effectively with the new reporting format. A parent group has been formed to assist us in providing you with the information you will need to be fully engaged in this process.

We will also be inviting you to attend a parents evening following receipt of the report. The dates of these are 30 Nov and 5 Dec.

## Christmas Events!

We are aware that it is a bit early to be mentioning Christmas, however, there are quite a few events coming up next month and we would like to give you the 'heads-up' on the dates for these.

### Nativity

The Primary 1-3 Nativity will take place on Monday 18 December. This year we will be holding a morning and afternoon performance.

## Panto

We are excited to have M&M Productions back in school on 4 December for our pantomime, which will be Pinocchio! This takes place in the school gym hall and is free of charge to the pupils, including Nursery.



## Elf Shelf

The Parent Council will be running Elf-Shelf again this year during Week Beginning 4 Dec. This is a lovely opportunity for your child to do some shopping on their own and surprise family members on Christmas day!

## Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. This will take place on Friday 15 December and will be optional for pupils to take part.



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

### Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 15 December, you will receive a separate order form for this.

### Disco

Following the success of several discos run by the Parent Council, they will be holding a Christmas Disco on Friday 8 December.

### VSA Giving Tree

This has become somewhat of a tradition at Kinellar School and we are currently in talks with VSA about taking part again this year.

**More information will be sent home nearer the time regarding all of these Christmas events.**

### Campus Update

We are sure you will agree that it is fascinating to see our new school taking shape so quickly. The building will be wind and watertight within the next 3 weeks allowing for progress over the winter months and services have now started. Here are some photos of the interior provided by Morrison Construction.



While on the subject of new schools... Happy Birthday to Midmill School which has now been open for 1 year. We can't believe how quickly the time as gone and continue to appreciate the patience and support of our Midmill colleagues.



### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Mrs Agnes Morrison and Miss Rachel Singer who attended a lunch organised by Aberdeenshire Council last week to celebrate working for the authority for 25 years!



### **Groupcall Xpressions**

We would like to encourage you to sign up for the Groupcall app as a more convenient way to receive messages from us. It is free to download to your iPhone, tablet or Android. In order to authenticate you when setting up the App, the contact details held by the school must match those that you register with.



### **House Treat**

Well Done to Clinterty who won the House Cup last term. Their treat day will be on **Friday 17 November** when they can wear non-uniform.

### **Diabetes Awareness Month**



On 24 Novemebr we are inviting children to dress in blue and donate (max £1) towards Diabetes Awareness Month. This event is being organised by P4C who are keen to raise awareness around this as we have pupils and staff in school with Type 1 Diabetes.

### **Staffing**

Welcome back to Mrs Sarah Andrew who is working 2 days per week and covering Philosophy and Thinking Skills with classes across the school. Last term we said goodbye to Mr. Colin Wilson, ICT Specialist, who has taken a new post in an academy. Mrs Laura Allen has joined us this term and is teaching Science on a Friday.

### **SNSA**

This year we will be using the new Scottish National Standardised Assessments at Primaries 1, 4 and 7. These will replace Epips/INCAS at these stages and will provide valuable information relevant to the Scottish curriculum. Please click [here](#) to access information for Parents and Carers.



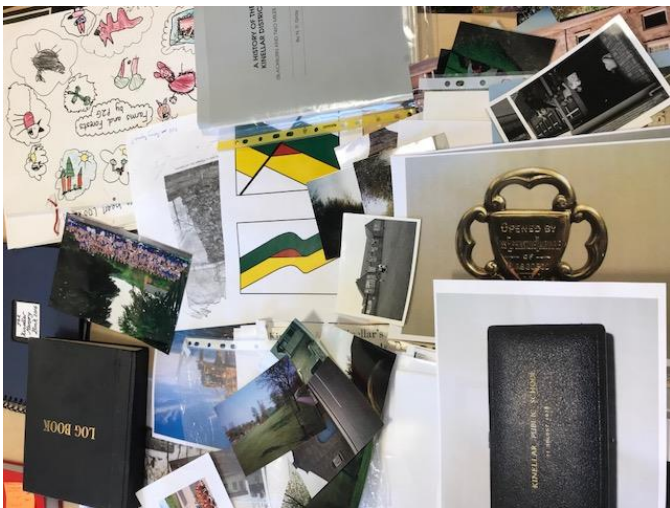


### From the Office...

- When leaving a message on the absence line, please state clearly your child's **name**, **class** and **reason** for absence.
- The office must be informed of any bus changes before 1:30pm in order to update the class teachers and escorts.

### Art and Design

An artist in residence has been appointed to the new Kinellar School in order to create artwork relevant to the Blackburn community. Some pupils and parents will be involved in this process. We will keep you updated on Twitter!



### Dates for Your Diary

<b>9 Nov</b>	Reporting - Information Evening
<b>13 Nov</b>	In - Service
<b>14 Nov</b>	In-Service
<b>15 Nov</b>	Parent Council Meeting
<b>17 Nov</b>	Clinterty House Treat
<b>24 Nov</b>	Reports out
<b>24 Nov</b>	Go Blue for Diabetes
<b>30 Nov</b>	Parents Evening
<b>4 Dec</b>	Pantomime
<b>4 Dec</b>	Elf Shelf Week
<b>5 Dec</b>	Parents Evening
<b>8 Dec</b>	Christmas Disco
<b>15 Dec</b>	Christmas Lunch
	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>18 Dec</b>	Nativity
<b>22 Dec</b>	Last day of Term 2

### Happy To help.....

As always, we are more than happy to discuss your child or an aspect of school life. If you have a concern about your child, please go the Class Teacher in the first instance as they will know your child best. If you feel your concern is an immediate child protection issue or of a serious nature, please contact via email below and we will get back to you. Mrs Stannard will mainly deal with concerns P1-3 and Miss Finch P4-7.

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