

First Class

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Honesty

Respect

Happiness

Achievement



Campus Update

We are looking forward to moving into our new campus in Kinellar summer 2018. We want to keep you as up to date as possible so you are able to make child care arrangements.

The timings of the school day will remain the same (9.00-3.15). Pupils should arrive at school no earlier than 8.50 and like all other schools, there will be no supervision in the playground between 0850 and 0900.

After School Club

The Club@Midmill will be offering before and after school care when the new school opens. This is run independently of the school and is regulated by the Care Inspectorate. They had a very positive inspection and always have a wide variety of activities on offer for the children. Please contact them directly to enquire about spaces and packages on offer.

theclubmidmill@gmail.com

A note on Standardised Assessment

The professional judgement of our teachers is still the most influential factor in assessing children's learning. Standardised Testing supports the teachers in making decisions about learning. These assessments are for teachers and data analysis and are not always a true reflection of a child- merely a snapshot of the child on that day.

Our P7 pupils have been undertaking the new Scottish National Standardised Assessments this term and P4 pupils are due to start this week. These assessments will replace InCAS and ePIPs at P1, P4 and P7. The data will be used by teachers to inform their planning and assessment.

P3 have started their InCAS assessments. These are being administered in school and the class teachers will use the data to inform their planning. As a Management Team, we also use these results to support tracking and monitoring of learning throughout the school.



Lendrick Muir



Our P7 Residential Trip is taking place from Monday 19 March- Friday 23 March. There will be an information evening for parents of pupils attending the event on Tuesday 27 February at Midmill School at 6 pm.

We are also planning for the 2019 residential trip and will have an information evening for current P6 parents on Tuesday 6 March at Midmill School.

Achievements

Achievement is one of our values at Kinellar and we are always delighted when pupils share their wider achievements with us.

Well done to Edward who passed his Grade 1 Tuba and Isaac who passed his Grade 1 Baritone exam. Both demonstrating a superb attitude to learning.



Congratulations to Alex, Cameron and Catriona who passed their Grade 1 Cello exam.



Mayeesha in P6 was delighted to receive a letter from a 'Lady in Waiting' after sending a Christmas Card to Princess Anne. Mayeesha and other P5 children enjoyed performing for the Princess at the official school opening earlier last year.

Staffing Update

Mrs Templeton who teaches writing to various infant classes on a Monday and P5H on a Friday is leaving us to go on Maternity leave. We would like to wish her all the best.

School Uniform and PE kits



Pupils are reminded to wear their school uniform at all times. They should also ensure they bring the correct PE kits to school each week. These pupils are looking very smart!

Scottish Poetry

P3A, P3M and P3/2 learned Scottish Poems for homework as part of Burns Day celebrations. They held competitions and an overall final took place amongst great excitement. The standards were very high and the judges had a tough decision to make. Congratulations to Maisie Shaw, Zoe Odunmbaku and Euan Mackay.



Nursery and P1

Nursery and Primary 1 enrolment is now complete and we are planning for session 2018-2019 already. A full list of transition events for both Nursery and Primary 1 children will be out ASAP as this will happen before the school move. As always, if you have any questions about children starting P1 or Nursery with us, please contact us via email or call the school office.

Mrs Stannard

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Stannard had a baby boy called Zachary (8lbs). He was born on 25 January.



P7 Transition



P7 pupils will be going to Kemnay Academy on Wednesday 14 March for Technology Day. The Academy will be issuing a letter about this in the near future with more information. Even if your child is not going to Kemnay Academy we would expect them to attend with their classmates as it is an important part of the learning and transition process.

Reporting and Profiling

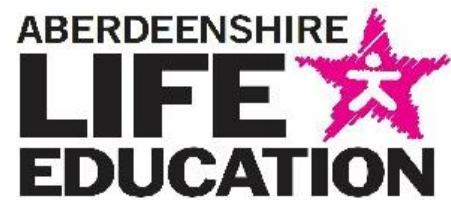
Our Reporting and Profiling Group consists of pupils reps from all year groups and 2 parent representatives. In January, the SMT met with 32 children to discuss their views and experiences of profiling and reporting. The children spoke incredibly well about their learning and how profiles and reports support this. We will be catching up with the parent representatives very soon to share the information.



Disco

We would like to thank KSPC for another fantastic School Disco. It was very well attended and everyone had a great time.

ALEC



We were delighted to host Aberdeenshire Life Education Centres this term. They covered a range of Health and Wellbeing topics with our classes which were very informative and thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils. The topics covered were as followed:

P2 – My Wonderful Body

P3 – Feelings, P4 Meet the Brain

P5 – BCyberwise

P6 – Friends

P7 & P7/6 – Decisions

GIRFEC

On a similar note, please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel your child has a physical or mental health issue we can support you with here at school. Medical issues often impact on school life and families. We are not clinically trained but can often support and point you in the right direction of a professionals in particular fields.



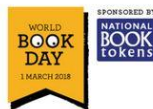
Kinellar Seedlings



We are starting a new group here in the Kinellar School Community. 'Kinellar Seedlings' will begin soon and is aimed at engaging families with children aged Pre Birth-4 in school life and learning at an early stage. Some sessions will purley be for parents of very young children to learn about the school and how to help support the learning of young babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Obviously, the sessions will also give parents the opportunity to meet each other and us as a staff team.

World Book Day

One of our House Captains is organising this day. Children may come dressed as their favourite book character and bring a donation for Book Aid. There is a competition 'Reading in Unusual Places' if the children want take part in this.



#WORLDBOOKDAY 2018
THURSDAY 1 MARCH



Bus Safety

The majority of our children are behaving well on our buses both morning and afternoon.

Please remind your child about the importance of staying in their seat, wearing their seatbelt and being respectful of others, the driver and escort.

Dates

27 Feb	Residential Info Evening 2017/18
1 March	World Book Day
6 March	Residential Info Evening 2018/19
16 March	P3/2 and P4C Learning Café
21 March	Parent Council – all Welcome
19-23 March	P7 Residential Trip
29 March	Last Day of Term (30 th March Good Friday Holiday).

The Big Move



We will be moving back to Blackburn this Summer. Although we have already done this before, we would appreciate the help of parents to pack /unpack boxes and support some of the sorting of resources in preparation for the move. If you'd like to help us (even just a couple of hours) please email us and we will gladly give you a job.

Autism Information Morning

A fun family information morning for parents and carers with children aged 0-8 who are diagnosed autistic, awaiting a diagnosis or suspect their child has the condition. **Saturday 17th March at Alford Academy**

Community Outreach

Primary 3/2, 3M and 3A are receiving 6 sessions with Aberdeen Community Trust. This will be in the form of Football skills and will form part of their PE curriculum. As with other sessions we offer through our own PE provision, Masterclasses, trips, Active Schools and voluntary organisations, we cannot offer all of these activities to all children. Across the year we balance out such curricular opportunities and are fair in our approach. It is our job as a school to invite, plan and allocate these sessions.

Twitter Takeover

P1L have taken over our Twitter this week. They have been giving us daily updates on what they have been learning.



Click [here](#) to find out which class will be taking over Twitter next week.

Contact us

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

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