

First Class

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Honesty

Respect

Happiness

Achievement

Mayfest 2018



A glorious day at Aberdeen university on Sunday the 27th May. Kinellar Pupils teamed up with the Department of Ethnology, Folklore and Ethnomusicology. They performed to highlight Inclusion of the Travelling Community. Interesting to find out more about the fascinating lifestyle and history of Gypsy Travellers. Thank you to children from the travelling community, their friends and families for support on the day. Thanks also go to staff for supporting the project and continuing to support inclusion and learning in Kinellar School.

Scottish Education Award



There were 5515 entries across Scotland and Stella was one of the 5 category winners. She won the P5-P7's category, received an award from Steven Brown and the original artwork is being framed for display in the Steven Brown Gallery.



Learning Cafes

The learning Cafes continue to be a fantastic opportunity to share learning and variety of subjects and experiences. All members of the community are welcome at these – spread the word!



Sports day

We had a great day at Sports Day this year. Thank you to all those who came to help, support and enjoy the day with us. It was great to see our school community back together in Blackburn.



Kinellar Disco

Its exciting to report that the next Disco will take place in our new building on Friday the 7th of September. Please contact the Parent Council Facebook page if you are available to help at the discos. These can only go ahead with parental support and not only is it a great fundraiser but the children love them too.

The New School

As you will see the School is fairly taking shape and we are excited about the pending move. Although we've not seen inside yet, the Pupil and School Council are visiting soon to give the project their 'stamp of approval.' I'm sure they will be very thorough! They will report back to the classes on progress.



Staffing Update

We would like to welcome Mrs Amy Duckers to the team, she is teaching P3/2 this term and has been a great addition to our staff. Mrs Fiona McLaren has taken the decision to resign at the end of term. Fiona is heavily involved in activities outside of education such as Club Golf. Fiona will remain at Kinellar as a supply teacher. We look forward to welcoming probationer Miss Crawford to the team next session.

Class Allocation

Along with this email, we have attached a letter and FAQs regarding class allocation at Kinellar. Hopefully this will inform you and give you insight into the class allocation process.



Parent Council

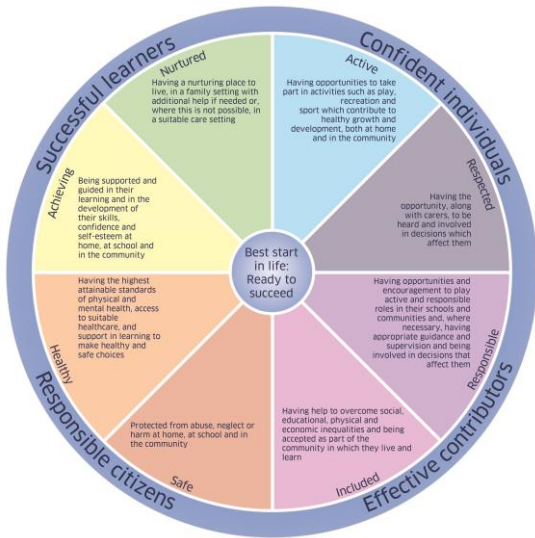
The parent council met recently and have agreed to fund some initiatives and resources. We will keep you informed about these purchases and how they will impact on learning.

Inclusion and Acceptance Assembly

This session during assemblies we have been sharing our Vision for Kinellar School with pupils.

Our Vision for Kinellar is to create a community where everyone is challenged, motivated and inspired to reach their highest potential as lifelong learners and global citizens.

As part of these assemblies we have been focusing on Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) and the Wellbeing Wheel.



To follow on, we asked each class to prepare a three minute presentation on how they had been working to ensure that everyone in Kinellar School felt Included and Accepted.

Each class developed this in a different way including art work, songs, dramas and presentations. It was a wonderful assembly to be part of. We were very proud of all of our pupils.



Achievements



Our P7 Football team took part in and won the Turriff Football Tournament for their age group, beating 9 other schools in the process. This was a great achievement, with the boys playing some great football and fairly too.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our Kinellar Football Coaches for the time they give up each week to work with our football teams.

Oscar Barnard and David McMahon took part in the Mackie Rugby Tournament with the Garioch P5 team and won.

Garden Party

We usually host a Garden Party at this time each year to thank all our Parent Helpers and Volunteers. We have taken the decision to postpone it until we move back to Kinellar. We really value and appreciate all the help and support you give us. Please look out for your invitation in Term 1 session 18/19.

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. A Doodle Poll will be out shortly for you to sign up to.

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.

Trophies

Please can anyone with Trophies return them to school by 22 June. On a similar note, if you'd like to donate a trophy in memory or to highlight a area of the curriculum we are happy to honour these at the End of Term Assemblies.

P7 Transition

The team at Kemnay Academy are working hard to ensure a smooth transition for our P7s and they recently attended an Enterprise Transition Day at Kintore School

P5 Trip to Kemnay Academy

On the subject of transition, the P5s attended a Drama Showcase at Kemnay Academy. They were treated to performances in the Drama Studio from the S1 pupils and were also given a taste of lighting, sound and stage direction.

P6 Huntly Nordic and Outdoor Centre

The pupils at Kinellar have the opportunity to take part in such a variety of sports. Last year we had a downhill Ski Team and this is an area we'd like to pursue in the future. It was amazing to see how much they took away from the day and as usual impeccable behaviour from all.

P1 Induction

Our P1 Induction Meetings were very well attended. It was great to see some familiar faces and some new families joining our school community.

Step up day for new P1 pupils will take place on Wednesday 27 June. We look forward to welcoming the children to Midmill school on this day.

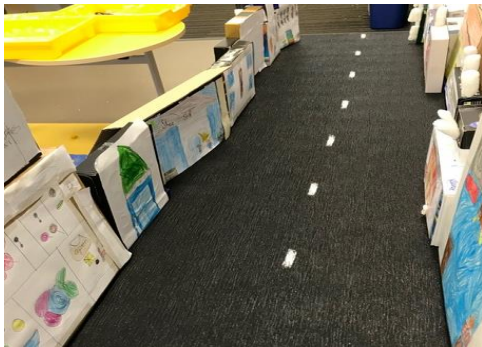
P2 Assembly

P2G and P2M put on a wonderful Assembly on Aberdeen for parents and pupils. They shared what they have been learning within their topic. It was very clear that they have been busy this term. It was also fantastic to see so many confident performers with loud and clear voices! Well done P2.

Thank you to those who left feedback for the children. They loved reading about what you had enjoyed.



The P2s were also delighted to welcome Jamie McNamara the CARS Project Officer from Aberdeen City Council about the rejuvenation of Union Street. P2 made a model of Union Street in the flexible learning space.



Generation Science

P1 were very lucky to have a visit from Generation Science on 1 May. This workshop has funded by the MacRobert Trust. The team taught the children about the importance of Honey Bees in a fun and practical way.

P1-3 Author Visit



We welcomed an author to the school and the children were excited to meet Badger the mystical Mutt and hear of his adventures.

Aberdeenshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2018

This year's challenge starts on Thursday 28th June and runs until Saturday 25th August 2018.

Youngsters often read less during the summer holidays. The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun and accessible activity for children of all ages and aims to promote reading, encourage progression, support curricular outcomes and involve children in a cultural activity.

Children receive a stamp or sticker for each book they read and will receive a book prize after reading six or more books, depending on their age group.

As well as the reading challenge, libraries also run a creative competition.

Get down to your local library and find out more when the challenge commences at the end of June.



Dates

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| Wed 20 June | P7 Party
SMT & Pupil Council
New School Visit |
| Mon 25 June | End of Term Assembly |
| Wed 27 June | P7 Link Day
Step Up Day |
| Thurs 28 June | P7 Link Day |
| Fri 29 June | P7 Link Day |
| Thurs 5 July | Last Day of Term |
| Fri 6 July | School Closed |

Contact us

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

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Science Fair P7

