



First Class

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Honesty

Respect

Happiness

Achievement

Open Evening

It was wonderful to see the buzzing with excitement at our Open Evening. Thank you to everyone who came along. During the evening we asked people to let us know what they liked about our new school.



School Arrival

Pupils should not arrive at school before 8.50 am. There is no supervision in the playground before 0900 so we would also like the children to stay off the playground climbing equipment when they first arrive at school.

Coffee Morning

To thank our school and parent helpers, we are having a low key coffee morning here at the school. A doodle poll went out to sign up to. We appreciate all help you have to offer. It's been an incredibly busy time for all the staff so please don't be offended if we didn't invite you personally as we have in the past.

Bikeability

Thank you to those who have volunteered to support Bikeability this term. If you know anyone who may be interested in supporting Bikeability training for pupils from P6 and P7 this session please encourage them to email [Katie Finch](#). Voluntary support is essential to enable this initiative to take place.



Bike & Scooter Safety

We have asked all pupils to ensure they are walking their bikes/scooters when on or in-between the Zebra Crossings. All bikes and scooters should be put into scooter pods or bike racks on arrival. There should be no cycling or scooting in the playground. Please ensure if your child is taking a bike or scooter to school that they are wearing a helmet. If you are walking or driving to school in the morning, please be aware that there will be pupils cycling and scooting to school.



P1 & P2 Drop Off

We are delighted with the way P1 pupils have settled in to school life. We would like to ask all parents to say goodbye to their child when they reach the cones. Pupils should then line up independently ready for their class teacher to come and collect them. If parents wish to talk to the class teacher, please either wait until the end of the day once all pupils have been collected or contact the teacher by phone or email. If it is urgent please contact the school office.

Drop off – School Car park

Please ensure you do not drop your children off in the upper car park. This is strictly for staff and visitors only. Breakfast and Afterschool club are welcome to use this area but please park in the spaces provided when dropping off and picking up.

Summer Disco

Friday 14th September

Parent Council Summer Disco

We would like to say a big thank you to the Parent Council for organising our Summer Disco and to all those who helped out on the night. It was a great success and at our AGM on Wednesday it was noted how good the behaviour was throughout the night. Well done to all.

Dogs in Playground

As stated in the previous issue of First Class, whilst we do not encourage dogs in the playground we currently have no serious objections to well behaved dogs (on leads) being present in the playground at drop off and pick up times. Please ensure if you are bringing your dog to school during pick up or drop off times that it is on a lead.



Outdoor Play Sessions

Lovely idea in the holidays. There are sessions in Midmill and Kemnay. Both flyers are attached with this email. Also attached is info about sessions at the Garioch Community Kitchen



Recognition of Achievements

In Kinellar School we value achievement. As part of their role as Head Pupils, Ben and Lexie are recording achievements made by pupils in and out of school. These achievements will be recognised in assembly and in First Class.



Our achievements so far this term have ranged from cycling 50 miles, running 2km and 5km, winning player of the week and players player for the season, playing the piano on stage, gymnastic and dance awards and certificates for Mischief Masters. We are very proud of all our pupils and their achievements in and out of school.

Master Class



Our second block of Master Classes, skills for Learning, Life and Work, will be starting after the October holidays. These sessions support skill

development and progression. Master Classes run from 2.15-3.00 pm each Wednesday. If you have a skill you would like to share with our pupils please contact [Katie Finch](#).

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; Miss Morrison Nursery – P3 or Miss 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. pamela.farquhar@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

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To keep up-to-date with all that is going on in school, please follow us on [twitter](#).



Aberdeen University Students

Throughout the year we will have a number of students allocated to classes. At the moment we have 10 MA2s with us every Thursday for a period of time. They are with P3M, P4D, P7D, P2M and P5/4. These 2nd Year students are placed in pairs and the children will get to know them well. To begin with the students support the learning in the class and then work to taking the class in pairs under the direction of the Class Teacher.

Update from Parent Council

It has been a busy start back to the new term for the Parent Council. Our Summer disco was a fantastic success the children danced the night away and had great fun, £810 pounds was raised. We would like to thank all the helpers and everyone who contributed to making it a success. The AGM was held on the 19th of September, we had a great turn out and it was lovely to see so many new faces. The new chair for Parent council is Karen Goodwin, Vice Chair Katrina Denholm and Treasurer Michelle Tai.



The class reps are as follows:

Nursery - Michelle Forsyth

P1 - Sarah Snell

P2 - Anna Patience

P3 - Karen Simpson

P4 - Karen McCann

P5 - Kirsty Deans

P6 - Laura Findlay

P7 - Tara Cran, Lindsay Cassie, Lynne Greig.

We look forward to the Christmas term with the Christmas disco on the 7th of December and the Efl Shelf.