

## Bike & Scooter Safety

We have had a number of reports of pupils cycling across roads and pulling out in front of cars on scooters and bikes. If your child is cycling or scooting to school please ensure they know how to get to and from school safely.

## Scottish Schools Biathlon Championships



On Sunday 7 October, Bruce Flett P4, Juliet Brown and Aiden Lean both P5 represented Kinellar Primary School at the Scottish Schools Biathlon Championships at Aberdeen Sports Village. The sun decided not to make an appearance and the rain and wind made it challenging for the competitors but Bruce, Juliet and Aiden were not put off by the Scottish weather and joined 180 other school pupils' aged 8-20yrs from across Scotland.

Bruce and Juliet both competed in the under 9 category, which consisted of a 25m swim, then a 400m run. Bruce finished 9<sup>th</sup> Under 9 Boy overall with a total score of 1334 points. Juliet finished 2<sup>nd</sup> Under 9 Girl with a total score of 2090 points and was also awarded the Scottish Saltires Under 9 Best Swim medal. Juliet's placing and points put her in contention to qualify for the British Schools Biathlon Championships in March 2019. Aiden Lean competed in the Under 10 category, which consisted of a 50m swim, then an 800 run. Aiden came 9<sup>th</sup> overall Under 10 Boy and finished with a score of 1436.

Bruce, Juliet and Aiden all showed great determination and sportsmanship and were a credit to Kinellar School. Special thanks to Scottish Saltires Modern Pentathlon Club for running this event and all the volunteers who helped make it happen.

## 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](#).

## Lates

Our Admin team regularly review attendance data and pass any concerns to us. During a recent review it has come to our attention that there have been more late arrivals in school this term than in the whole of session 17-18.

If a pupils is late on more than five occasions, parents will receive a letter asking that they work together with their child to take steps to address this concern.

Our school day begins at 9 am and all pupils are required to be in school at this time so that learning can begin. When pupils do not arrive on time they risk missing out on important information and cause disruption to their own and other's learning.

It is important that all of our young people are given every opportunity to progress and to develop good habits for now and for later life. We appreciate your support in this matter.

### Recognition of Achievements

In Kinellar School we value achievement. We are delighted to see how many pupils want to share their achievements with us this session.



These have included swimming medals, walking up to Tappie Tower, learning to ride a bike, Highland Dancing exams, gymnastic and football medals and trophies and Beavers badges.

Well done to everyone included and to those who have not brought their awards and achievements to our attention.

We are so proud of all you do in and out of school.



We are looking forward to hearing about all your achievements over the October holidays.

### Dates for Diary

- Fri 12 Oct P3G & P3M Learning Café
- Fri 12 Oct End of Term
- Mon 29 Oct Start of Term 2
- Wed 31 Oct Road Safety Magic Show

### Calendar for Parents

We have uploaded a calendar for Parents to our website. You can access it by clicking [here](#). These dates are subject to change.



### Bikeability

Thank you to those who have volunteered to support Bikeability. We have a Cycle Training Assistant course coming up on 7 November from 9 am - 4.30 pm at Kinellar School. If you are interested please let us know ASAP by emailing [Katie Finch](#). Voluntary support is essential to ensure Bikeability can take place.



### BHF Dodgeball Tournament

This term P5/4 and P5T have been learning the rules of Ultimate Dodgeball and sharing their learning with other classes in preparation for an Ultimate Dodgeball Tournament. Here is a report on the tournament from Annie and Aimee.

The Ultimate Dodgeball Tournament was held in Kinellar Primary School hall. P4-P7s played against each other and the winners were the P6 All Stars.

There was a lot of good sportsmanship and fair play during the tournament. It lasted for two days and was lots of fun.





The whole point of the Dodgeball Tournament was to raise money for the British Heart Foundation and our school. 80% of the money raised goes to the British Heart Foundation and 20% goes to our school.

We have raised over £2000 so far. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

### **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.

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



### **Update from Parent Council**

The Parent Council have taken the decision not to do Christmas cards this year, in their place we have commissioned two tea towels to commemorate the opening of the new Kinellar School building these will have the children's self-portraits. Order forms with samples will follow after the October break.

Parent council dates for the coming term are:

14 Nov	Parent Council meeting All welcome
3-6 Dec	Elf Shelf
7 Dec	School Disco

