



First Class

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Honesty

Respect

Happiness

Achievement

Goodbye Mrs Benzie!

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Benzie from nursery at our end of term assembly. She has worked in Kinellar nursery for 20 years and even attended Kinellar School as a child! She was presented with a lovely plaque and flowers from KSPC on behalf of the whole school community and enjoyed the children singing 'O Mrs B' to the tune of 'O Christmas Tree.' We wish Dorothy all the best in her retirement and will be looking to get her advice on our school garden come springtime!



Awards

This term our Values Awards went to:

Grace Allan	Achievement
Lee Allan	Honesty
Alexander Rogocz	Happiness
Amy Greig	Respect



The house cup winners were....

TAPPIE!



There will be a house treat for **Tappie** AND **Glasgoforest** (last terms winners) on Friday 11th January. Pupils can wear non-uniform and will receive some extra privileges in school for the day.

Master Classes



Our next block of Master Classes, skills for Learning, Life and Work, will be starting after the Christmas holidays. These sessions support skill development and progression. Master Classes run from 2.15-3.00pm each Wednesday. We would love to see parents sharing their skills with our pupils. If you have a skill you would like to share or would just like some more information about Master Classes please contact [Katie Finch](#).

Thank you Parent Council

As always, our Parent Council have done an excellent job of supporting the school over the festive period. **The Elf Shelf** was a hit and it was lovely to see the pupils' delight at getting to do their own Christmas shopping. The **disco** was very well organised and well attended by children from all stages who did us proud with their behaviour on the night. The classes have also enjoyed opening their **UNICEF calendars** every morning and these have reminded us of how privileged we are and how such a little can go a long way in helping others. Finally, our Christmas Lunch was made extra special by the addition of **Santa Hats** also donated by KSPC!

VSA Giving Tree

The VSA have again been 'blown away' by the generosity of our school community in the amount of donations to the Giving Tree. Over 150 gifts were collected on Tuesday and we are sure these will be well received by children and teenagers over Aberdeenshire.

Well done to P5T who took on the organisation of this.



(Also thank you to ASDA for the donation of our lovely 12ft Christmas Tree!)

Family Learning

We are pleased to be launching our new Family Learning program 'Tea Talks' in the new year. These will be focused on parents with children in the 0-5 age range and are also open to members of the local community who do not have children at Kinellar School or Nursery yet. Please see the poster below for details of the courses and how to sign up.



RDA

We continue to work closely with the RDA and have a group of children who attend riding lessons each week. If you would be willing to become one of our volunteers who accompany them, please let us know. The RDA will provide training in January.

The RDA have also been selected as one of Tesco Inverurie's chosen charities for the month of January. Please show your support by posting your tokens.





Twitter

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



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; Mrs Stannard Nursery, Miss Morrison P1 – 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 need 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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And Finally...

On behalf of all the staff at Kinellar School we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you on Monday 7 January 2019.

Family Learning at Kinellar School



At Kinellar School, we are committed to being a valued part of the community here in Blackburn. We maintain positive relationships with our parents and other partners and endeavor to reach out to those who have children in the 0-3 age range. Having recently returned to the new village school, we are launching our Family Learning program – ‘Tea Talks’. These will take the shape of informal ‘courses’ over a cup of tea and will hopefully offer challenging, relevant and enjoyable learning opportunities. **If you would like to book a place for any of the following, please email ruth.stannard@aberdeenshire.gov.uk**

We look forward to seeing some new and familiar faces!

	Dates/Times	What's on?	Description
January	23rd 1:30pm	First Aid	A short course from British Red Cross on how to help your baby or child in a First Aid Emergency.
February	21 st , 28 th and 7 th <u>Mar</u> 9:15am	Little Learners	This 3 week course will be run by Jen Sutherland, our Educational Psychologist and will give you an insight into the skills that children need to develop at a young age in order to be good learners.
March	19 th 9:15am	Garioch Community Kitchen	Nutritionist, Amy Cameron, will discuss how to provide a healthy balanced diet for your little ones along with some tips for managing fussy eaters! This will be followed by a short Q&A session.
April	18 th 9:15am	Bump, Birth, Baby and Beyond with Essential Oils	Kinellar mum, Jenna Gillies, will be speaking about using essential oils to support wellness from bump, birth, babies and beyond.
May	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd 30 th 9:15am	Book Bug sessions and Storytelling Workshop	Susan McKay, Early Years Librarian will deliver 4 Bookbug sessions followed by a Storytelling Workshop on 30 th . Please bring your little ones along to these sessions (Children may be taken out of nursery to attend).
June	13 th 9:15am	Early Level Curriculum	Denise Lorimer, our Early Years Principle Teacher will explain Early Level within Curriculum for Excellence and how it is taught in Nursery and Primary 1 along with how you can support this as a parent.

More sessions may be added throughout the term, we will keep you posted!

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