



# **First Class**

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# Lendrick Muir

As always, our P7s have had a fantastic week at Lendrick Muir. Our staff were proud of their behaviour, team work and positive attitude throughout the different activities and challenges. Here is a taster of what they have been up to...





## **Road Safety**

Following on from concerns raised by a number of parents about the safety of Fintray Road, each class has completed a lesson on Road Safety. We have also ordered 2 signs with a safety message to be placed at the entrance to Blackburn at Fintray Road. Here are some examples of the work done in class...

P7 discussed what were important issues regarding road safety in the village and they all agreed the most important point for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists was to be alert and aware of what is going on around you.

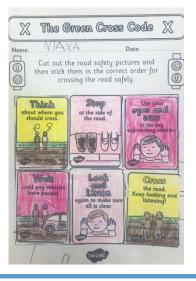
P2M discussed how they come to school. They read 'Super Cat's Road Safety Story' and learned the Road Safety Rap. They completed a sequencing task on how to cross the road safely



P4/3 looked at travelling safely to school. They looked at safe places to cross, dangers, and distractions when walking with friends. They made posters on travelling safely to school.

P2/1 created leaflets to explain how to cross the road safely.

P1P read a story about Ziggy and the Lollipop Lady and discussed where to cross when coming to school. They completed this worksheet and sang the Stop, Look, Listen, Think song.



P1H looked at how to cross the road safely. They looked at and talked about safe places to cross, who can help us, how to stop and wait with toes behind the kerb and look and listen. They talked about all the different types of vehicles to look out for.



# World Book Day



KSPC organised a very successful book swap at the beginning of the month to celebrate World Book Day. This replaced the Scholastic Book Fair this year.

Over 800 books were donated. Every class enjoyed a trip to the Library to choose a new book to take home and enjoy. The left over books have

been split between the Library and Nursery

Thank you to all who donated and we hope you are enjoying your new book!



## First Aid Training

Grampian Training Services were in school earlier this month. P5-7 pupils completed Level 1, 2 or 3 Young Emergency Aider Award.

Level 1 was completed by Primary 5 and included learning about asthma, choking and the recovery position.



- Primary 6 complete Level 2. During this they learned how to treat bites and stings, burns and scalds.
- Primary 7 completed Level 3. They learned about bone, muscle and joint injuries, chest pain, electric shocks, fainting and resuscitation.

Thanks to the KSPC for funding this!

#### **Bikeabilty**

P7 have been working hard during their Bikeability sessions. They have now completed Level 1 and will be ready to start Level 2 after the holidays.

More information on this to follow. Thank you to the parent helpers who have volunteered and enabled us to deliver these sessions. We really appreciate your support.



## Recipe Book

KSPC are currently working on a family recipe book which will be sold to raise funds for the school. All pupils are required to bring a copy of their 'Family Favourite' recipe which will be collated into 8 separate books, one for each stage. Please send your child's recipe into school with their name and class by **19<sup>th</sup> April**. These recipes can be written, typed or even a printed screenshot, however is easiest for your family. If your recipe is from a website or cookbook please put credit at the

bottom so it can copyright.



## **Tempest Photos**

The Tempest photographer was in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to take class photographs of Nursery, Primary 1 and 7 classes. More details will follow on how these can be purchased.

#### After School Clubs



## Fun Fitness

This will be continuing next term (dates still yet to be confirmed) but will have a couple of spaces available in the P1-3 group which takes

to the book for

place on Mondays from 5:15pm-6pm. If interested in signing uр then simply contact lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk for ิล consent form. Currently the P4-7 class, which is from 6:15pm-7pm, is full but it's always worthwhile to have your child's name on the waiting list if interested in them attending at some point. Again, just contact lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk to express an interest.

#### <u>Hip Hop</u>

This will be continuing next term (again, dates to be confirmed) but have a number of spaces available in the P4-7 group which takes place on Wednesdays from 3:15pm-4:15pm. If interested in signing up then simply contact lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk for a consent form. The P1-3 group takes place from 4:15pm-5:15pm but is currently at full capacity, but again, any parent who is interested in their child attending this club should register their interest and they can be put on the waiting list.

# Active Schools - volunteers wanted!

It's been great to have Hip Hop continue on Kinellar's return to Blackburn this year, and great that we have been able to introduce another activity to the school through David Langan offering Fun Fitness sessions. To further the experiences and opportunities available to children in schools, we are looking for any interested and keen parents/members of the community to help offer, deliver, and support some school sports and activity programmes. No experience is required, all we ask is that you are enthusiastic and motivated! If you have a hobby you would be keen to share within your child's school, or you are simply interested in volunteering and getting involved, then please contact Lynsey, the Active Schools Coordinator for the Kemnay Network, on lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk There is no limit to the sports and activities we can offer, so anything can be an option!

#### <u>Netball</u>

We are delighted to have our netball team up and running again now that we are back in Blackburn. Training takes place on a Monday after school and is open to Primary 5 children. Currently at capacitygreat to see such enthusiasm.

Our hall is also home to a pack of Brownies on a Tuesday evening!

## Oor Wullie

We are very excited to have our own mini Oor



Wullie statue. He will be a part of Wild in Art's first national art tour with over 150 Oor Wullies on public display all across Scotland between June and August 2019. This is in partnership with The Archie Foundation and other Scottish Children's hospitals.

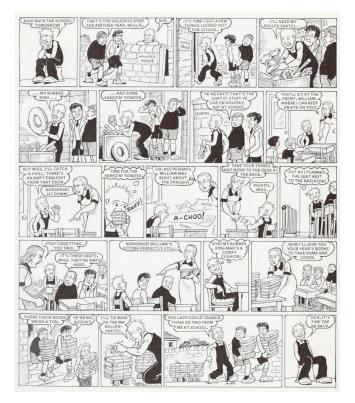
Our Oor Wullie will be on display during the summer holidays, most likely located somewhere indoors. He will then be returned to Kinellar School next session to keep.

So far we've had over 150 entries for the design Oor Wullie competition. Thank you to all that have entered, it will be hard to choose a winner! Following the spring break we will get to work painting our statue in our winning design before he gets picked up and ready to go on display. We will host other fundraising initiatives for the Archie Foundation as part of our participation in the trail – your ideas are most welcome!

More information about the Oor Wullie Bucket Trail can be found here: www.oorwullie.com

Please follow us on Twitter @KinellarSchool for updates.

Many thanks for supporting us with this initiative.



## Seasons for Growth

We will shortly be offering the 'Seasons for Growth' program to our pupils. This is an 8 week block of workshops which help children to deal with change and loss through divorce, separation or death. For further information, please see the email sent to all parents on 13<sup>th</sup> Seasons for Growth\*

## Arrival at School

It has come to our attention that many pupils are arriving in school long before 8.50 am. There is not supervision in the playground before school. Pupils should not arrive before 8.50 am.

# **Toilet Accidents in School**

If your child has an accident in school and borrows school clothing, please wash and return it or replace it.

# SNSA & Standardised Assessments



Just a reminder that P1, P4 and P7 will be taking part in SNSA this session. This data will be used by staff to support professional judgement and

planning. Previously pupils have taken part in InCAS assessments, these are no longer necessary on a year group level but we may still use InCAS as a tool to gather data where required.

## **Kinellar Stars**

We were delighted to hear the recent news that Kinellar Stars will be continuing the excellent service they provide for our little ones. They are doing some fundraising and will also be supported by Early Years Scotland. Keep an eye on their Facebook page to see how you can support them or check out their website for more information www.kinellarstars.weebly.com.



#### Mind Buzz

Some of our P7 children have been working at the CLD Hut at Kemnay Academy on a new project called Mindbuzz. This is a new initiative to encourage children to think more about how their brains work and how to maximise learning. This has been well received and will hopefully continue next session. Thanks to Community Learning for delivering this.

## P7-S1 Transition

We continue to work with Kemnay Academy on the transition for our P7s going into S1. A DHT and member of the maths team came to meet with the classes and Katie Arthur DHT met with the SMT to discuss the needs of our learners. The P7s will

have another gathering with their peers from other schools before their link days in June.

#### Playground Follow Up

Following on from our feature in the January newsletter, we would like to establish a parent working group to help continue to make improvements to our playground and outdoor space. This will involve gathering the opinions of the pupils and looking at how we can best meet the needs of all. We will also look at developing the garden and some other areas in the playground to make best use of our lovely new facility. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch via email pamela.farguhar@aberdeenshire.gov.uk



Lunch Price Increase

The price of a two course standard meal in all Primary and Special Schools will increase by 20p with the same percentage increase applied to the Academy tariff. From week commencing Monday 15th April 2019 the following charges will apply:-

Primary and Special Schools – Pupils – Two course standard meal - £2.50

Please remember that there must be money on your account BEFORE you send your child to school for a lunch. Please remember to do this to avoid additional admin workload and reminder letters.

## Starbucks Link

The P6/5s have been learning about global goals, sustainability and fairtrade. They took a trip to visit Starbucks to see this in action and posed challenging questions to Ellys and Alex who gladly answered and discussed coffee farming.



## Value Awards

Well done to Ella Charles, Erin Donald, Caleb McGuigan and Alex Davidson – the winners of the Kinellar School Values Cups for Term 3 – very well deserved.









**Recognition of Achievement** 

We are so proud of all our pupils who have brought in their achievements to show us.



Our awards included Scots Poetry, Gymnastics, Football, Modelling, Skating, Swimming, Beavers and Skiing. If your child has an achievement to share with us, please send it into school on a Friday.

## **Our Wullie Bucket Trail**

We have raised £182 towards out £500 goal for the ARchiee Foundation. Thanks for all the design entries. In the end, 5 were chosen to collaborate their designs. Well done to Alex Dickens, Erin Robertson, Eva Smith, Amy Anderson and Rebekah Cowieson. We loved different element of their designs – well done.



## **Dates for Diary**

Fri 19th April – Good Friday Holiday

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April – Parent Council Meeting-all welcome

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April – Snapshot Jotters Home

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April – P1 Science Workshop

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May – P1 Induction Meeting 1

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Reports Home

Fri 3rd May – P1P and P6/5 Learning Café

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May – May Day Holiday

Thurs 16th May – Parents evening

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May – Parents Evening

Wed 29th May - Sports Day

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May – Science Learning Café P7

Mon 3rd June - Occasional Day

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June – P1 Induction Meeting 2

Wed 5th June – Alternative Sport Day

Thurs 13th June – Snapshot Jotters Home

Fri 14th June – P1H and P6H Learning Café

Wed 26th - Fri 28th June - P7 Link Days

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery- P1 Step Up Day

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July – End of Term Assembly

Wed 3rd July – P7 Party

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term

#### 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 P1-P4, Mrs Davies P5/4 – P7 and Mrs Stannard Nursery. If there's a significant ongoing matter, Class Teachers will include a member of the SMT in emails to ensure everyone is kept fully informed.

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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