



# First Class

March 2019

Issue No. 59

Honesty

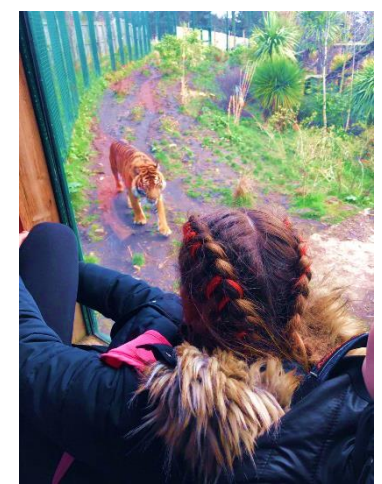
Respect

Happiness

Achievement

## 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...

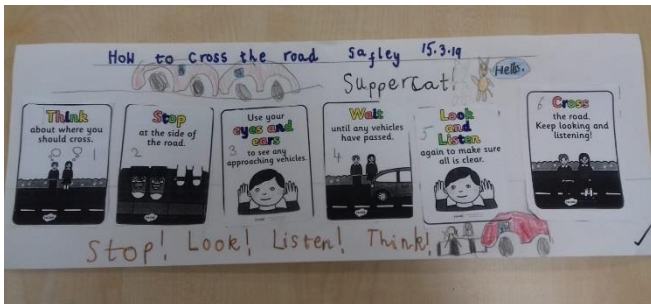


## Road Safety

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.

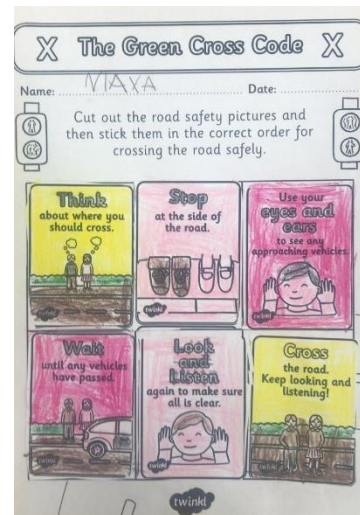
P2M discussed how they come to school. They read 'Super Cat's Road Safety Story' and learned the Road Safety Rap. They completed a sequencing task on how to cross the road safely



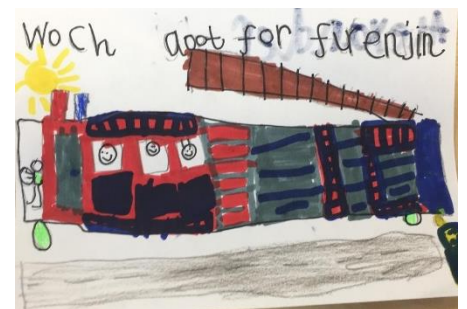
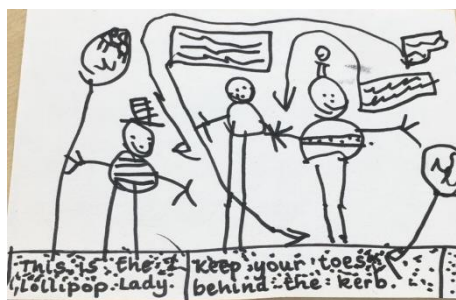
P4/3 looked at travelling safely to school. They looked at safe places to cross, dangers, and distractions when walking with friends. They made posters on travelling safely to school.

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.





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](mailto:lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) There is no limit to the sports and activities we can offer, so anything can be an option!

### Netball

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 capacity - great 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.

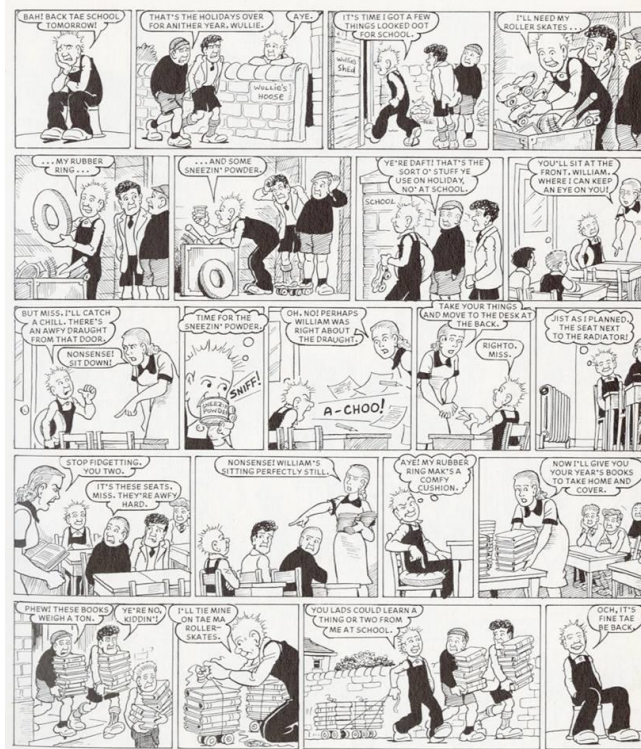
So far we've had over 150 entries for the design Oor Wullie competition. Thank you to all that have entered, it will be hard to choose a winner! Following the spring break we will get to work

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](http://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> March.



### 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](http://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.farquhar@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:pamela.farquhar@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 our £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 elements of their designs – well done.



## Dates for Diary

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May – P1P and P6/5 Learning Café  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May – May Day Holiday  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May – Parents evening  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May – Parents Evening  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May – Science Learning Café P7  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Occasional Day  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June – P1 Induction Meeting 2  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June – Alternative Sport Day  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June – Snapshot Jotters Home  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June – P1H and P6H Learning Café  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

[pamela.farquhar@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:pamela.farquhar@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

[ruth.stannard@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.stannard@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

[cara.morrison@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:cara.morrison@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

[amelia.davies@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:amelia.davies@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

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