

Staffing

Mrs Amy Duckers has gone on maternity leave and we wish her well as she awaits the arrival of her little one. Mr Mike Boon has joined the team and will teach P4D until summer. Mrs Jen Templeton has returned from maternity leave and is taking P3G on a Friday. We have enjoyed having Sarah Andrew and Louise Paterson in school for 'Keeping In Touch' days and look forward to them both starting back after summer. Mrs Lesley Bentley has joined the PSA team and is working on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Emma Melvin will be leaving the team on Friday. She has been an asset to the school in her capacity as both a bus escort and PSA. We wish her well.

Mrs Agnes Morrison has decided to begin her retirement in August. This will allow her to spend more time with her grandchildren and help around the family farm. She will be missed by the whole school community which she has been a valued part of for many years. We hope she enjoys her last few weeks in the teaching profession and thank her for her dedication and hard working attitude over the years.

Kodaly

Mrs Janet Okumu is in school this term delivering Kodaly lessons to P1-3 pupils. The Kodaly Singing and Musicianship Programme is an authority led initiative which was launched in 2004. It aims to establish a culture of regular singing and playing musical games in school.

More information about the programme can be found [here](#)



Oor Wullie Big Bucket Trail

Our 'Oor Wullie' is looking braw now that he is all painted and ready to join the Big Bucket Trail. We are delighted to have been part of this and have raised £500 for the Archie Foundation.

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



Generation Science

The Primary 1 classes enjoyed a visit from Generation Science at the end of April with the theme of Forces!



Outdoor Learning



It has been great to see some classes using the local woodland for Outdoor Learning.

P1H and P2/1 have enjoyed exploring and building dens!



Family Learning

In January, we launched our Tea Talks program for families with children in the 0-5 age group.

We started with a First Aid course run by the Red Cross which was very popular and provided some valuable advice for what to do in the event of an emergency.

In February, Jen Sutherland, our Educational Psychologist ran a block of 3 sessions on how to prepare children to make the most of their learning.

Amy Cameron, a nutritionist from Garioch Community visited in March and gave a talk on healthy eating and answered some questions surrounding fussy eaters.

In April, Margaret Bennet, our Early Years Development Worker held a block of Baby Massage sessions. It was lovely to meet some new mums from the village with their tiny future Kinellar pupils!

We held 5 Bookbug sessions in May which were well attended and also enjoyed by our nursery pupils.

Finally, in June, Denise Lorimer, Early Years Principle Teacher, will be holding a talk all about the Early Level Curriculum.

We have thoroughly enjoyed opening our doors to future Kinellar parents and getting to know their families, as well as strengthening the links with our current families. We hope to run a similar program next session and look forward to seeing some new and familiar faces again!

Science Fair

P7A, P7D and P7/6 hosted a very successful Science Fair and Café last week. They showcased their science projects and were on hand to explain each experiment. It was clear that they had worked very hard on this!



Wynford Farm Visit

P2 and P2/1 had a super trip to Wynford Farm as part of their farming topic. Here are some lovely photos of their day.



Ski Trip

P6H and P6/5 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Nordic Ski Centre in Huntly. They took part in tubing, roller skiing, cross country skiing and classic skiing. Some of these new skills took a few attempts to master but they certainly didn't let this (or the rain) dampen their spirits!



Seasons for Growth

Following the implementation of the Seasons for Growth Program this term, 2 groups of children have gone through the course to help them deal with bereavement, separation, change and loss. We will be running another group(s) in August so if you would like your child to take part in this, please email joanna.pirie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or katrina.keith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Further information can be found in the email distributed to all parents in March.



Prayer Spaces

In May the upper stages enjoyed exploring themes surrounding peace, forgiveness, achievement, community and fear through 'Prayer Spaces'. This was run by Scott MacDonald and Eddie Lamont who both support our school assemblies and delivery of the RME curriculum. We were impressed by the pupils' ability to reflect on themselves and their experiences and also the mature approach they took to this initiative.



Summer Reading Challenge

Aberdeenshire Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge is a fun and accessible activity for children of all ages and aims to promote reading, encourage progression, support curricular outcomes and involve children in a cultural activity. The organisers design the challenge to ensure that children of all abilities are able to take part and encourage participants to read their own choice of books, listen to talking books or download and read eBooks/eAudiobooks over the school summer holiday period. Library staff across Aberdeenshire promote the Challenge within their CSN and local community and as a result participation has grown year on year.

The Challenge will start on Friday 21st June and will run until Saturday 24th August 2019. Alongside the reading challenge, there will be a creative competition for children to enter as in previous years.



More information can be found on the Live Life Aberdeenshire Website

www.livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/summer-reading-challenge/

Inclusion and Diversity Project

We are keen to begin an inclusion project to celebrate the cultures and diversity of our school community. Topics may include careers, languages, culture, and traditions. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved.



Sports Day

We would like to thank our school community for their enthusiasm on Sports Day. There is always a great atmosphere among parents, staff and pupils and several comments were made about the fact that the children all seemed to be enjoying themselves whether or not they were winning the races. It is great to see the parents so on board with the house teams and getting involved in a bit of healthy competition! The winning house will be announced at the end of term assembly.

SPORTS DAY



Blackburn Gala

We are looking forward to the village Gala on Saturday 15th June. KSPC will be running a stall based on a circus theme – make sure you pay them a visit!

Come one
it's the
Come all

KSPC

CIRCUS

Hook a duck
Clunk the Clown
Guess Dumbo's birthday
Popcorn
Lollypops
Pull my string
Lots of prizes to be won
All games £1 a go

The Kinellar School Parent Council would like to welcome you to their stall at the Kinellar gala.
15th June 12pm – 4pm
We will also be doing circus games in the centre circle at 2pm.

Recognition of Achievement

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

Our awards have included Young Writers, Running, Swimming, donating hair and completing a museum challenge. If your child has an achievement to share with us, please send it into school on a Friday.



Additional In-Service Days

You may be aware that 2 additional in-service days have been introduced for next session in order to allow schools to focus on key issues such as workload, additional support and empowerment. This has been agreed at a national level by SNCT.

This means there will be 7 in-service days next session.

It has been agreed that the 2 extra days for Aberdeenshire will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 20th August 2019

Friday 11th October 2019

These are in addition to:

Monday 19 August 2019

Monday 18 November 2019

Tuesday 19 November 2019

Tuesday 18 February 2020

Wednesday 19 February 2020

Dates for Diary

Wed 12th June – Thank You Tea

Wed 12th June – Parent Council Meeting

Thurs 13th June – Snapshot Jotters Home

Fri 14th June – P1H and P6H Learning Café

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

Wed 26th June – Nursery- P1 Step Up Day

Mon 1st July – M & M Productions – Secret Garden

Wed 3rd July – P7 Leavers Assembly

Wed 3rd July – P7 Party

Thurs 4th July - End of Term Assembly

Fri 5th 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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School Lunches

School lunch is an important aspect of the school day. Not only does it provide children with a nutritionally balanced meal, it embraces their social and personal development.



How does my child choose their lunch?

First thing in the morning, the children select their meal using the school clever touch. The teacher will remind children about the menu options but it helps if parents of the younger children have discussed this with them before they arrive.

Menus

There's a huge variety of choices and children rarely struggle to find something they like. All children will be issued with a menu but you can also check online. <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/24265/spring-summer-2019u-interactive-school-menus19.pdf>

Homemade Cauliflower & Broccoli Soup

Breaded Fillet of Haddock

Herby Tomato Pasta ✓
served with
Garlic Bread

Baked Potato
topped with
Baked Beans ✓

Garden Peas
Sliced Carrots
Chips

Sandwich Platter

Cheddar Cheese ✓
Sandwiches served with
Salad Garnish
& Melon Wedge

Fruit Salad
served with Ice Cream

Recipes

Many of the items on the menu can be made at home. Parents often comment that their child has enjoyed something unexpected at school. Recipes are available online.

My Child has Allergies/ Intolerance

Parents should be aware that they can request a special diet for their children if there are medical or religious reasons for doing so. Children who require Medically Prescribed or Modified Diets, with parental/guardian assistance, should be identified during the admission process. Procedures are set in motion to accommodate these diets by parent/guardian completing Admission Form D available from the school administration office. The SMT and the Catering staff will be happy to discuss your requirements.



Special Events and Celebrations

The children enjoy eating together and we encourage learning and wellbeing throughout lunchtime. Occasionally we celebrate special dates. The option for a packed lunch still applies but they are encouraged to sit with the school lunches to celebrate the event.



Attention All P3 Parents

It's Term 4 meaning that next term you are expected to pay for lunches and ensure your account is ready and in credit

How do I pay for Lunches?

Lunches are free for children in 1-3. Lunches P4-7 must be paid for online using ipayimpact. This is very easy to do online a mobile phone / ipad or laptop. It's important to keep this account in credit as failure to do so triggers a time-consuming process in the school.

Am I entitled to free school meals?

A leaflet found at the link below explains the free school entitlement and how to go about it.

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/14027/obtaining-free-school-meals-information-leaflet-oct-2015.pdf>



ipayimpact

Although you may not have a child in P4-7 we do encourage all parents to set up an account. Information on setting up an account can be found here



What happens if I don't pay?

It's understandable that you may not appreciate the additional workload non-payment of lunches can create. Unfortunately, non-payment triggers a notification to our team members alerting them to

the fact that there's no credit available. The catering team may discuss the matter with the Senior Management and they will work together to resolve the matter. The impact on the Admin Team also impacts on their ability to ensure other essential tasks are carried out.

Primary 7 lunch debt must be cleared by Friday 28 June.

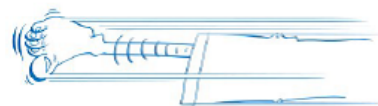


What do I do if I can't pay?

We are here to support families so please let us know if you are unable to pay and we can do whatever we can to assist you. We understand that all families can run into difficulties and lead busy lives meaning lunch payments are forgotten about or not prioritised. Please let us know if you are unable to pay and we can do whatever we can to assist you. As a school, we are aiming to be debt free and require your support in this by ensuring you remember to top-up. Again, we understand that not all families find it easy to pay. The school is understanding and can offer advice on alternative options such as suggestions for healthy packed lunches. Please contact us and avoid your account mounting up.



Active Schools Kemnay Network—Summer Programme 2019



Activity Name	Year Group	Days / Dates	Time	Venue	Cost / Booking
Judo and Games	P1—P7	Tuesday 9th July	10am—3pm	Kemnay Academy	£20 — Garioch Judo Club
Multi-Sports	P1—P7	Tues 16th July—Thurs 18th July	10am—1pm	Kemnay Academy	£8 per day or all 3 days for £20
Multi-Sports	P1—P7	Wed 7th Aug—Fri 9th Aug	10am—1pm	Kemnay Academy	£8 per day or all 3 days for £20
Transition +	P7	Mon 12th and Tues 13th Aug	10am—3pm	Kemnay Academy	£10 for both days

How to Apply – To sign up online, please visit <http://bit.ly/KemnayActiveSchools>. Alternatively, please contact the Active Schools Coordinator for a consent form. For the Judo and Games session, please contact Stuart McWatt via gariochjudo@gmail.com

Additional Information – Spaces are limited and must be booked by Friday 5th July. Please do not hand in or send payment at the time of registering. Payment details will be included in the confirmation email you will be sent shortly after your application is received.

Active Aberdeenshire – Active Schools activities are included in the Active Aberdeenshire membership scheme, please contact the organiser of these activities for more information.

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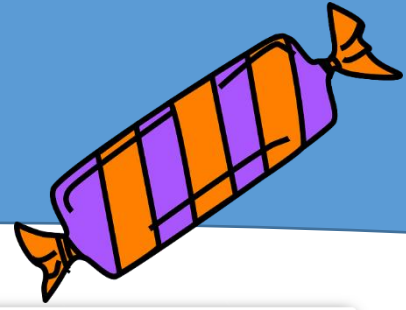
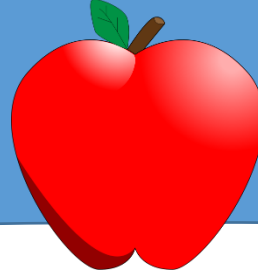
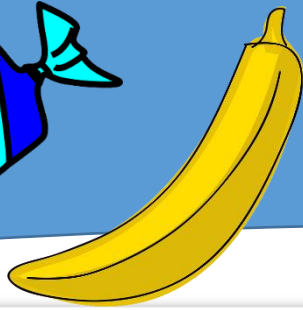
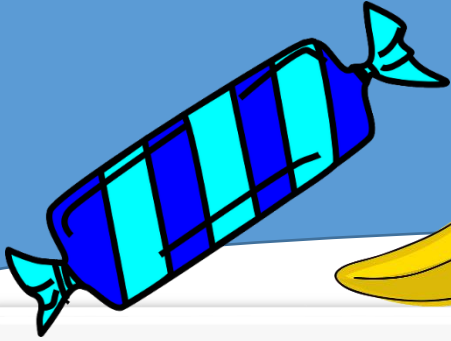
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KCH Tuck Shop

WEDNESDAY @ 3.30pm – 7.30pm

IN THE HALL RECEPTION

3 items for **£1**

