

End of Term

We have come to the end of a very successful year in our new building. As always there is lots still to improve. We plan to have a 'Lend a Hand Day' in the new session. This will give parents the opportunity to help us with the organisation of resources and maintain the school garden.

We would like to wish you all a sunny and safe summer break.

Primary 7

We would also like to wish our Primary 7s all the best at Kemnay Academy. You have been a fantastic year group and we will miss you all.



Staffing

We waved a fond farewell to Mrs Agnes Morrison at our End of Term Assembly yesterday. Mrs Morrison has been a huge part of the school community for over 9 years and will be missed by us all. We wish her a very happy retirement.



We have several new members of staff joining the team next session. They bring with them a variety of strengths and experience. We are also delighted to welcome back Mrs Paterson and Mrs Andrew from maternity leave. Mr Boon will still be a familiar face around the school as he takes on the role of Permanent Supply for the Kemnay Cluster.

P1H – Mrs Paterson/ Mrs Hendry

P1M – Miss Morrison/Miss Hay

P2/1 – Miss Pollard

P2L – Mrs Lofthouse

P2M – Mrs Martin

P3G – Mrs Gibb/ Ms Shepherd

P3H – Miss Hammond

P4G – Mrs Moore/ Mrs Garden

P4M – Miss McDonald

P5/4 – Miss Crawford

P5C – Mrs Clark / Mrs Templeton

P5T – Miss Tocher

P6C – Ms Callander

P6L – Mrs Lovie

P7A – Miss Adair

P7D – Mrs Davies

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

Uniform

Many of you will be buying new uniform, shoes, pencil cases etc. over the summer break. Please ensure everything is labelled as we continue to have a large volume of lost property.



We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and children that uniform is strongly encouraged including black shoes.

Jewellery should be kept to a minimum and long hair tied up wherever possible particularly for sporting activities.

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.



Summer Activities

Family Learning

Our family learning sessions will continue over the summer holidays. This is being run by some of our nursery staff and is aimed at younger children but feel free to bring the whole family along.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Oor Wullie Big Bucket Trail

Our 'Oor Wullie' has joined the Big Bucket Trail. He can be found at Northfield Library.

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



KSPC Rocks

We are delighted to announce that the Parent Council have organised a free fun activity for all the family. Watch out for decorated rocks springing up around the village! You can join in the hunt and decorate your own too.

Visit KSPC Rocks on Facebook for more information.



FootGolf

Torphins Golf club are offering FootGolf sessions from Monday 8th July 2019. This will take place every Monday from 1pm - 5pm during the school holidays.

'Come along, play this new game and have fun with your friends.'

It's healthy, it's fun and doesn't cost much.



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.livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/summer-reading-challenge/

Kinellar Stars



Join us for our Summer Activities!

Monday 8th & Monday 22nd July
09:30 - 11:30am
Kinellar Hall, Blackburn

Includes parachute games, activities and crafts,
snacks and soft play, action songs.

£5 per child (includes snack & drink)
Under 1s & parents FOC.



For more information/to book tickets please contact:
07957 492919 kinellarstarsfundraising@yahoo.com

Recognition of Achievement



Our annual prize giving took place at our assembly yesterday. Congratulations to all our winners.

Middler Cup for Staff Co-operation

Amy Greig and Erin Smith

Louise Mather Cup for Caring for Others

Aimee Greenwood

Mackie Memorial Cup for Effort and Achievement

Ash McBride

Stuart Murray Shield for Endeavour

Jack Adan

Anne Gray Cup for Fair Play/ Helping in Playground

Matthew Simpson and Nathan Geddie

Anderson Cup for Manners in the Dinner Hall

Joseph Jackson

Safe and Sustainable Travel

Odin Carson

Environmental Shield

Alexander Rogocz

Early Level Literacy

Nyla Naoum

Numeracy Improvement

Seun Obayomi

Health and Wellbeing Award

Isla Barclay and Oliver Peel

Science Cup

Maiya Dasgupta and Nieve Sharples

Class Excellence

P3G and P3M

Scots Language Quaich

Tristan Davidson



We also presented this terms Value Awards.

Happiness – Aimee Barber and Jack Patience

Honesty – Amber Riley and Joe Barron

Respect – Esie Smith and Atli Atlison

Achievement – Chloe Yule and Grace Coutts



Congratulations to Clinterty for winning the House Cup this term.

Well done to Tappie for winning Sports Day.



New House Captains

Caskieben – Rebecca Taylor

Clinterty – Ewan Burnett

Begsley – Ruby Walker

Glasgoforest – Carah Smith

Tappie – Grace Allan

New Vice Captains

Caskieben – Anakin Davidson

Clinterty – Grace Melvin

Begsley – Catriona Harthill

Glasgoforest - Cameron Douglas

Tappie – Harris Black

Head Pupils

Our new Head Pupils for next session are:

Phoebe Gray

Alex Dickens

Reuben Gamble

Kate Peel

They are all excited to get started in their new role.

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

Mon 19th July – In service

Tues 20th July – In service

Wed 21st July – School Starts

Mon 2nd Sept – P1 begin full days

Wed 18th Sept – Parent Council AGM

Thursday 19th Sept – Meet the Teacher

A full calendar of events will follow at the start of next session.



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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