

## Merry Christmas

We've made it to the end of a busy term here at Kinellar School. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our pupils and their families a very Merry Christmas.

### KSPC

Thank you to KSPC for running a very successful Elf Shelf. Pupils enjoyed choosing gifts for their family and friends.



### Giving Tree

The VSA were overwhelmed by the generosity of the School Community as there were over 200 gifts donated for children of various ages. Lots of exciting parcels were piled up under the tree and we're sure there'll be plenty of excited children opening them on Christmas morning.



## Breakfast with Santa

A wonderful event organised by the Community Hall and KSPC. Lovely to see so many families there and enjoying the community spirit and a yummy breakfast.



### Disco

Again, another very successful disco run by KSPC. Lots of money raised and even more fun had by all attending. Thanks to all of those who gave up their time to help. We are happy to report that the behaviour of the children at the disco continues to be of a high standard. Thanks also goes to Margaret our cleaner who came in on the Saturday morning to ensure the school toilets were clean for Monday morning!

### Christmas Lunch and Jumpers

The children all enjoyed their Christmas Lunch and wore jumpers to celebrate the event. We raised money for a local food bank. Thanks to the catering team who work throughout the year to provide our Nursery-P7 children with lunches.

## Nativity

Another delightful Nativity 'The Inn-Spectors' organised by our P1-3 team. As always very much a team event with staff, parents and children working to produce a fantastic performance.



## Advent Calendars

This year, KSPC bought every class an Advent Calendar to open. The children have been learning about National and International Charities and the work they do around the globe.



## Kinellar School Choir and Carol Singing

The choir, led by Miss Abbie Hammond, sang at our Nativity performances and will be appearing at the Community Hall Carol singing event on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. The Community Hall would like to welcome you to join them 7-8pm. Food donations of non-perishable items for a local Food will be gratefully received on the night.

## Crossing Timings 9-6

We are currently liaising with the Roads Dept re the extension of the 20mph flashing lights to coincide with the Early Years 1140 expansion.

## Arrival at School

**Our priority between 0900 and 0920 is accounting for all children in the school and to ascertain that children have arrived at school safely. We cannot do this if we have a constant stream of late children arriving at the office. If you are late, we may have to ask you to wait.**

**Please also ensure you have called us to let us know your child is absent. Failing to do this results in us having to contact you or visit your address to ensure your child is safe.**

We would like to remind parents and children to arrive on time. **Late arrivals must report to the office. Please do not approach classroom doors once they are closed.**

To keep everyone safe, children should dismount scooters and bicycles at the zebra crossing at the top of the hill and walk down to the gates. Parents should not drop children off whilst sitting in traffic at the zebra crossing. Please use the car park provided.



### Term 3 Twitter Takeover

Twitter Takeover continues next term, it is a great way to get an insight into the learning that is taking place in your child's class and we would encourage you to set up an account for this.



### Aberdeen University Students



As you'll all be aware, in Scotland, we are encouraging as many people as possible to join the teaching profession. All students have an induction here at Kinellar and are expected to follow the ethos of the school under our guidance. All classes will have a student in some capacity. Here is a run-down of the students over the coming months. Initially, the following will be with us from 06.01.20-07.02.20

The MA Primary Education Programme is accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

MA1 – P4M, MA2- P7D, MA2-P4G, MA4-P5C, MA2-P7A, MA2- P5/4, MA2- P6L and MA2 P5T

Some Classes will have a Post Graduate Student (PGDE) and the DELITE version of the PGDE which enables Aberdeenshire employees to embark on a career in teaching through their workplace.

**Anyone interested in a career in Education is always welcome to approach us or carry out work experience here- we are happy to facilitate this.**



### NESCOL and other Apprenticeships



In P2/1, Nursery and P1M, we have students from NESCOL and they will be here throughout the year (one day a week) working towards Early Childhood Qualifications.

### Graduate Apprentice

Our Graduate apprentice scheme runs from our Early Years setting and Wendy Genus is based in the nursery and is working towards her qualification on Childcare.

### Foundation Apprentice

This scheme is new to us and involves young people at school or college undertaking an apprenticeship under the guidance of staff in the school setting.

Although all our students are heavily supported by the staff in the school, they are also verified externally by their tutors and are subject to the usual checks required by the Scottish Government.



### Staffing

Ms Lisa Shepherd has taken the decision to focus on her family and leaves us early in the New Year. As Mrs Duckers returns from her maternity leave in January, she will pick up from Ms Shepherd for the rest of the session.

Mrs Sarah Andrew has secured a position at another school and will leave us in the New year.

Mr Mike Boon is one of our Supply Teachers. He returns to New Zealand early 2020.

Thanks to Ms Shepherd, Mrs Andrew and Mr Boon for their contributions to the school.

## Early Years Setting

Our Nursery goes from strength to strength under the guidance of Ruth Stannard and her dedicated team. For those of you not 'in the loop' we are currently undertaking a trial offering extended hours (1140) to our school community. This meaning we are open from 0800-1800 Mon-Fri during term time. All schools across Scotland will begin to introduce this from August 2020.

Here are some of the youngest members of the school community enjoying a chilly evening around the campfire.



## Nursery Badgers

Two new friends arrived in the nursery and will hopefully enjoy some adventures with the families of our nursery children.



Nursery T-shirts donated and beautifully presented by KSPC



## Staff News

The school staff have also been having Winter fun!

Miss Morrison organised a Saturday evening Curling event in Aberdeen. The staff joined in Christmas Jumper Day too.

