



First Class

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Honesty

Respect

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Achievement

Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome back. We hope everyone had a restful break. The staff and children have returned to school ready for a busy term ahead.

Class Newsletters

These will be sent within the next week and will give you class specific information. We hope that you find them useful.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

ASN Team Update

Our ASN Team (Mrs Keith, Miss Smith and Mrs Aspey) work closely with both the Management Team and Class Teachers to plan for and support children across the school.

The deployment of this team is responsive and flexible meaning that your child could be working with any of the team throughout their school week. It's not unusual for learners to need the odd 'tweak' or investigation here and there as required. If we feel there is a significant area of learning we need more information about, we will certainly be in touch with you. This said, it's our role to use all the staff to maximise the learning of all pupils and this is sometimes a small block or sequence of lessons. This would be come under everyday good practice of staff.

Please remember we track progress routinely and keep a close eye on children's development but if you have any questions with regards to this or the support they are receiving, your child's class teacher or a member of the SMT will be happy to advise.

Appointments

Please try to make any appointments out with school hours. We understand that this is not always possible. If you do need to collect your child for an



appointment, please ensure both the office and class teacher have been informed.

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 will continue this 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.

27th January – P1H

3rd February – P1M

10th February – P5C



Staffing

Mrs Elisabeth Kaup will be leaving us at the end of the month. She has taught Modern Languages at Kinellar for many years. We wish her well in her new position.

Mrs J Garden will be increasing her hours at the beginning of February. She will be teaching P6C on a Monday and will cover a day of non-contact time on a Tuesday.

School Essentials

We would like to kindly like to remind pupils not to bring toys or trading cards to school. These have been causing disagreements both in the classroom and outside.



Digital Leaders

Miss Singer and Mrs Lovie held a meeting this week for P4-7 pupils who are interested in becoming Digital Leaders at Kinellar School.

What is a Digital Leader?

- Digital Leaders are pupils who are interested in the use of technology.
- They are enthusiastic and keen to learn new skills.
- Willing to support pupils and school staff with ICT within Kinellar School.
- Spread good behaviour with technology.
- Showcase new apps and software.

Pupils who are interested have been asked to discuss the responsibilities of this role with their parents/carers before they apply.

The application process will begin at the start of February.

Digital Literacy

Attached to this newsletter you will find a helpful guide which explains some of the apps/websites the children have been using in Digital Literacy sessions. These can also be accessed/used at home if you wish. Glow and Education City passwords can be found in homework jotters and diaries.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Singer:

rachel.singer@aberdeenshire.gov.uk



Lunch Clubs

Mrs Pirie is supporting our House and Vice Captains to run another set of Lunch Clubs this term.

Monday – P7 Sports

Tuesday – P6 Just Dance

Wednesday – P2 & P3 Mindfulness Colouring

Thursday – P4 Loom Bands

Friday – P5 Chess Club

Learning Beyond the School Day

Mrs Pirie is also running 2 after school clubs for targeted children. These clubs aim to support children with general social skills and develop new friendships whilst having fun!

Monday - Cooking Club

Tuesday - Kinellar Core Club

These clubs after school tend to be for children we have identified as benefitting from these. If you feel your child would benefit from attending one of these clubs, please get in touch with Mrs Pirie. The clubs for this term are full however she will be able to keep them in mind for the next block.

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Parent Council

The Parent Council will be holding a Shopping Evening on Thursday 2nd April. A selection of stall holders have been invited to attend. This will help support small local businesses as well as raising money for the school. The Parent Council will also be serving teas and coffees on the night. More information to follow.



Dates for Diary

24 January	Tappie Treat Day
31 January	Snapshot Jotters Home
13-14 Feb	Occasional Days (No School)
17 Feb	Midterm Holiday (No School)
18-19 Feb	Inservice Days (No School for Pupils)

Wider Achievements

We always enjoy hearing about children's achievements outside of school. Our head pupils do a wonderful job of collating these every Friday.

If your child would like to share an achievement, please remind them to bring it in to share on a Friday.

The achievements below include:

Judo, Football, Beavers, Santa Run, Player of the Week, Swimming, Cello exam, Poster competition, Story Writing and Trampolining.



Congratulations everyone! Keep up the fantastic work.



Active Schools

A new term sees the continuation of the after school sports clubs and activities at Kinellar School. If interested in getting your child involved in any of the below sessions, please contact Lynsey, Active Schools Coordinator, direct on lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk for a consent form or for more information.

Netball - P6 (3:20-4:10pm) and P5 (4:15-5pm) - Mondays starting 20th Jan (please note the change of date) Spaces available in the P5 session.

Fun Fitness and Games - P1-3 - Mondays from 5:15-6pm starting 13th Jan. Cost for this terms block is £20. Waiting list in operation but please enquire if interested.

Fun Fitness and Games - P4-7 - Mondays from 6:15-7pm starting 13th Jan. Cost for this terms

block is £20. Waiting list in operation but please enquire if interested.

Hip Hop - P4-7 - Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15pm starting 15th Jan. Cost for this terms block is £20. Spaces available.

Hip Hop - P1-3 - Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15pm starting 15th Jan. Cost for this terms block is £20. Waiting list in operation but please enquire if interested.

Judo - P4-7 - Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm starting 9th Jan. Sessions delivered by Garioch Judo Club coaches. Cost is £5 per session. Waiting list in operation.

Judo - P1-3 - Thursdays from 4:30-5:15pm starting 9th Jan. Sessions delivered by Garioch Judo Club coaches. Cost is £5 per session. Waiting list in operation.

Running - P4-7 - Fridays from 3:30-4:30pm starting 17th Jan. Spaces available. We are in need of another parent helper or two for this club. If you are at all interested then please get in touch with Lynsey to find out more.

It's never too late to get involved, so get signed up today!

Other Opportunities in the Community



kids in the kitchen

Does your child enjoy cooking?

Cooking Classes

I run cooking classes where children make the menu for that day, then all sit down together and enjoy it. We may do an experiment or two and food taste tests to try them with different types of food.

Birthday Parties

If you are looking for a different type of birthday party then look no further! From Toad in the Hole to Pavlova or delicious afternoon teas, I've got ideas for everyone. Children will learn some science behind the cooking as well as measuring, counting and the concept behind cooking from scratch. All you need is a village or community hall with a kitchen.



“ My daughter had a wonderful time, making pizza and apple crumble. Thank you ”



Children's cooking classes and parties with fun activities.

Tailor made to be as special as your little one.

Contact Lynne on 07764 852101 for more information

kidsinthekitchenaberdeen.co.uk

Active Schools Central Running Series 2020

Venue	Age group	Days / Dates	Registration & Race Times	Cost
Kemnay, Bogbeth Park	P1—P7	Tuesday 25th February 2020	Reg: 4pm—4:30pm Races: 4:30pm—5pm	£2
Westhill, Denman Park	P1—P7	Tuesday 24th March 2020	Reg: 4pm—4:30pm Races: 4:30pm—5pm	£2
Inverurie, Bennachie	P1—P7	Tuesday 28th April 2020	Reg: 4pm—4:30pm Races: 4:30pm—5pm	£2
Huntly, The Gordon Schools Playing Fields	P1—P7	Thursday 21st May 2020	Reg: 4pm—4:30pm Races: 4:30pm—5pm	£2
Meldrum (KWS), Meldrum Academy	P1—P7	Saturday 30th May 2020	Reg: 8:45am—9:15am Races: completed by 10am	Free*
Alford, Houghton Park	P1—P7	Wednesday 24th June 2020	Reg: 4pm—4:30pm Races: 4:30pm—5pm	£2

How to Apply – Please book online at <http://bit.ly/InverurieActiveSchools>. For all schools outwith Inverurie, please select 'other' and enter the name of your school.

Closing Date – Applications close 2 weeks before the race. Places will be allocated via email shortly after this date.

Payment – Payment should be made at registration. The payment process will be detailed in the confirmation email. ***Kayleigh's Wee Stars would welcome any donations.**

Specific registration times for each age group will be confirmed in the confirmation email.

For more information, please email ActiveSchoolsCentral@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.