



Honesty

Respect

Happiness

Achievement

It's been fantastic to have such warm weather over the past couple of weeks. It's given everyone a spring in their step and has been great to see classes out in the community engaging in outdoor learning. The Gala certainly scored too- what a brilliant day for it.

Lend a Hand Evenings

We would like to thank everyone who came along to our two Lend-A-Hand evenings this session. It was lovely to see parents and teachers collaborating to get jobs done around the school. The purpose of these evenings is to help us keep our school and resources tidy and organised in order for it to continue to be a positive learning environment. With around 500 people using the building on a daily basis, there's always something needing done!

Night at the Musicals

We hope you have all managed to access the video of the 'Night at the Musicals' which was uploaded to Teams a couple of weeks ago. We were delighted to be able to do this to allow families to view it since tickets were limited. However, we can't promise we will always be able to do this. As you can imagine, putting on a show like this does require a lot of staff and we won't necessarily have the capacity to record all future performances.

Kinellar Garden

As you may have noticed, the first part of our garden area has finally been landscaped and is looking fantastic. It is going to be lovely watching it change through the months and for classes and individual pupils to benefit from the learning and sensory opportunities it will bring. We would like to thank Archer for their generous donation towards this, it was greatly appreciated. We will be working with the pupil council to develop the area further. We recently enjoyed rhubarb from the garden. Some classes used it for baking and staff were delighted to sample it too!

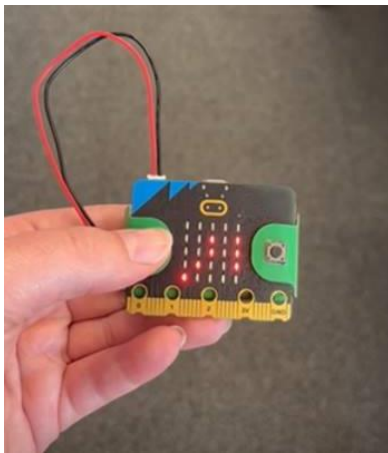


Coding Club



We would like to thank Miss Ross for developing the Coding Club. We are now into our third block of this and our Coding Club members have really enjoyed learning different types of code, overcoming lots of challenges and using our micro:bits. Coding club allows pupils to think like programmers, where they learn different computer and coding terms as well as developing different skills which are transferable to other areas of school life.

This term we have been focusing on using micro:bits, a small handheld computer, and block code. We have coded our micro:bits to become Magic 8 balls, step counters, send messages to each other and more. Pupils have really enjoyed sharing their learning with each other and their teachers. We hope to continue Coding Club next session.



Choir

We are delighted to have a Choir up and running again at Kinellar. The 'Night at the Musicals' was their debut on stage and it takes a lot of confidence to sing to a crowd, especially as part of a small group. We would like to thank Miss Blakemore and Mrs Aitken for their time and dedication to the choir and for bringing this back to Kinellar.

Judo

Judo continues to be a popular after school club run on Thursdays by Active Schools. It is great to see the children engage with this activity enthusiastically and tell us all about the belt level they are at. If your child is keen to start, then please get in touch with us.

Netball

Our netball team have made great progress this year and have attended several local tournaments. Thank you to Miss Thomson who has dedicated her time to coaching the team this session.



Benchball

Three Primary 4 learners enthusiastically decided to organise a Benchball Club on a Wednesday lunchtime. It was very successful and very much enjoyed by a selection of the Primary 3 learners. They have decided to extend it to the rest of the infant pupils and have organised a rota for those interested. Brilliant use of their skills Well done!



Afterschool Clubs

In the past, we've offered parents an opportunity to organise after school clubs. Examples of these being chess, fitness, running, craft and the likes. If you have a passion and would like to share your expertise and start up a club after school or during lunchtime, please let us know as this is a great way of enhancing the learning and opportunities, we provide at Kinellar.

Competition

June is Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month (GRTHM) and Aberdeenshire Council are running a colouring and drawing competition. Two colouring templates are provided in the link below. If using the 3D template, a photograph can be emailed. As we have a lot of Gypsy travellers in the community it would be great to see pupils from the school enter this competition.

[Make your own gypsy wagon](#)

[Colouring Sheet](#)



Colouring and drawing Competition

Throughout June, Aberdeenshire Council is running a colouring and drawing competition as part of Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month

Use the Gypsy caravan (Vardo) template or draw your own, it is up to you. We are looking for a highly decorated and brightly coloured vardo, good luck!

Age categories:

- 5 and under
- 6-8
- 9+

Prizes
One £10 Amazon voucher will be awarded for each category

Email entries to:
gypsytravellerliaison@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Closing date 14th July 2023

Remember to include your name, age and email address on your entry

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Headlice

We have recently had a few cases of headlice within the school. We don't notify parents of this as this should be part of regular checks parents do at home. [Click here](#) for information about headlice the recommendations for treating it provided by the NHS.

Parent Council

We would like to thank Phil Brunton and Jennifer Hunter for all their time, commitment, and support over the past few years as they step down as Chair and Treasurer.

The Parent Council will be looking for a new Chair and Treasurer at the AGM in September. KSPC is a huge support to Kinellar not only in carrying out fundraisers to allow us to buy resources and provide opportunities for our learners but also in helping us make decisions based on the parent voice. Being part of KSPC is hugely valuable to you as parents as it enables you to be more informed about what is happening at school and the initiatives we are developing. It also provides you with opportunities to help organise experiences for the children such as the Discos and Elf Shelf.

This year alone the KSPC has:

- paid the membership of Twinkl for support teaching and learning
- bought play resources for the upper stages
- purchased a new electric piano for the school
- funded Equality and Rights resource boxes
- bought resources required for Seasons for Growth sessions
- facilitated the link with Archer to support with our garden project
- provided house t-shirts for new P1 pupils
- contributed £100 towards each class trip
- helped with fundraising for a bench and trophy in memory of Miss Singer
- And more....

After several years of delays, we now have our projector installed in the gym hall which is a great asset for assemblies and other events. This was funded by KSPC as part of the new school build.

The KSPC summer disco will be held on Friday 30th June. Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to help already!

Singer to the Stars

We are delighted to share with you these lovely photos of our Hare which was designed and created by P4K and Mrs Gibb. The Moongazing Hare is dedicated to Miss Singer and represents the ICT work she did in school along with her love for music and the local area.



With just 2 weeks until The Big Hop and Wee Hop Trails go live, we are excited to let you know that ours will be located at the Garioch Heritage Centre along with four others from various Aberdeenshire schools. The official trail app and map will both be available soon. Visit The Big Hop socials for information on how to obtain copies of the map ahead of the trail launch date. More information can be found [here](#).

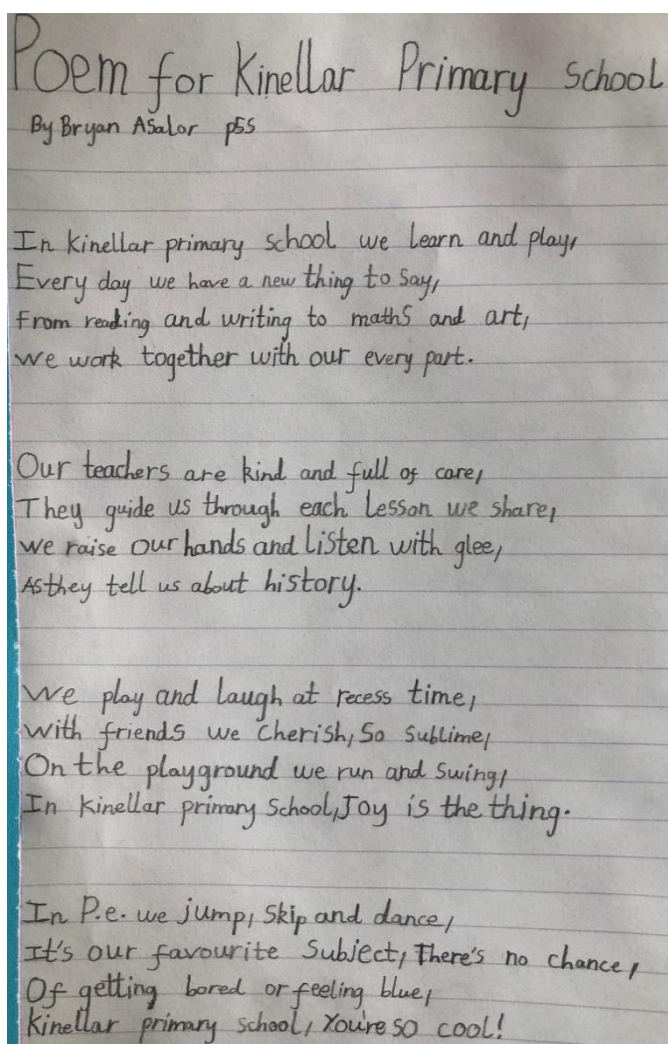
Suncream

We have bought suncream dispensers which will be located upstairs and downstairs in the school. This means that all children will have access to suncream to keep them protected. The sun cream is a high quality with recommended UV rating and factor 50+.

It has been brought to our attention that some Nivea suncreams contain almond oil. As we are a NUT FREE School please ensure that if your child brings their own suncream to school it does not contain nuts.

Dates for your diary

- 21st June - P4 Assembly
- 21st -23rd June - Link Days to Kemnay
- 21st June – Step up day for New P1s
- 22nd June - Snapshot/Profiles home
- 22nd June – New P1 parent coffee morning
- 30th June – KSPC Disco
- 5th July – Leavers Assembly
- 7th July – Last day of term



Poem for Kinellar Primary School
By Bryan Asalar p55

In kinellar primary school we learn and play,
Every day we have a new thing to say,
From reading and writing to maths and art,
we work together with our every part.

Our teachers are kind and full of care,
They guide us through each lesson we share,
we raise our hands and listen with glee,
As they tell us about history.

We play and laugh at recess time,
with friends we cherish, so sublime,
On the playground we run and swing,
In kinellar primary school, Joy is the thing.

In P.e. we jump, skip and dance,
It's our favourite subject, there's no chance,
Of getting bored or feeling blue,
Kinellar primary school, You're so cool!

Click these images for more information:



A graphic for 'SUMMER OF PLAY 2023' with a blue and cyan background, a yellow sun, and blue clouds. The text reads: 'ACTIVE SCHOOLS SUMMER PROGRAMME. WE HAVE A RANGE OF MULTI-SPORT & SPORT SPECIFIC SESSIONS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT ABERDEENSHIRE! ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE!' A QR code is on the left. At the bottom, it says 'BOOK NOW' and provides the URL <https://www.livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk/summer-programme/summer-active-schools/>. The 'sports scotland activeschools ABERDEENSHIRE' logo is on the right.

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