

Kincardine O'Neil School Newsletter

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This term has been another busy one at Kincardine O'Neil School! We welcomed our Primary 1 pupils who have settled in well to school life and are enjoying being part of our Primary 1-3 Class. We must thank our Primary 6 and 7 buddies who were positive role models and took the new starts under their wings. As we approach the October holidays, I hope you enjoy hearing some of our school news, events and developments that have been taking place.

P1-3 Class News

P1-3 have had a focus on "People Who Help Us" this term. We have had many parents/grandparents come in to chat about their jobs. Pupils met with local paramedics and had the exciting opportunity to explore inside an ambulance. They have had doctors and nurses visit our classroom to show the different ways they can help people and also had builders come in to show off their skillsets needed to build a house. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on learning experience and it has been lovely to have visitors back into school.



P4-7 Class News

In P4-7 we have been creating a Harvest display and collecting items for our local food pantries that are organised by the Mid-Deeside Church. We would like to say a big thank you for all of the donations, they were greatly received and will be used to help local families.

We have worked so hard to produce a variety of work around the Harvest & Autumnal theme including some very descriptive sensory poems, diary entries from the perspective of a scarecrow and autumnal zentangles. Our work will be on display in the Mid Deeside Church alongside Kenny the Kinker Scarecrow through October, so please make sure you go up and have a look at your fabulous work!

School Improvement News

As part of Kincardine O'Neil School's Improvement Planning, three priorities have been identified for this 2022-2023 session.

Priority 1: To continue to improve teaching, learning and assessment approaches.

Priority 2: To increase attainment in writing across the school.

Priority 3: To increase pupil participation and engagement.

Staff have been working on improving teaching, learning and assessment and exploring how to involve pupils further in whole school initiatives during our staff meetings. During our November in-service training we will be travelling to Laurencekirk to receive "Big Writing" training and further explore how we are teaching.



Seesaw

As you are aware, this year at Kincardine O'Neil School we are going to use an online app called Seesaw to share our learning. Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what's happening in the classroom. We have already seen some fantastic learning being shared by pupils with families at home.

The pupils love receiving positive feedback on their learning from family members, as well as teachers. To do this at home, you can use the 'like' and 'comment' features on Seesaw posts.

Pantomime Trip

On Thursday 8th December we will all be going to His Majesty's Theatre in Aberdeen to see this year's Christmas Pantomime, 'Peter Pan'. We will be leaving after an early lunch. A drink and snack will be provided whilst at the Pantomime. A big thank you to Kincardine O'Neil Parent Council who have paid for transport to and from the show.



Primary 6-7 Residential Trip

We are delighted that we have been able to organise a residential trip for our P6-7 pupils this session. On Tuesday 2nd May, pupils will be going on their residential trip to Abernethy for 3 nights along with pupils from Lumphanan School. During their trip they will have the opportunity to participate in lots of exciting outdoor activities such as abseiling, canoeing, archery and ziplining.



PE Kits

Now that COVID restrictions at school have been lifted, could all children please come to school with a suitable PE kit. This should be taken in at the beginning of term and kept at school (except for occasional trips home to be washed) until the end of the term.

PE lessons will take place indoors during term 2 so suitable indoor trainers, shorts and t-shirt would be appropriate.

My Child's Art

The children will be busy designing and producing their Christmas cards when they return from the October holidays. Once they have been accepted, they will be scanned onto their website which parents will then be able to access.

We will let you know in due course about your login details and instructions on how to place an order if you wish to do so. Any purchases from yourself will generate funds for the school.



Kincardine O'Neil Parent Council

We are delighted that Kincardine O'Neil Parent Council held their AGM in May and the committee was appointed as follows:

Chairperson – Andy Hepburn

Treasurer – Pauline Sutherland

Vice Chair – Anna Ewen

Secretary – Alison Edwards

All parents are welcome to attend meetings. The Parent Council are specifically looking for anyone to help join a group to support fundraising. If you are willing to help, please e-mail the school and we will pass your name on to the Parent Council.

School Photographs

Pupils had individual and sibling photographs taken at school on Friday 14th October. The sample photographs will be sent home in pupil's schoolbags along with instructions for what to do if you wish to order.

A Whole School photograph will be taken later in the year for anyone wishing to purchase that.

Adverse Weather and Emergency Closure Information

Information relating to any partial or complete school closure is available using the details below.

Website: [School closures and transport changes - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

Telephone: 0370 054 4999 then use the pin number 02 1980 as instructed.

- You will now hear the school's name. Ensure this is correct before continuing.
- Press 1 to hear your school's message about the adverse weather, for example whether or not the school is to close or if transport arrangements have been affected.

PLEASE NOTE: As of 14/10/22, the phonenumber is under maintenance and the website should be used.

E-mail / Text Message System: Where possible, a text message will be sent out to all parents informing them of the closure of the school.

Radio: In addition, information about a closure is normally broadcast on the following radio stations: BBC Radio Scotland, Northsound 1, Northsound 2 or NECR.

If school is closed due to adverse weather, children should log into Seesaw at home where further instruction will be provided by class teachers.

Dates for your diary– more information will follow for Christmas events.

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Fri 14 th	Last Day of Term 1
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Mon 31 st	School Re-Opens to Pupils and Staff
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NOVEMBER 2022

Wed 9 th	Kincardine O'Neil Parent Council Meeting, 9.10 a.m.
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Thurs 17 th	In-Service Day for Staff – School Closed to Pupils
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Fri 18 th	In-Service Day for Staff – School Closed to Pupils
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Wed 23 rd	Coffee Morning with Parent Workshop – Supporting Learning at Home
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DECEMBER 2022

Thurs 8 th	School Trip to HMT for Christmas Pantomime
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Tues 13 th	Christmas Show Performances (2pm and 6.30pm)
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Thurs 15 th	Community Christmas Carols around the Tree
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Fri 16 th	Christmas Lunch
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Thurs 22 nd	Christmas Parties (More details to follow)
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Fri 23 rd	Last Day of Term 2
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