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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 17 |

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Activities**

There’s been a lot going on of late – or not going on if we think of our sports – but here is an update on some of our activities.

**Netball**

Congratulations to our players who retained the Active Schools trophy and to the B team who came through an exciting decider match for second place against Elrick School.

**Basketball**

Congratulations to our team who played well at the Tawse Tyre Tournament last week, showing good commitment.

**Swimming**

We did eventually manage to put together a team, albeit incomplete and despite this took third place.

Congratulations to all but in particular to the following swimmers:

 Gold Medalists – Alex Clark, Isla Garden

 Silver Medalists – Kirsty Steel, Reuben McCauley

 Bronze Medalists – James Skinner, Cameron Pirie, Zoey Grant

We also won bronze in the boys relay and in the mixed cannon relay. A big thank you to the other swimmers who tried out for a place.

Participation in this event was possible through parental support. Well done Ms McKellar, Mrs Black and Mrs Cowan!

**Football**

Despite a few heavy showers, our football tournament allowed many of our pupils to participate in what was a well organised event. Many thanks to the PTA, the coaches and all the volunteers; once again the funds raised will benefit all pupils.

**Rotary Quiz**

Our team gave a mighty creditable performance at the Area Final at the Beach Ballroom on Saturday. The winners were Aviemore but we weren’t that far behind. Well done all.

**Taste of Grampian**

Our P7 team ‘Chick-a-Pick Farm’ consisting of Finlay Emslie, Tola Adeleke, Paul O’Neill and Amira Algouneh won the ‘Best Use of Art & Design’ award at the above. Well done all – their packed lunch looked and tasted amazing.

**Games Con**

We have a team through to the final of this coding competition to be held at RGU on Thursday, 22 June. We wish Anna, Mia and Brigid all the best.

**Author Visit**

Primary 1 – 4 will have an author presentation of ‘Badger, the Mystical Mutt’ on the afternoon of Thursday, 22 June. This will be funded by the school and there will be an opportunity to purchase books; separate information will be issued but these books might not suit everyone.

To get an idea of where the books are pitched prior to purchase: <https://youtu.be/pSggTNLd8B4>

**Sports Day – Friday 16 June**

Hopefully this will go ahead on Friday but we still desperately need parent helpers to help with stickers, points allocation, etc.

If you can help, please contact the school asap. Should the weather be against us, sports will be held as and when weather permits across stages and perhaps at different times.

**Class Formation – Session 17-18**

Classes will be formed as follows:

 3 x Primary 1 2 x Primary 2

 1 x Primary 2/3 3 x Primary 3

 3 x Primary 4 1 x Primary 4/5

 3 x Primary 5 3 x Primary 6

 1 x Primary 6/7 3 x Primary 7

We have been allocated three probationer teachers for next session and are in the final stages of allocating staff to classes.

**PSA Posts**

Schools received additional funding recently through the Scottish Government’s Pupil Equity Fund. As part of our allocation we are hoping to recruit additional Pupil Support Assistants (PSA). All going well we hope to interview before the holiday and be ready for starting in August. This will be a temporary position for the session.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Football**

The Aberdeen FC Community Trust’s (Aberdeen FC’s Charity Partner) Summer Football Holiday Camp programme 2017 provides ‘football, fun & fitness’ over the 7 weeks of summer holidays across various venues around Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City. Details taking place at the Garioch Sports Centre are as follows:

**Garioch Sports Centre – AFCCT Summer Football Holiday Camps**

***1st Week 2nd Week***

Date(s): 17th- 21st July 2017 Date(s): 7th- 11th August 2017

Time: 10am - 4pm Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: £100 Cost: £100

Ages : 5 -1 2 years old Ages: 5 - 12 years old

To book a place call 01224 631903 or visit afc.co.uk/etickets

**Active Schools Summer Programme**

The Kemnay Cluster will be offering Hip Hop, tennis and Judo and Games. A copy of the programme can be found on the school website.

**Summer Reading Challenge**

The Aberdeenshire Libraries challenge runs Thursday, 22 June – Saturday, 26 August and this year’s theme is ‘Be Drawn into a Good Book’. After reading six books, children will receive a free book as a prize. To find out more visit <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/libraries/young/summer-reading-challenge/>

**Forthcoming Events**

Friday, 16 June - Sports Day

Monday, 19 June - P3K outing to Dyce (Sustrans prize)

Wednesday, 21 – Friday 23 June - P7/S1 Induction

* Nursery/P1 Induction

Thursday, 22 June - Author visit (P 1 – P4)

Thursday, 29 June - P7 Leavers Assembly

**Holidays for 2017**

Friday, 30 June 2017 - Last Day of School before Summer Break

Tuesday, 22 August 2017 - Term 1 starts

Monday, 16 October 2017 – Friday, 27 October 2017 - October Break

Monday, 25 December 2017 – Friday, 5 January 2018 - Christmas Break



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