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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 15 |

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Scottish Opera**

The pupils of Primary 5 gave a stirring performance of ‘Tam O’ Shanter’ almost putting the professional singers in the shade. A big thank you to the PTA who generously funded this event.

**Quiz Team**

Congratulations to our team of Katie Henderson, Ailsa Orr, Fraser Paterson, Sam Bell and Ben Paterson who were winners on Saturday in the Aberdeenshire heat. They will go forward to the District Final in the Beach Ballroom on Saturday, 10 June.

**P5 Ceilidh**

We have a tradition of P5 pupils across the Cluster visiting the Academy to enjoy a morning of Scottish dance. However, the Academy cannot facilitate the event this session so we have decided that it will take place here on the morning of Thursday, 11 May.

This will give the pupils from all four schools an opportunity to mix. Pupils should wear their school uniform, and, if possible, a touch of tartan. Pupils should also bring their own snack.

**Netball Festival**

The next netball event will take place at Inverurie Academy on Wednesday, 10 May 4.00pm – 6.00 pm. Pupils participating in this event will have been informed and arrangements made.

**Wellbeing Cafe**

This will take place in our school halls on Friday, 12 May 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm. Please lend your support; it will be a good opportunity to find out just what’s available locally in all aspects of health and recreation as well as a chance to meet others.

**Learning Showcase – Friday 19 May**

You will soon receive an invitation from your child/children outlining their class activities that afternoon. Access to classrooms etc will be between 1.30pm and 2.45pm.

**P7 Leavers Photographs**

The Evening Express will photograph our P7 classes on the morning of Friday, 26 May. Please note, pupils should be in school uniform and if possible, not wearing coloured trainers.

**Parking with Consideration**

The recent bad weather meant that rather than look for a space, or walk a short distance, some inconsiderate parking meant difficulties or even dangers for others.

When using the car park please:

* Keep the turning circle clear of parked cars
* Refrain from parking in the bus and disability bays – you are breaking the law if you do so
* Park within the outlined bays – do not take up two spaces
* Keep your speed down and watch out for children near the crossing areas

Thank you.

**Pupil Health**

We would like to emphasise the following:

* Pupils with fractures etc. before returning to school we are required to complete a risk assessment to ensure children can move around safely etc.
* Vomiting/stomach upsets – pupils should return to school once they have had 48 hours clear of all symptoms. We appreciate that children bounce back quickly but this will ensure that we contain any infection.

**Homework Questionnaire**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Kintorehomework>

Please complete the above if you have not already done so. We hope to be discussing this with the children in the next week or two.

**Staffing**

Mrs Louise Munro, a member of the ASN team is relocating to Edinburgh. Louise will take up a teaching post at St Mary’s Music School at the end of this month.

Ms Hannah Ratcliffe is to take up a teaching post in Aberdeen city; the date of her transfer is yet to be confirmed.

I would like to thank Louise and Hannah for their hard work and wish them well.

Ms Rhona Rafferty, our new administrator will join us next week.

**Dyslexia: Information and Advice**

An evening of workshops designed to offer advise and information to support young people’s learning will take place on Monday, 12 June, 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm at Meldrum Academy. Attendance is free, but please register for the event at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dyslexia-practical-information-advice-for-parents-tickets-34426094375>

Please note, although this is headed ‘Dyslexia@ the advise and strategies used to support pupils with barriers to their learning in literacy are good strategies for all learners.

**Next Session 2017 – 2018**

Our pupil numbers seem to be settling around the 590 mark for P 1-7 and we have been allocated 23 classes for the session. Accommodation for us will still be slightly at a premium but perhaps Assembly won’t be such a tight squeeze!

Towards the end of May we will be looking at the structure of our classes taking into consideration pupil attainment and attitude to learning, gender balance as well as the following:

Primary 1 - maximum class size 25

Primary 2 and 3 – maximum class size 30

Primary 4 – 7 - maximum class size 33

All composite classes – maximum of 25

It is very rare for us to not have to move pupils into different class groupings. Once done, changing even one pupil can affect the placing of others. Please let us know should you have any concerns around this.

Let us know as soon as possible if you intend moving your child to Midmill, should you be in that catchment area.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Relax Kids – Saturday 20 May**

SCILL have a session planned in Inverurie for children aged 6-10 years. To book a place or acquire further information call 07913 326816 or email [admin@scill-aberdeenshire.org.uk](mailto:admin@scill-aberdeenshire.org.uk)

**Netball Summer Camp**

This is open to 9 – 15 year olds and will take place at Meldrum Academy on August 7/8. Booking forms can be found on [www.netballscotland.com/summercamp17](http://www.netballscotland.com/summercamp17) or email [thistlescamp@netballscotland.com](mailto:thistlescamp@netballscotland.com)

**Junior Jog Leaders Course**

This will take place on Thursday, 11 May at the Alford Community Campus, 4.15 pm – 5.15 pm. This is a Junior Jogscotland Leaders course. If interested please email [lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or call 01467 538899.

**NYCos Area Choirs**

NYCoS Area Choirs are part of the National Youth Choir of Scotland and dedicated to encouraging singing for young people aged 0 – 25. The Aberdeen choir meets in the University of Aberdeen on Tuesdays. If your child is interested in joining, sign up at nycos.org.uk/workshop or call 0141 287 2856. A few leaflets are available in the foyer.

**Kintore Summer Festival**

The Kintore Summer Festival takes place on Saturday, 20 May on the playing fields starting at 11.00 am. Please come along and support the local community.

**Forthcoming Events**

Wednesday, 10 May - Netball Festival

Thursday, 11 May - Nursery to Castle Fraser

- Cluster Ceilidh (P5) held in Kintore

Friday, 12 May - P2S Assembly

- Wellbeing Café 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

- Scottish Parliament Education Outreach (P6)

Tuesday, 16 May - PTA Meeting – all welcome

Wednesday, 17 May - Jazz Sessions begin – P6

- Visit/talks from Inverclyde Representative (P6)

Friday, 19 May - Learning Showcase/Open Afternoon

Friday, 26 May - P1K Assembly

Monday, 29 May - Visiting Theatre Group – ‘The Hobbit’

Tuesday, 30 May - Nursery Parent Open Evening

Friday, 2 June - P1S Assembly

Monday, 5 June - Local Holiday

Tuesday, 6 June - Parent Council/PTA AGM

**Holidays for 2017**

Monday, 5 June 2017 - Local Holiday

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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**Bulletin No 15 Parent Comments**

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