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January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New year to everyone! In what seemed to be a very quick holiday, we hope everyone had a lovely time and we were pleased to see everyone returning to us after the break. Excitement was upon us this week as we welcomed snow to Islay and much fun was had!

Christmas Fundraising

A big thank you to everyone who helped support all fundraising over the festive period. We raised an amazing £1076.00 for our Sponsored Santa Walk, £441.50 for our Panto tickets and £179.58 for the Poppy Appeal.

The Panto and Santa money will go to School funds and this will allow us to continue to fund resources and activities, transport and events for the school and Pre 5.

Staffing

We are sad to announce that Allana, our Childcare Worker is leaving to take up a post at Clyde Cottage in Dunoon. Allana has been a fabulous addition to Keills and we wish her all the best for her future. We are certain we will see her back on Islay at some point! Pre 5 will continue to operate as normal with supply cover until we fill our posts.

Ms Connell has transferred to Bowmore Primary and we wish her all the best for her return to work after maternity. Ms Heads will take on her post at Keills on a permanent basis.

Burns Day

To celebrate Robert Burns Day on Thursday, children have been learning Scots poems, song and dances. We will also have Haggis available for lunch that day to allow children to try. Normal lunch choices will still be available! Children are welcome to wear something Scottish (Tartan) to celebrate this day.

Lunches

Thank you for your continued support in ordering lunches using IpayImpact. We are still seeing some children who are unaware of what is being offered for them and often stating that they don't like the choices picked for them. It would really help us out if you could spend time with your child when

using the app to make choices. We will always check in the mornings with your child to ensure no one is missed. If you have any issues using the app, please inform the school office.

Coffee Afternoon Friday 9th February 1.30-2.30pm

We would like to invite you for a coffee afternoon on Friday 9th February in the school hall. We would love to see our families and friends for an informal get together over tea, coffee and cakes.

Fun in '31'

Back in November, as part of our School Improvement programme, we launched 'Fun in 31'. This takes place every Friday afternoon from 2.30pm and encourages all our children from Pre 5 to P7 to immerse themselves in play. Children suggested what they wanted to see in our playzones and they have a free choice every week as to where they wish to go: Construction, Arts and Crafts, coding, board games and Pre 5 are all on offer. We are seeing amazing interactions each week with the children displaying skills in imagination, curiosity, open-mindedness and problem solving.



You are welcome to join us after the coffee afternoon to join in with our Play sessions!

"Let them play! The more they play, the more resilient and socially adept they will become."

Jessica Joelle Alexander

Upcoming Dates for your diary

February

Thursday 1st: P6/7 Parent Stirling Residential meeting @ Keills 4pm (Children welcome)

Friday 9th: Coffee Afternoon/Fun in 31 session.

Monday 12th-Friday 16th: Mid Term holiday

Monday 19th: INSET Day

Thurs 22nd: P6/7 Residential Drop in meet

Tues 27th – Fri 1st March: P6/7 to Stirling



As always, please don't hesitate in getting in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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