

## Term 4 Newsletter

### April - July 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

I hope everyone has had a good Easter break.

If you were at home over the holidays I am sure that you enjoyed the lovely weather in the first week...not so lovely in the second week unfortunately!

Suddenly, here we are in Term 4, preparing our P7 Team for their transition visits to High School and welcoming our new P1 cohort for life at Kennoway HQ.

This is always a busy term for children and staff as we prepare end of year reports, evaluate the work that we have undertaken this year and plan our improvement priorities for next year.

Looking back on this year so far, there is much to celebrate.

We have had a very successful Book Week and thanks to you and our wider school community we raised an amazing total of £2553.11.



Our whole school participated in a range of book related activities, which included virtual author visits, all planned by P1 and P2.

We also received £442.71 from the Asda Cash Pot as a result our parents, carers, families and staff signing up to support Team Kennoway.

Our P4-7 children engaged with Safer Internet Day, to help raise everyone's awareness of Internet Safety. This was planned and delivered by our Digital Leaders.

A group from the P5 Team have been working with our colleagues from Community Learning & Development (CLD) on a STEM Project (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) which involved building the Goblin Car...and racing it!



This work will continue across Term 4 with another group from the P5 Team.

Our P1/2 and P2 Teams visited the Museum of Modern Art in Edinburgh. They had a super time on their visit. The children engaged in an art workshop and, just as we have come to expect, they were complimented on their respectful behaviour, showing our Kennoway CARES values.

Our P7 musicians attended the Music Festival along with Miss Hall and Miss Sherriff's, and received fabulous feedback from the panel.

Our P6 Team planned and delivered a wonderful Burns Supper, despite the challenges that Storm Eowyn brought.

P1 and P2 have engaged with regular, planned outdoor learning opportunities whether that be at Kennoway Den or making use of our own wildlife garden...in all weathers!



There has been lots of collaboration across classes this year, with children from different stages (P1/P4/P7, P2/P5, P3/P6) regularly working together across the Curriculum to promote skills for learning, life and work.

Of course, there is more to come as we progress through Term 4, as shown in the diary dates, including P7 Ardroy experience, Health Week, P6 Countryside Day, Kennoway Carnival, P4 Community Art Project and of course Nursery Celebrations, House Party and Leavers' Service.

Looking forward to session 2025-26, Levenmouth Cluster has been selected to be one of the first group of Cluster schools, along with Viewforth Cluster, to deploy Mini iPads to all children and young people in P6 -S3 and all teaching staff, as part of Transforming Learning Fife.



This significant 10-year additional investment in Education by Fife Council, will undoubtedly transform learning in our schools and in Kennoway we are very much looking forward to learning how best to make use of these devices to support and enhance our teaching and learning approaches for all of our children.

As the term progresses there will be further information to share with you.  
We are very excited!

### **Class Organisation 2025-26**



I understand that many of you will now be wondering how our classes might be organised next session and which class teachers will be allocated to classes.

Although I am not in a position to let you all know the details yet, I should let you know that as always, it is a possibility that we may need to look at composite classes (bringing children from 2 different stages into one class). I appreciate that some parents can be anxious about this, and worry that their child is being "held back", which most definitely is not the case.

I always follow Fife Council Guidance and arrange all classes according to age and I rarely make exceptions to this.

If your child is allocated to a composite class I will share the Fife Council information on composite classes with you.

The Curriculum for Excellence End of Year Reports are due to be with you by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and I will do my best to share who your child's teacher will be no later than this. P1 is the exception to this as our new cohort will be visiting classrooms and meeting their teacher throughout the latter part of this term.

### **Car Park**

Unfortunately, I have received yet another concern from one of our neighbours regarding parking across their drive, which I am sure you can appreciate is very frustrating for them and also for me!  
I have directed them to Transportation.



I think we can all agree that that parking around our school is a major challenge, however as you have heard me say many times, the safety of our children comes first and foremost.

Please do not park across the zebra crossings, on double yellow lines or on the roundabout as this causes congestion.



I hope that in the better weather, families who rely on driving children to school, can, where possible, park further away from the school and enjoy a wee walk!

### **Parental Engagement**

In Kennoway we have welcomed the advice from the Scottish Government that Pupil Equity Funding will continue for another year.

This money is allocated to some schools to help ensure all of our children have an equal chance to achieve their learning potential in Literacy, Numeracy & Health & Wellbeing.

Our allocation of funding remains at £175,175.

I always seek the views of the children on how they think this money can be used to support their learning journey but I would also welcome any ideas or views that you may have on how best to use this funding, so please let me know your thoughts on this by emailing me on [jil.simpson@fife.gov.uk](mailto:jil.simpson@fife.gov.uk).

Thank you to everyone who attended Parent Teacher Interviews on 30<sup>th</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup> February. We had a very good attendance with 95% of parents and carers who requested an interview, attending across the 2 sessions.

I would also like to thank everyone who has managed to attend any of our regular Stay and Play Sessions across P1-3 this year.

As you will have come to expect we regularly welcome constructive feedback from our stakeholders.

I have recently shared a questionnaire on “Equality & Equity” in Kennoway. This can be found in your email box or on Seesaw.



Please do take a few minutes to complete it. The closing date is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Staff have already completed a questionnaire and I intend to capture the children's views on this very important subject during the course of this term.

Supporting positive attendances at school continues to be an ongoing priority for us.

Our target for attendance across the school is **89.81%**. As of 31<sup>st</sup> March, the attendance percentage for each stage was:

P1 – 90.98%

P2 – 87.72%

P3 – 91.36%

P4 – 92.2%

P5 – 90.36%

P6 – 90.62%

P7 – 88.96%

As you can see by 31<sup>st</sup> March P2 and P7 were not achieving the target.

I am hopeful that, with your support, over the remainder of the school year this will improve so that all stages can exceed 90%!

## Diary Dates



Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April –	P1-3 Stay & Play
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May –	Holiday (School & Nursery)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May –	P7 Ardroy Residential
	P7 non Ardroy – Pump Track visit
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May –	P1 Outdoor Learning
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May –	P7 Non Ardroy – Deer Centre Visit
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May –	P2 Outdoor Learning
	P5, P6, P7 Fife Young Carers Visit
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May –	P6 and P7 – Fire Safety Talks
	2.15pm/5.30pm – New P1 Parents Transition Meetings
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May –	P5, P6, P7 Fife Young Carers Visit
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May –	P1-3 Stay & Play 2.15pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May –	P1 and P7 Class Photographs
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May –	P1 Outdoor Learning
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May –	P5-7 Carnival Concert 1.30pm
	5pm – P7 Carnival Party
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May –	Health Week Begins
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May –	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May –	P2 Outdoor Learning
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> May –	Nursery-P7 Silent Disco Session (Friends of Kennoway)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May –	P7 Barnardo's Visit – Substance Misuse
	PM House Activities and Nursery Welly Boot Walk
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June –	Holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June –	INSET Day 5 (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June –	P1 Outdoor Learning
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June –	P6 Countryside Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June –	P7 Natural Connections full day outing
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June –	P7-S1 Levenmouth Academy Transition Days
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June –	P7-S1 Levenmouth Academy Transition Days
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June –	P7-S1 Levenmouth Academy Transition Days
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June –	New P1 children – Meet the Teacher at 9.15am or 1.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June –	Summer Church Assemblies P5-7 9.30am & P1-4 10.30am
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June –	PM – House Party
	3-4pm – Nursery Moving on Celebration
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July –	P7 Leavers Ceremony – 9.30am
	PM – Nursery Parties
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July –	AM School Talent Show (children only)

Our school closes at **3pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** and reopens to children on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 9am.

Kind regards

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