



## EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Parent

### **Start of Term Update**

A belated welcome back to Term 3. The term started with an unwelcome spell of weather and a fair amount of illness but we are now settling into a learning groove.

### **Staffing**

Mrs Elaine Gray (Clerical Assistant) left us on the 10<sup>th</sup> January to take up a new post. We thank Elaine for all she did in the time she was with us.

In recent weeks, we have also welcomed Mrs Naomi Holmes to the role of Classroom Assistant. Miss Lauren Anderson and Mrs Sara George (a familiar face to the school) have also been helping on a supply basis.

After a long period of illness, Lynne Geddes (Inclusion Project Co-ordinator) has left her role. For those who had the privilege of working with Lynne, you will know she achieved a great deal in her time with us. We wish her well moving forward. At the end of February, we will also officially say 'goodbye' to Mrs Kate McGarey. We also wish her well following an extended period of ill-health.

### **MQIT visit**

On Monday, we had a team of Quality Improvement Officers visit the school to support us on our improvement journey. We await formal feedback but the officers commented positively on the calm feel around the school and positive attitudes displayed by our pupils.

### **Frog Squad / Parent Council Meeting**

Just a wee reminder that this meeting will take place on Monday at 1.40pm at the school. This is a great chance to let us know what you want from the Frog Squad. Additionally, it's an opportunity to put forward questions to the school about the types of information you'd like to hear more about. Please come along if you can.

## Parents' Evenings

Next month, we will invite you to sign up for parents' appointments on either the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> March. The sign up, for your 10 minute appointment, will be via ParentPortal. For those not already signed up, please take the time to do so. Mrs O'Hanlon will be happy to help with any trouble-shooting. Those not on ParentPortal will not have a chance to sign up for slots until those using the system have opted for their spaces.

As part of these evenings, you will also have the chance to drop in to view your child's online profile. This will be work in progress but members of staff will be on hand to show you how the profile is set up and how you can see it once it is published.

More information to follow on both matters.

## Bronze Sport Award

We are pleased to share that Keith Primary has received a Bronze Award as part of the Sport Scotland national initiative. Thanks to Amanda (from Active Schools) for helping us to complete the application and for all she does to promote sport at Keith Primary.

## RSHP Curriculum

Over the next two terms, classes will be following Education Scotland's relationships, sexual health and parenting programme (RSHP). The content that these lessons are based on is available to view on the following website as it is a resource used across most Scottish schools.

<https://rshp.scot/>

The resources delivered are levelled into age and stages.

To help with your understanding the materials are broken down as follows:

P1 - Early Level  
P2 - First Level - To Begin  
P3 - First Level - Progression 1  
P4 - First Level - Progression 2  
P5 - Second Level - To Begin  
P6 Second Level - Progression 1  
P7 Second Level - Progression 2

Our teachers take care to omit or adapt materials to suit the needs of their class and individuals within the class.

## Forthcoming Dates

Date	Event
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January @1.40pm	Frog Squad / Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	P1 & P7 Dental Inspections
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed to pupils for INSET (please note that there are no INSET days in May)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid-term holiday

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Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Frog Squad disco (Longmore Hall)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Frog Squad Quiz (Golf Club)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Childsmile P1-P4
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Book Sale
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' appointments
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – info to follow.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Rotary Quiz – P7s
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of term
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term Starts

Yours sincerely



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