



## EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Parent/ Carers

### Welcome to the Summer Term

We welcome everyone back to what will be an exceptionally busy summer term. This is always an enjoyable term for pupils and, hopefully, this letter gives you flavour of just a few of the highlights to come.

### Pounds for Primaries

Press and Journal Readers may have spotted that, for the second successive year, Keith Primary School has been a winner in the Pounds for Primaries Token competition. On Tuesday we received a cheque for £1500. Over 3500 tokens were collected so we thank everyone for their initiative in managing to collect quite so many.



### Playground Equipment and the Cash for Kids School Challenge

Every time we consult our learners about the playground, they routinely express a desire for more fixed playground equipment – typical of what you would see at a public park. Boosted by the Pounds for Primaries cheque, the school fund is relatively healthy. Additionally, recent fundraisers have also boosted Frog Squad funds. Consequently, we have now committed to using a large proportion of these funds as a starting point to raise money to procure and install equipment.

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In order to raise the remaining funds, we are getting ready to sign up for MFR's Cash for Kids Challenge which involves intensive fund-raising over a two week period at the start of June. The school that raises the most will get an extra £5000 from Cash for Kids.

We are still at the early stages of planning but we are looking for community support or any bright ideas to help us on our way. The Frog Squad are also forming a sub-committee to look at ideas so please feel free to get in touch with them if you want to contribute.

Our learners will be told all of this at assembly today.

### **Parents in Playground**

We've seen an increasing number of parents come to P3 and P4 classroom doors to collect their child at the end of the day. This is just a wee reminder to say that only P1 and P2 pupils should be collected from their classrooms. If you have an older child who you feel requires to be met (e.g. for an anxiety or ASN need), please liaise with the school so we can formalise the arrangement.

### **Scots Week**

Over the last two years, we have had a Scots Week to coincide with the Keith Music Festival. Given the extent of the planned fundraising events in June, these activities will be stripped back this year. We will still have our Scots Poetry competitions later in the term.

### **FROG Squad / Parent Council**

It was great to see so many attendees at the Parent Council meeting on Tuesday. The agenda was extensive so it took a little longer than normal! From a school point of view, the meeting was positive and constructive and it was certainly good to get the perspectives of a wider group of parents.

### **Gaelic Education Requests**

Moray Council is compelled to consult parents about the demand for Gaelic Education in local schools. If this is of interest to you, please complete the following form by 9<sup>th</sup> May.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xbzYitq1eN>

### **Out of School Achievements**

Just a wee reminder that we enjoy hearing about pupils' out of school achievements. Please feel free to send a photo and comment to the school's admin e-mail address and we'll add the achievements to their online profile and give them a special mention at assembly.

### **Open Door Policy**

As ever, if there is ever anything of concern, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Often issues are readily explained or easily resolved when parents and school work together. Our class teachers are always happy to help. Additionally, each class has a Leadership Team link that you can contact

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if needed. We do try to accommodate drop-ins but, to avoid disappointment, it is often better to get in touch beforehand to make an appointment.

Classes	Leadership Team Link
P1-P3	Mrs Ross
P4s, P5 and P5/6	Ms Buchan
P6 and P7s	Mrs Keedwell

### Uniform – new school year

All orders for uniform should be placed via Ipay by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. These should be ready for collection from the office from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

### Forthcoming Dates

Date	Event
5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Holiday (School closed to pupils & staff)
12 <sup>th</sup> May	P1 & P7 Class Photos
26 <sup>th</sup> May	P6 Scottish Opera performance
30 <sup>th</sup> May	M&M Productions to visit school (theatre production)
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Attainment report home (12 <sup>th</sup> June for P1EH)
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Local Holiday (School closed to pupils & staff)
From 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Fundraising Fortnight. Much more information to follow.
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 transition days (for those going to Keith Grammar)
27 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers' Assembly at 1.45pm; Piping out 2.45pm
27 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed at 3pm for summer holidays
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Pupils return to school following summer break

Yours sincerely



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