



March 2024

Dear families,

What a bucket filling month March has been, with so much for our whole school community to feel proud about. Our first Coffee Morning at North Church Hall was a great success. The whole school community deserve 'over and above' certificates for the team effort, demonstrating such commitment to our school value...support! There were so many ex pupils there to support and extended family members....bucket filling stuff!



The raffle prizes were pretty amazing and we have so many thank you letters to post to local businesses. I have a list via the FB page and my own list in school, but it would be great if we can double check the list at the next Parent Council meeting to share out delivery and ensure no one has been missed. We don't have an accurate total quite yet as there have been some 'cake and candy' items sold this week. However,



it is looking to be in the region of £1600.



P5/6/7 made beautiful centre pieces/ table decorations for the coffee morning. They were set some basic raw materials to create their very own unique flower vase. They worked in pairs to complete the challenge and looked really pleased with the end result. They were delighted to be able

to support the preparations and rose to the challenge...clear evidence they are developing as effective contributors.

Later this week, P4/5 and 6/7 all set off with Outfit Moray for a day of Adventurous Activity. P1/2/3 Outdoor Learning has been postponed to Friday April 19th.



Great to see all pupils benefiting from fundraising efforts.

Life and Work of the School- Keith Community Radio 'Top of the Class'

We must say a big thank you to Mrs Mair for organising our recording for Keith Community Radio last week. We listened to it as a school on Tuesday and there were smiles all around as we recognised voices. Here's what Allana, P6, had to say....

"Today we listened to KCR radio because we were on 'Top of the Class'. We were also on at 1810 last night. We took part in an event led by a company called 'Scottish

Opera.' They provide resources so that primary sixes can learn song lyrics and dance moves. We were chosen by KCR radio for 'Top of the Class.' P5/6/7 chose to do a small introductory statement; to explain what Scottish Opera is and what we have been learning about. We also sang one of the songs called 'We have the Power' Primary 3/4/5 decided to tell everyone about their favourite books and why. P1/2/3 had a small introduction from Rosie then they sang a song about friendship

Overall, it was an amazing experience. Here is a quote from Miss Smith....that really sounded like songs recorded in a real recording studio."



Curricular Skills- Rugby

P6/7 have enjoyed playing rugby with Jasmine, so much so, Mrs Mair has ordered a brand new set of rugby balls to extend the experience. One of the games they enjoy is 'Hot Potato'. They class were proud to be able to include four rugby balls in their game. Thanks to Amanda at Active School for organising the sessions. We are looking forward to building on the experience here in school.

Here's what Amanda, P5, had to say....

"On Thursday, Jasmine from a rugby club in Huntly came to teach us some rugby skills. Everyone learned some things which meant most people were confident individuals. Later on we had to set ourselves the challenge of making a food family plan for a week. My partner and I spent £30 but we forgot some treats and drinks."



Life and Work of the school- World Book day



World Book Day was a highlight for many pupils with Mr Leitch (KGS Librarian) coming up trumps once again as a highlight. The day included dress as a character or in PJs, paired reading 'Fruit and a Book', Newmill and Botriphnie took part in a joint Reading Quiz and Mr Leitch visited all classes in the afternoon. Here's what Dexter had to say...

"First, my friends and I showed off our costumes.

We then came into class and shared favourite

books. I loved looking at people's costumes and pyjamas. Next, it was time for fruit and a book. I was paired with Lewis McKay and we read 'The Ugly Five' that he took into school. In the afternoon, Mr Leitch came in and he read a few pages of a book. I was soooooo glued to it, I wanted to read on. I had an amazing World Book Day. My favourite part was Mr Leitch."

Life and work of the School- Rotary Quiz

Team Well done to our Rotary Quiz team.... great commitment to our school value 'grow'. They participated in weekly break and lunchtimes sessions with Mrs Jamieson for a number of weeks, in preparation for the event. Mrs Jamieson enjoyed working with the team and commended their Newmill Ninja Mind-set.



Mrs Mair and P5/6/7 would like to include a big thank you to Hilary for volunteering to join on a weekly basis. Hilary has been supporting P5/6/7 on a Wednesday afternoon. It's great to have ex pupils back in school and continuing to demonstrate commitment to climbing the tower of learning together. Hilary, Mya, Luisa and Jo continue to visit on a weekly basis, with a clear focus on developing their leadership skills, whilst supporting our learners.... thank you girls!



Opportunities for Personal

Achievement - Moray Cross Country A huge well done to Hamish, Dexter, Brodie, Mia, Holly and Sienna for competing in Moray Cross Country at the weekend. They most definitely demonstrated a 'Resilient Ruby' Mind-set, competing in tough conditions. It was muddy and slippery, with a cold wind.



Nevertheless, it didn't put them off and they all persevered to make it to the finish line...great achievement.

Interdisciplinary Learning

We have been delighted with the children's enthusiasm for this term's IDL study- 'Using Evidence'. P3/4/5 and 5/6/7 have been using the context of Vikings to explore key questions, with P1/2/3 opting for 'Romans'. The whole school was invited to see



P1/2/3 perform their 'sharing assembly,' ahead of parents joining tomorrow. It was clear evidence they are developing as confident individuals who have a very good knowledge of how the 'Romans' lived and how that shaped how we all live today.

Today P5/6/7 shared the non-fiction books they have been creating over the term with P1/2/3... fantastic way to showcase their learning, aiming to be at four in the learning pit. It's fair to say the wee ones were a fabulous audience.



Wishing you all a lovely Easter weekend and a relaxing holiday when it comes.

Warm regards,

Headteacher

DIARY DATES

- **Monday 15th April**- Summer Term Begins
- **Thursday 18th April**- Childsmile Varnish Newmill
- **Friday 19th April**- P1/2/3 Outdoor Learning Day
- **Monday 6th May**- **May Day Holiday**
- **Wednesday 8th May 2024**- Science Fair at KPS for P6 children
- **Thursday 16th and Friday 17th May**- In service -school closed to pupils
- **Monday 3rd June**- School closed-holiday

