



April 2026



Dear Families,

Welcome to our April newsletter.

As we move into the summer term, it's wonderful to see the children enjoying brighter days and new learning opportunities. This month brings exciting activities across the school, from outdoor learning to creative projects and upcoming events. We are proud of the hard work and enthusiasm shown by all our pupils and look forward to sharing their achievements with you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Average Monthly Attendance data: 99%

Tesco Grants Programme Success

We are delighted to share that our application to the Tesco Grants Programme has been successful. The money raised will go towards Fruity Friday and Cooking Club.

Voting will take place in store from Tuesday 28th April until the end of July 2026. We would greatly appreciate your support—please remember to vote for our project when you shop at Tesco.

IDL

This term we have two Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) projects. One is called "Same and Different," where pupils will explore the similarities and differences between Christianity and Hinduism. Through engaging activities and discussions, children will learn about key beliefs, traditions, celebrations and places of worship within both religions.

This topic encourages pupils to develop respect, understanding and appreciation for different cultures and beliefs. It will also provide opportunities for reflection on their own values and what makes each of us unique.

Our second Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) topic is "The View from My Window." Pupils will be exploring key features of our local area, including the landscape and the places that make our community unique. They will also begin to learn about the range of learning and work opportunities available within the local community.

As part of this topic, children will investigate different ways we can find out about the past, using sources such as photographs, stories, and local evidence. They will also compare life today with life in the past, developing their understanding of how and why things have changed over time.

This engaging topic will help pupils build a stronger sense of place while developing important skills in enquiry, observation and comparison.

Curriculum

African Drumming Sessions

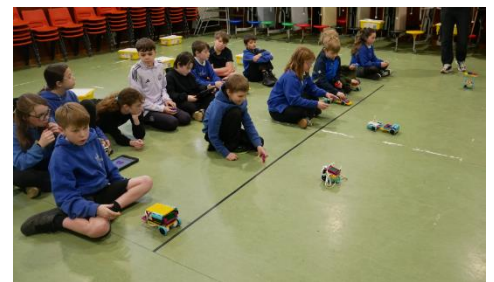


On Tuesday 24th March, we were delighted to welcome Chief Cheebe to our school. He led an exciting African drumming workshop, where the children had the opportunity to learn new rhythms and techniques. The session was full of energy and enthusiasm and the children thoroughly enjoyed this fantastic musical experience.

RAF Stem event



On Wednesday 25th March, Primary 5-7 pupils took part in an exciting RAF-funded LEGO Robotics Workshop. The session



was led by Sarah Pinkney from Raising Robotic Ltd, who challenged the children to develop their STEM skills by designing and building robotic LEGO creations, before bringing them to life through coding. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this engaging and hands-on learning experience.



Outdoor Learning

Primary 1-3 and Primary 3-5 have been making the most of outdoor learning this term through regular visits to the local woods. During these sessions, pupils have taken part in a range of engaging activities, including team-building games and exploring the natural environment. They have been learning to name and identify different trees, creating bark rubbings, measuring and drawing what they observe and even enjoying opportunities for safe tree climbing.

As part of their outdoor experiences, the children also participated in a creative storytelling session. Using natural materials they collected, they worked together to build and share their own stories. It was wonderful to see their imagination in action and the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to each other's ideas.

Ethos and life of the School Community

Maths Family Learning Event

We recently enjoyed a fantastic Maths Family Learning event, bringing together children and their families for an afternoon of fun and learning.

During the session, families explored a range of practical maths strategies that are used in school, helping everyone to better understand the methods and approaches children are learning in class. It was wonderful to see such positive engagement and enthusiasm as strategies were shared and practised together.



There was also plenty of excitement as families took part in a variety of maths-based card games, reinforcing number skills in a fun and interactive way. Laughter, teamwork and a little healthy competition made for a brilliant atmosphere throughout the event.

Thank you to all the families who attended and helped make the session such a success.

Opportunities for Personal Achievement

Rotary Quiz

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the recent Rotary Quiz on the 26th March. We are delighted to share that Newmill Primary achieved 3rd place. A big thank you to Mrs Jamieson for her support and dedication in helping the pupils prepare so well for the event.

Spring Show Success

Well done to the whole school for displaying a 'Have a go, Jo' mindset and taking part in the competitions for the Spring Show. We are proud to report that we received 6 first place entries, 9 second place entries and 9 third place entries.



Well done to Lyla for her fantastic achievement in Tae Kwon Do, where she displayed a Persevering Pete Mindset and earned 3rd place in patterns.

A huge congratulations to Mia for her incredible effort in Marathon March and for raising a fantastic £791.25 to support the cause. Thank you to everyone who supported her along the way.





A big well done to Brodie and Lyla for their outstanding performances in the Dallas Dash. Brodie secured 2nd place in the Junior Male category, while Lyla earned 3rd place in the Junior Female category-both exemplifying true Resilient Ruby mindsets.

Reminder: If your child has a personal achievement you would like us to share - whether it's a sporting success, music award, club certificate or community involvement - please send a photo along with a short sentence explaining the achievement to admin.newmillp@moray-edunet.gov.uk Alternatively they can bring the achievement in to school to share. We would be delighted to feature it in our newsletter and celebrate their success with the school community.

Warm regards

S. Chalmers.

Stacey Chalmers
Acting HT

DIARY DATES

Monday 4th May - Holiday

Tuesday 5th May - Parent Council Meeting 6.30 pm

Wednesday 6th May - P6 Science Fair at KGS

Monday 18th May - P3-5 class to Keith Primary - Isabella's Footsteps Celebration event

Monday 1st June - Holiday

Thursday 4th June - Sports Day at Newmill Park 1 pm

Tues 23rd - Thu 25th June - KGS P7-S1 Transition Days

Tues 30th June - Thu 2nd July - P7 Outfit Moray

Thu 2nd July - Term 4 ends

