

Kenmore News

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Dear Parent/s, Carers and Community members,

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the October showcase last term. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed showing their literature work and there is a suggestion from P.3/4 that we publish our work and have a Book Festival similar to the one they all visited in August. We shall take the suggestion to the Pupil Council to consider. One of the focuses for development this year is to promote literacy for the pupils. The Pupil Council have been discussing how they can do this and staff are planning for engaging and exciting learning activities to maximize interest and success in reading, writing, talking and listening. As part of this process I will have an open forum meeting with any parents who are interested in helping us with this on Wednesday 11th November from 5-6pm. I will outline what we are doing in literacy and what we want to achieve. In conversation with parents we can plan for an agreed/ suggested homework policy and discuss issues and concerns around this area. Please note I will be unable to discuss individual children and /or their progress. Please complete and return the form if you would like to come along to this interesting partnership opportunity. I look forward to seeing you.

Kind Regards,

Laura McIntosh

Christmas Show



This term pupils will be working towards two performances for the Christmas show

P.1/2 will be performing The Nativity

and P.3-7 will be performing

Roald Dahl's Jack in the Beanstalk

Scenery will be made by the Wednesday after school Club and costumes by Marianne Struthers

Keep the date: Wednesday 16th December 6-8pm

Ticket information to follow.



The Witches at Dundee Rep Theatre

The pupils will be studying and writing drama and poetry by Roald Dahl this term to complement the show and to inspire and teach the pupils about this, the Parent Council are sending the pupils to the Dundee Rep Theatre production of The Witches on Dec 8th. The show will be followed up by some workshops by the theatre players at our school to enhance their own performances in the school production. The show is recommended for P.2-7 but we intend taking all pupils. Please speak to Mrs. McIntosh if you want further information.



Please note there is a contribution of £2 for each child on a school trip as a small contribution towards transport costs.

'Housekeeping' Information

Dinner / Tuck Money

This should be paid for the week on **Mondays** unless a previous arrangement has been made at the school office.

£2.00 per meal - £10.00 for the week.

Tuck shop is 30p everyday.

Suitable Clothing

All pupils should bring **rain jacket/coat and suitable footwear** for playtimes/lunchtimes and outdoor learning.

*******If pupils want to play on the field they must bring waterproof trousers, boots/sturdy shoes and a waterproof jacket—they will get muddy!**

Lost Property

To help keep this to a minimum please have your child's name marked on sweatshirts, polo shirts and gym shoes. Please feel free to come in and check the lost property box if your child has missing clothing.

Indoor Shoes

Please ensure your child has an appropriate pair of indoor shoes for the classroom, every day.

PE kit

PE kit should stay in school through the week, it can be taken home on a Friday for washing.

Communication / Changes in Arrangements / Absence

We would really appreciate Family Folders to be returned the next day.

Please **phone in** to let us know if your child is off for any reason to ensure we know they are safe.

All absences should be followed up with a brief note explaining the reason for the absence.

Sharing Learning

Drop in to have a chat about what's going on in the classroom, look at work every Monday 3.20 -- 3.50pm



Home Time Arrangements

Thanks to everyone who has been letting us know of changes in arrangements for pick-ups at the end of the school day.

Our first priority at all times is the safety of the children in our care so we would ask that you **continue to let us know of any changes to home time arrangements** by advising the school office by note, by e-mail or by telephone.

Last minute changes can be left as a telephone message. The answer phone is always checked before the children leave.

Thanks for your co-operation in this vitally important matter.



Form for updated information enclosed



Literacy Development at Kenmore - 11th November 2015

Please come along to hear about how we approach developing Literacy skills in the schools and how you can contribute as a volunteer in the school and/ or at home with your children's homework.

There will be a brief outline of what the school does, how we plan and what the thinking behind our approach is followed by an informal discussion/ consultation to exchange ideas and answer questions in a supportive forum.

There will be light refreshments available. Mrs McIntosh and Mrs Gibson will be hosting.

Art and Craft Community Group

Parents are organizing the after school club on Wednesdays starting Wednesday 4th November. Please complete registration from enclosed. *Please ask Dee Haigh for further details of how to help- Dee works in the office on Wednesdays.*

Library Van will be coming on
Friday 6th November



**Scottish
Book Trust**
inspiring readers and writers

Book Week Scotland
23.11.15-27.11.15



A scholastic Book Fayre will be on this week in the hall
For further information see <http://scottishbooktrust.com/>

There will be a focus on reading
and writing for enjoyment and
pleasure on this week.



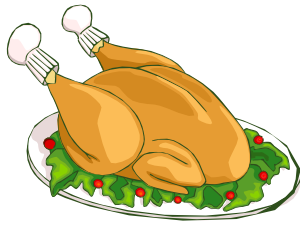
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Fundraising

Children's Art Cards

Enclosed in the family folder is your child/ren's art work that they have created in collage. The children created images for the theme of Scotland and/or Kenmore. If you would like their work to be printed and produced into cards please complete the enclosed form(if you already haven't done so). Please return the forms and money by Friday 30th October and the card will be delivered soon after.

Forms and info enclosed



You are invited to our Christmas Service and lunch ...on Thursday 17th December , at 12.30pm after the service at the church(11.00am).

More information and

Christmas Lights date to follow



Mobile Technologies

I have included the updated policy as it was unclear whether mobile devices such as Kindles were allowed in the playground. The school community voted not to allow this by majority.

Please see updated enclosed policy

Flu Immunisation



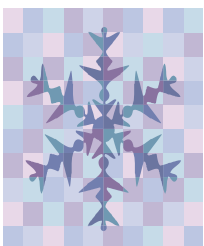
The school health team will be carrying out a programme of immunisations for all pupils in the next term.

Details have been sent out to parents. This will take place on Friday 13th November.

Norovirus– The winter vomiting bug.....

Advice for parents from NHS Scotland– leaflet enclosed

- If your child has norovirus, keep them away from school or nursery for at least 48 hours after their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.
- Children should not swim in a swimming pool for two weeks after the last episode of diarrhoea.



Winter weather arrangement letter is coming soon...Please remember that the weather may be very localized so if it is very heavy snow where you live please contact the bus company or the school to let the right people know conditions to ensure safe travel both to and from school.

Bringing Back the Smile

We are delighted to announce that the school community raised a fantastic **£786.30** to help Bring Back the Smiles for Nepal. **Thank you** to everyone who supported and contributed.



In-service days



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There are two in-service day in **November on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th.**

Staff will be working with colleagues from all the local schools Highland Perthshire to develop our skills in using iPads, Numeracy, Assessing writing and French as a second language.


Poppies will be on sale from
2/11/15 See [http://
www.poppyscotland.org.uk/](http://www.poppyscotland.org.uk/)



November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Drop in</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <i>Drop in</i>	10	11	12	13Flu im- munizations	14
15	16 <i>Parent Contact 3.30-5.30pm</i>	17 <i>Parent Contact 6.00-8.00pm</i>	18 Inset <i>Day</i>	19 Inset <i>Day</i>	20	21
22	23 <i>Drop in</i>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Drop in</i>					

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Drop in</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Drop in</i>	15	16 <i>SHOW</i>	17Service & Lunch 	18Finish @ noon	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Parent Contact Meetings

I/we would like an appointment on:

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Monday 16.11.14 from 3.30-5.30pm OR

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Tuesday 17.11.14 from 6.00-8.00pm

Children's names.....

Signed.....

Literacy Consultation and Discussion

I will attend the meeting on Wednesday 11th November from 5-6pm

Signed

Your feedback is important to us.....

Please return with comments, suggestions, queries and volunteering comments...

From: