

Kenmore News

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Dear all,

There has been an extremely focused start to the school year with pupils and staff working together to plan engaging and interesting programmes of work for this short Autumn term. At this time we spend time analyzing data from last session to inform us on learning in the new session.

One of the most striking pieces of data is that Kenmore Primary has the 4th lowest attendance of all schools in Perth and Kinross. Some of the absences clearly will be authorised absences but there is an increasing trend in parents taking family holidays in term time for a variety of reasons. Good attendance has a clear and direct impact on attainment, achievement and health and wellbeing. The impact of several absences in a class are wide spread and all pupils in the class can be affected if a teacher has to spend repeated time catching several pupils up each week. I would therefore ask that parents do not plan for holidays within term time unless it is absolutely necessary.

We are very lucky to have been offered both chanter and drumming along with wind instrumental tuition free for older pupils. To date only a handful of pupils have taken up the offer of this and I would urge you, if you haven't done so already, to ensure your child has the opportunity to experience musical lessons. A flyer for the chanter and drumming opportunity is enclosed.

The pupils are working again in their Heads Together groups on a Friday from 1.20-2.00pm. This health and community work is a vital part of the school ethos. Please look on the website in the next few weeks to see what they are doing to improve the school community.

The Harvest showcase is on Wednesday 7th October from 5-6pm where the classes will be open for you to look round and the pupils will have some of their produce for you to enjoy in the hall. The theme will be Literacy and there will be an opportunity to interact with the pupils work. I look forward to seeing you then.

Kind regards,

Laura McIntosh



Drama A warm welcome to Ms. Julie Collins into the staff team as our new Drama teacher. Ms Collins will be in school every Thursday morning taking all classes for drama.

Music Music is currently being integrated into the normal learning week and is delivered by class teachers. We also have a wind specialist for P.6 and 7 and a new opportunity for learning chanter and drumming. Please make full use of



Pupils are looking very smart in their uniforms— thank you!

Reminder...

Please remember to ensure your child/ren has/have:

- **Indoor shoes**
- **SENSIBLE outdoor shoes**
- **A coat for when it rains**
- **The family folder in the next day**
- **PE kit every day—Trainers are needed for PE outside— please ensure full kit is brought every week. Three occasions of no/inappropriate kit will necessitate a letter home.**

Homework

The Scottish Executive claims that a child who does regular focused, effective homework adds on average a year onto their learning. In Kenmore Primary staff spend a great deal of time planning, marking and feedback on homework. We expect parents to oversee, support, encourage and feedback to the teacher to develop the effectiveness of the home school partnership and to ensure the learning opportunities are effective, motivating and completed to a high



standard. We therefore ask that parents sign the child's homework as an acknowledgement of all these things.

We understand that families are busy and if homework comes into school unsigned we will return it home for a parent to sign. As we are tracking homework this session if a child's homework is incomplete, unsigned, not returned, of a lower quality than expected then we will ask to meet parents to discuss. If you wish to discuss homework at any time please make an ap-



The P.7 prefects and our new House Captains have made a great start. They are demonstrating responsibility, creativity, initiative, cooperation and kindness and all staff are impressed with the confident start they have made.

Well done to them and their families!

The houses are named after local rivers- The Dochart, The Tay and The Lochy. Pupils will rotate in the Heads Together groups through the year and the House Captains will lead, supported by staff, parents and the community, improvements. This is a great opportunity for the boys to work on developing their leadership skills and effect change in their own school and community. We are

Web page

Please have a look at our brand new web page which we have launched to show all the great things that the school does. As we get more proficient at populating it we are sure you will find it an invaluable source of information about the life and work of the school ...

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pk/kenmore/>

Look out for P.1's picture in the local press



Launch of Waste Awareness

Please join us for fun , tea and biscuits to launch this excellent community initiative ...

See flyer for details

**Your feedback is important to us....
Please return with comments, suggestions,**

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