



Kenmore Primary Newsletter

Perth & Kinross Council

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January/February March

Dear all,

Welcome to the third term of the year.

The interdisciplinary focus this term is on history and the staff and pupil are visiting Stirling Castle this week to do some research about life in a castle in medieval times and how that compares and contrast to their own lives today. You may want to take the opportunity to visit some other local historical places and use the experience as an additional learning experience for pupils. We are keen they play and experiment in the early years, find out facts and opinions in the middle stages and begin to interpret and analyse (e.g. the role of girls and women in the Medieval times and how that is similar or different today in the upper stages. They are encouraged through homework to research at home to follow up their own interest and do particular projects. Your help in working with pupils for these opportunities are a key part of learning and we would urge you to get involved and to make the learning both interesting and fun.

Please look at the planners that your child/ren bring home and ask them questions. Staff are always happy to help either by phone, e-mail or in person at drop in on a Monday after school.

We are still not yet linked up to the BT fast broadband but the IT department in Perth have been very helpful to support us in ensuring that we are still able to provide good learning experiences for the pupils using computers Apple TV and I pads. IPads are being increasingly used in schools and have very good apps for engaging pupils and extending learning at all levels. We anticipate that we will continue to develop our use of them in the years ahead.

In light of the growing amount of communication tools we have recently tried to make the ways that we communicate with parents and the wider community more streamlined. At the beginning of the term I will put together a newsletter, like this one, to provide details of what the forthcoming events projects etc. are for the weeks of the term ahead. As these happen pupils, along with their teachers, will use twitter to instantly (mostly) report to you what is happening and sharing that with you. In addition, the groups who plan for developments in ECO, Health and the Pupil Council will write an evaluate blog about what they have been doing. All three will be on the website and we would hope you would look at this as we would like to put more links on it to make it more useful to parents. Have a look at what we are working on and let us know what you think.

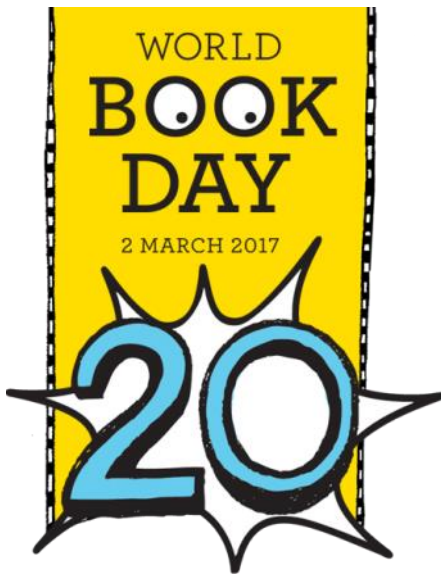
Our web page address is : blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pk/kenmore

Our twitter account is: [@KenmorePS](https://twitter.com/KenmorePS)

We will be seeing you all in March for Parent Contact meetings but if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's learning please contact me through Mrs Kimpton.

I hope to see you all very soon,

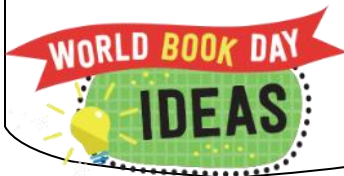
Laura McIntosh



See

<http://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/>

For loads of things to read, do and
make ...



Staffing

We welcome Marieke McBean onto the staff team on a Wednesday covering for Dee Haigh who is off on Maternity leave following the birth of her daughter on 30.1.17.



Congratulations to Dee, Donald, Suzie and Dee Dee on the birth of their new daughter and sister, Carrie Anne. The whole school community send their very best wishes to them all.

We are very happy to have both Rachael Crawford, P.E. and Julie Collins, Drama, back with us and our thanks go to Raymond McIntosh for supporting us last term.

Adele Armstrong, our Primary Pupil Support Worker is on extended leave for the next 5 weeks.

Inset Days + holi- days

15th to 19th February

3rd April-17th April

1st May

Please note the dates and
enjoy the break!



Parent Council News

Please see enclosed the letter about the fantastic development that is being led by Cath Leitch for your council and school community.

Minutes from Wednesday's meeting to follow...



PE Health and Wellbeing

In P.E. the pupils are continuing to learn skills in gymnastics.

We continue to run each day for 15 mins/a mile to develop stamina, fitness, cardiovascular capacity and all round feel good factor-that's your endorphins!



***Please ensure all pupils have warm leg and body clothes- leggings, tracksuit bottoms, warm tights etc. every day as we are learning out side every day and bare legs can get very, very cold...**

Active Schools

Athletics Course for teachers and parents

Wednesday 15 February 2017, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Perth High School (new games hall)

For teachers and adult volunteers who wish to deliver athletics in primary schools

This interactive and practical course is packed full of teaching tips and ideas. Each candidate receives an extensive teaching resource which includes:

- Several examples of schemes of work and lesson plans
- Over 20 activity cards covering running, jumping and throwing for pupils aged 5-12 years

Please give your name [on the comments form on the back page](#) to Mrs Kimpton if interested



Please remember to send pupils with appropriate clothing— jackets, gloves, hats and sturdy shoes for playing outside this term. If pupils want to play on the pitch they need to bring in waterproof over trousers and a jacket. We are an active school and we will always encourage the children to be outside if at all possible and get the chance to play outside in the playground. We have had some pupils who have not had sufficient layers on and have felt cold and uncomfortable. **Thank you!**



GLOW

Glow is Scotland's nationally available digital environment for learning. A Glow account provides access to a number of web services and procured resources that allow users to create, collaborate and innovate.

Take a look at his short video that gives you the key information about how **GLOW** is supporting learning in Scotland today.

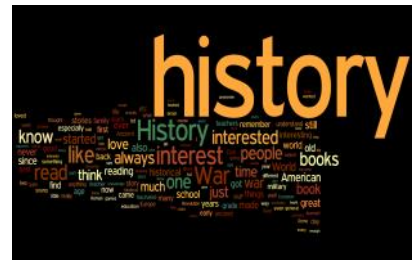
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6dzlVhjKoQ>



Sharing our Learning- Showcase

Our showcase this term will be an open evening when you can visit classes and see what the children have been working on. Please join us, on Wednesday 29.3.17 from 5.30-6.30. Please bring friends and relatives along to meet and chat to the pupils about their skills, knowledge and attitudes.

Please...Can you look and see if you have any old photos of the local area that we could borrow as part our focus on history this term. Send them in and we can scan and return them as we recognise these may be precious keepsakes. If you can give some details about who, where, when and why the photos were taken it would be a wonderful primary resource for the pupils as they record and document their research.



Opportunities to get involved:

- Mondays from 3.20-3.50 - Drop in to talk to staff about the learning
- Wednesday from 1.20-2.00 - Work with ECO, Health or Pupil Council groups to develop the life and ethos of the school
- Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th March -Meet teachers to discuss the progress of your child
- Parent Council meetings to work with other parents, community members and staff to keep improving the experiences and opportunities for the pupils, their families and the community.
- Showcase event Wednesday 29.3.17—look at the work in the classes, meet other parents and pupils to share the great work the pupils are doing in school and their community.

'Housekeeping' Information

Dinner / Tuck Money

This should be paid for the week on **Mondays** or using Parent Pay online . Cheques made out to Perth and Kinross Council please.
£2.00 per meal - £10.00 for the week.

Healthy tuck is available every day and is 30p per day, ordered and paid in advance.

Suitable Clothing

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

Lost Property

To help keep this to a minimum please have your child's name marked on sweatshirts, polo shirts and gym shoes (it makes it so much easier to match pupil to lost property). 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 class-room, every day.

PE kit

PE kit should stay in school through the week, it can be taken home on a Friday for washing. Please ensure pupils have trainers and jogging bottoms for their daily mile run—and spare socks are handy too!

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 to explain 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

Playground

The playground is supervised from 9.00am . Please do not send pupils before that time as we cannot take responsibility before that time.

Curriculum for Excellence

This term pupils will be asked to evidence and demonstrate how they are Responsible Citizens in their school community and will share this at an assembly on Tuesday 28th March 2107. Pupils should be thinking about how they contribute positively to ensuring their own community is a great place to live, work and play.





Supporting the Learning-When parents are involved children and young people do better and achieve more.

In line with the Protecting Vulnerable Groups guidelines any parent who comes into work with the pupils should have the necessary background checks made. Please fill in the PVG application we sent home last term if you would like to work at any time with the pupils either at an out of school activity, transporting them or helping out at after school activities or events. The Parent Council will arrange for these to be done free of charge and I hope you will all take this opportunity to get the PVG certificate as it will be useful in many capacities. Please consider joining the PVG scheme and volunteering for helping at school. We already have several parents who make a huge impact on the experiences for the children in kayaking, tuck shop and after school club.

If parents are willing to transport children in the school day for visits, sporting fixtures, award ceremonies, trips etc., they are required to have business insurance on their insurance certificate as it is school business that they would be carrying out.

If you have the insurance and are able to help please send us in a copy of



- Your Licence—preferably with photo
- Your Certificate of Insurance showing Business as included
- A copy of your car's most recent M.O.T.

We will store the data as a list of possible contacts for transporting pupils during school time.



Ski Trip

We are hoping for some more snow for this trip which is on

1st/2nd/3rd of March at Glenshee and pupils are staying at the Blackwater Centre. The pupils have been doing an amazing job of raising funds to ensure that the trip is free for all pupils and have shown enterprising skills, grit and determination to reach their goal.

Huge thanks to parents and community members who support the pupils and Miss McNally by giving of their time and effort for this excellent learning experience.

Parent Contact

Meetings will be held on 13th and 14th March. Please indicate your preferred day on form on last page and we will send you out a appointment notification.





Supporting the Learning

Please contact me to talk about ways in which I can be involved in the school

Signed..... Phone no / e-mail



Parent Contact Meetings

I would prefer appointments for(pupils) on

Monday 13th March from 3.30-5.30pm

Tuesday 14th March from 5.30-7.30pm

Signed.....



Your feedback is important to us....

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

From.....