



Spring 2018



Dear all,

Welcome to the third term of the year. There is a lot of exciting development work going on just now with us.

World of work The pupils have made very exciting and ambitious plans to research the world of work in Highland Perthshire. The two classes are planning a different approach to a business and financial education with P1-4 looking at developing the garden and polytunnels and P5-7 designing enterprising ideas to raise money for their ski trip.

Outdoor Learning The P1-4 class are continuing to explore the forest in our Outdoor Learning curriculum and again staff and parents collaborated to look at our existing practice and what new opportunities we could look at in the future. Already we use the outdoors to work on

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| • Forest School | • Skiing | • Art |
| • Literacy | • Kayaking | • Mud kitchen |
| • Numeracy | • Gardening | • Den building |
| • Geography | • Sports days | ...and more. |
| • History | • The Wee Robbie | |

Developing vocabulary

All the schools in Highland Perthshire are focusing on developing early language skills and are looking at what skills are needing more focus in each school.

Seesaw

I hope you have looked at the snapshots of the pupils experiences and successes from your child/ren's learning. We are still getting used to using it so any feedback would be very welcome.

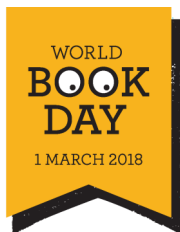
Community Reading Groups

We are delighted to welcome parents and community members in to take or lead a reading group every Wednesday afternoon from 7.2.18. The groups range from book group style discussion groups to picture book story telling for the younger children. Pupils will sign up for sessions and the aim to promote a love of literature and the opportunity to respond to texts in group settings.

I look forward to seeing you at the Parent Council, Parent Contact evenings and at the showcase evening this term.

Best wishes,
Laura McIntosh





See-
<http://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/>
For loads of things to read, do and make ...



Ski Trip

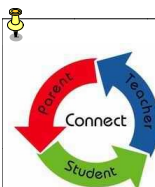


P6 and 7 from both schools are planning their ski trip on Wednesday 7th at Kenmore. They will plan meals and entertainment during the residential trip in March.

Sharing our Learning Showcase

Wednesday 14th March from 6-7pm

* Please note this a change of date



Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on **12th March 5.30-7.30pm** and **19th March 3.30-5.30pm**. Please indicate your preferred day by email and we will send you out a appointment.



Celebrating our Birthdays

Pupils have planned to celebrate birthdays with a cooking or baking session once a month for the pupils who have birthdays in that month. What a nice way to celebrate with everyone by baking them a cake or cooking some fab dish!

Remember to look out for highlights from our day on Twitter @KenmorePS and on your child's seesaw feed.



Health



P1 will be screened for **height and weight** this term and both P1 and P7 will have **dental** checks.

All pupils will be visited by **SSPCC** as part of our **Keeping Safe** curriculum.

Safe Internet Day is on Tuesday 6.2.18 please see: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> for more details



All pupils will be getting science opportunities from the Dundee Science Centre on 12th March. The younger class are investigating

Healthy Body Parts and the older class are looking at Genetics with I am Unique.



Inset Days + Holidays

14th to 19th February
30th March-17th April

Please note the dates and enjoy the break!

Parent Council News

Next meeting is on Wednesday 7th February 2018 @ 6pm

'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.

£2.10 per meal - £10.50 for the week.

Healthy tuck is available every day and is 30p per day!

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 classroom, 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 for transported pupils. Pupils may put their bags in the cloakrooms as they arrive.

Supporting the Learning

Cath Leitch and Kirsty McNally are coordinating the PVG applications and they are being processed currently. Huge thanks to all those volunteering.



Coming up....

Rotary Quiz-P7 pupils will be representing the school on Friday 9th February- start coaching over the tea table now!!!