



Kenmore Primary Newsletter

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Dear all,

Welcome to Session 2018-2019!

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. First term is always a quick one, and we are all very busy with our learning both indoors and out!

P1-P4 have been very busy gardening, and have been delighted with the success of their farm shop, which, as well as providing rich learning experiences in literacy and numeracy, has also earned them approximately £27.00 to reinvest in next year's crops! Cooking with our produce has also been a huge hit, with very tasty soup and a traditional Dutch dish Hutsput both earning rave reviews! Please come along to our Showcase Event, to sample some more tasty cooking!

Meanwhile, P5-P7 have had an extremely busy term, with various groups out at Bikeability training and Kayaking lessons. A curricular focus on World Wars has highlighted the challenges for Evacuee children, and resulted in some amazing writing, which the children are looking forward to sharing at the showcase. The Echoes Project, exploring music through Scottish women scientists of the past, has also been a hugely enjoyable learning experience.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Showcase this week,

Very Best Wishes,

Mrs Forrest and all of the Team at Kenmore PS

Dates for your Diary

Please see below for dates already fixed in our yearly calendar. Other trips and experiences will be added throughout the year, and will also be highlighted on our Primary School App. NB For holiday dates, please see the attached sheet, also available on www.pkc.gov.uk

26th September Curricular Showcase at 6.00pm, followed by the Parent Council AGM at 7.00pm

1st-Friday 5th October Miss McNally will be on Forest School Leader Training, Mrs Forrest and Mrs Edwards will be covering the P5-P7 Class

5th October Giving Thanks...please join us at Kenmore Church for a short celebration of Harvest, from 11.30am-12.00pm NB, we will be making a collection for Perth Food Bank, see the details overleaf.

12-13th November Parent Contact

15th-16th November Inset days, school closed to pupils

4th December Panto at Dundee Rep

12th December Christmas Showcase

13th February Inset Day school closed to pupils

4th-5th March Parent Contact

20th March Showcase

23rd April Inset Day, school closed to pupils

19th June End of Year Celebration of Success/Showcase

'Housekeeping' Information

Dinner Money

This should be paid for the week on **Mondays** or using Parent pay online . Cheques made out to Perth and Kinross Council please.

£2.15 per meal - £10.75 for the week.

Tuck shop is 30p per day, orders returned by Friday for the next week in the bags provided

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— oh 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 explaining the reason for the absence.

Sharing Learning

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

We are taking the challenge here at Kenmore... See
<https://www.readingchallenge.scot/about/parents>



The First Minister's Reading Challenge enters it's third year!

We believe that reading has the power to change lives and that developing a love of reading in childhood can have a huge impact on educational attainment and future wellbeing. The First Minister wants to make sure every child in Scotland has an equal opportunity to experience the huge benefits that reading for pleasure brings.

The First Minister's Reading Challenge aims to build on the work already taking place in schools across the country to encourage children to read widely, explore a range of books and develop a love of reading. The main focus of the Challenge is to encourage reading for pleasure and support schools, libraries and communities to build reading cultures.

There will be a range of prizes awarded in June 2019 for schools and pupils to celebrate their reading journeys. The Challenge will also give the opportunity for every child's personal achievements to be recognised by their teachers and librarians.

This year we plan to heighten the profile of the First Minister's Reading Challenge throughout our school, challenging older pupils to identify personal goals in reading. Younger pupils will record class reading titles, and share this with parents throughout the year. Watch this Space!

European Day of Languages

Hola, Ciao, Salut, Hallo!

Look out for some language themed tweets this week as we celebrate European Day of Languages on Wednesday 26th September

Staffing for 2018-2019

Acting Headteacher... Mrs Isabel Forrest

P1-P4 Class Teacher...Mr Adam Hobson

P5-P7 Class Teacher...Miss McNally (PT) and Mrs Claire Edwards (Thursday)

RCCT Class Teacher...Mrs Duane Bennett (Friday)

Classroom Assistant...Mrs Adele Armstrong

Clerical/Auxiliary Support...Mrs Kelly Kimpton

Clerical/Pupil Support Assistant...Mrs Marieke McBean

Primary Pupil Support Teacher...Mrs Stephanie Brown (one afternoon per fortnight)

School Improvement Priorities 2018-2019

- To develop our focus on Forest School and Outdoor Learning
- To develop our approaches to 'self directed learning'

Both of these improvements will be supported by staff training and engagement with educational literature and research.

- To work with our cluster of schools to consult over best practice in reporting of Children's progress, seek parental views, and review current formats.

Please look out for our Reporting Survey, coming to you soon via Glow Forms!

Please keep a watchful eye on our web page :-

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pkc/KenmorePrimary> and follow us on Twitter @Kenmoreps for lots of highlights from school!



Drop In Sessions

These continue to be a great opportunity to find out what is happening in school, and to chat about any issue that has come up. It is also a great way to find out what learning is planned for the term...ask to see the plans with your child's teacher. Our Yearly overview of learning will follow be sent out before the end of term.



Huge Thanks

to all of the parent volunteers who have helped us to move forward with our gardening this term! We will shortly be relaunching our Woodland Project, and would welcome any parent who would like to be involved. Further details to follow.

Celebrating Harvest

We look forward to sharing our Harvest at a special short service at Kenmore Church, on Friday 5th October, from 11.30am. All family and friends warmly invited to join us! As part of this celebration, we would like to make a collection of dried goods, which we will then donate to the Perth Food-bank. Anything from a tin of beans or soup, to a packet of pasta would be very much appreciated! Please bring any donations to school on Friday 5th, and we will take them with us up to church.

Basil Death Trust Grant

Basil Death was a successful businessman who lived in Highland Perthshire and who died, without heirs, in 2006. He had a huge sense of social responsibility and wanted his estate to be used to support good causes, hence the establishment of The Basil Death Trust. **Many thanks to our Parent Council, who have successfully applied for the above grant!** The grant (exact amount to be confirmed) will be used to fund travel for excursions over the next three years.