



Kenmore Primary December Newsletter

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Dear all,

After a break for pupils and two very productive inservice training days for staff a couple of weeks ago, all staff and pupils are now fully focused on planning and preparing for our Christmas Showcases. The two presentations, one more traditional, the other slightly more alternative, promise to deliver both on drama and comedy, and we are all looking forward to sharing these with you!

Inservice Training was centred around effective report writing, and 'Visible Learning': how we teach pupils to articulate their learning strategies, and so become better learners. Staff worked hard over the two days to move these parts of our school improvement plan forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the amazing donations to our Harvest collection for the Foodbank in Perth. These were very much appreciated. We have since been contacted by the Foodbank, who came up to deliver a presentation for us in school on the afternoon of 28th November, to deepen our knowledge and understanding of the work of the organization. Community links are also being further developed through our work with The Crannog Centre: starting with Carols in the Crannog on 30th November, we are hoping to build our links with the museum, and discuss with them other opportunities to engage in the life and work of the school.

Wishing you all the very best over the Festive Season,

Mrs Forrest and all of the Team at Kenmore Primary



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 holiday dates available on www.pkc.gov.uk

12th December Christmas Showcase @ 6.00pm

13th December Community Carol Singing at the Kenmore Hotel, 5.00pm start

19th December Christmas service, Lunch and Parties

Term Ends 12.00pm Friday 21st December

Term starts Monday 7th January

13th February Inset Day school closed to pupils

14th-15th February Holidays

27th Feb - 1st March: P6/7 Ski Trip

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





Winter Weather Arrangements



In the event of the school having to close or partially close you will be contacted by either a member of staff or another parent who has agreed to be a link person. That decision is made usually about 7/7.30am following discussion between local members of staff, the transport companies and the Headteacher. Every effort will be made to open the school for children who can safely travel. Please remember that the weather can be extremely localised and you may be the best person to give information to the bus/taxi company about where you live. If you realise that the weather would indicate this is not a safe option for the bus/taxi please contact the bus/taxi company directly to discuss the road conditions. Please note that if the bus/taxi company do not pick up pupils in the morning they do not normally do the home-time school run. If you bring your child/ren in your self, you will need to pick them up at 3.20pm. You will appreciate that time is of the essence in these situations and speedy and accurate information sharing is vital. Information is available from the sources below:

Service	Contact Details	When used	Other Comments
Radio Tay AM	Not applicable	All Instances	Frequency AM 1584 and 1161
Radio Tay FM	Not applicable	All Instances	FM 96.4 and 102.8
PKC Customer Service Centre, Number for Parents	01738 475000 Main Council Line	All Instances	Available from 08:00-18:00hrs Mon-Fri
PKC Website	www.pkc.gov.uk/Schoolclosures	All Instances	Closures will be flagged up on the homepage also.
PKC Twitter and Facebook	www.pkc.gov.uk/socialmedia	All Instances	
Radio Heartland	Not applicable	Widespread conditions	FM 97.5, 106.6 Used if schools closed are within an area known not to receive Radio Tay signal
Radio central	Not applicable	Widespread conditions	FM 103.1 Used if schools closed are within an area known not to receive Radio Tay signal

Highlights of the Term so far from P1-P4

SSPCA Visit to talk about caring for our animals. Visit from Breadalbane Campus Librarian to sing songs and read books. Many pupils enjoyed football coaching from SFA Coach. Learning in the outdoors studying the artwork of artist Andy Goldsworthy. Sharing reading and Author's live broadcasts with P5-7. First Ministers Reading challenge which has inspired us to read more at home and in class. Carol singing in the Crannog.



Christmas is Coming...!

Christmas Showcase...Wednesday 12th December at 6.00pm

Community Christmas Carols...Thursday 13th December, 5.00pm start, Kenmore Hotel

Church Service....Wednesday 19th December at 11.30am

Christmas Lunch and Parties...Wednesday 19th December

Home for Christmas...Term ends, Friday 21st December at 12.00pm



Tune in!

Our Christmas Song will be aired on Heartland FM 97.5 on Monday 17th December, at 8.15am and 4.15pm.

If you miss it you can still hear it, and the songs of all of the other schools in our cluster, by going to www.heartlandfm.org and clicking on the School Christmas Song Celebration tab!

Pupil Council News

Pupil Council met on Wednesday 31st October, and discussed the ways that they can support their chosen charities, and fund raise for the P6-7 Ski Trip.

Our Chosen Charities for this year are:

Local: Mountain rescue (we are also hoping to have a visit by the local Mountain Rescue after Christmas)

National: Red Nose Day (15th March 2019)

International: WaterAid

Our Fundraising Coffee Morning, complete with Songs from the time of the World Wars raised an amazing £165.35 for the Ski Trip. We are also planning a Film Night next term...details to be confirmed.

Parent Council News

Huge Thanks to our Parent Council who raised an amazing £766.15 at the recent Family Bingo Fundraiser!

The next fundraising venture is a bag-pack in the Coop in Aberfeldy on Saturday 29th December between 10 am and 4 pm.

This is a busy time of year for all but any help you can offer on the day would be very much appreciated. With holiday houses in the area all full for Hogmanay there will be plenty of people around, and this is a great opportunity to fundraise. Please email Amy if you can fill a slot.

Parent Council are also looking for prizes for a Raffle at the Christmas Show, and for a Tombola at the Coop Bag Pack. Thank you!

Congratulations and Thanks to our new Chair, Sam Weir, and Vice Chair, Jenny Gane who were voted in at the last Parent Council Meeting on Thursday 22nd of November.

Date of next Meeting: TBC



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.



Highlights of the Term so far from P5-P7



Raising £165.35 at Community Coffee morning for the Ski Trip. Fiona overall winner in the P4-5 category of the Game and Wildlife competition. Visit to the Snow Queen Carol singing in the Crannog Visit to Black Watch Museum Working on sewing skills with Rhona. Working with the Mrs Brennan in class and attending the Christmas Craft Club. Cameron and Calum being selected as finalists for Young Indies Film Competition with Cameron gaining 1st place!

Thank You!



to all of the parent volunteers who have come into school over the last few weeks to help with our preparations for the Christmas Showcases: we appreciate all of your help!

Norovirus— The winter vomiting bug.....Advice for parents from NHS Scotland (A leaflet will be sent home in schoolbags also)

- 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.