



KEITH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Hello, everyone.

Snow? Really? Spring in the north east of Scotland is not short on surprises! April has been another short month for us, due to the holiday...

Staffing

Staffing continues to bring its challenges. Mrs Dawson has been absent for 8 weeks and will continue to be, for the next wee while, due to an operation. We are very grateful to Mrs McGettrick who is coming in for extra days, to cover. Mrs Raymond is also recovering from planned surgery but is likely to be off for most of the term. Mrs Olason is working with P.4R on Monday and Tuesday while Mrs Kelly Lindsey will be in on Wednesday Thursday and Friday. Mrs Viridi continues to be absent. Mrs Laura Simmers is teaching P.E. on Wednesdays and Mrs Morrison is in on Thursdays, at present. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

On a more positive note, Miss Ellie Hall has been appointed as a permanent member of staff, from August, and Miss Lizzie Muir will start with New Elgin Primary, in the new session. Well done to both; we wish them well in their future careers.

Events:

- Keith Primary was well represented at the **Moray Cross Country Championships**, in March. They were placed as follows:

P.4-5Girls		P.4-5Boys		P.6-7 Girls		P.6-7 Boys	
Orla Innes	3	Riley Simpson	14	Abbie Kellas	50	Calum Dunbar	7
Catriona Mckerrell	8	Lewis Grant	21	Lauren Gerrie	64	Nathan Scott	28
Jessica Morrison	65	Michael Maver	68	Darcey Skinner	65	Ben Johnston	79
Abbie McWilliam	118	Ross Dalgarno	75	Keira Forrest	77	Marco Macfarlane	136
		Ferre Michielsen	106			Ben Kidd	171

Well done to everyone for their hard work and their sportsmanship. Thanks go to Mrs Grant and Mrs Gerrie for coaching and supervising, at the event.

- At **Assembly on 21st April**, we learned how to use averages to make fair comparisons. At the end of the session, we'll find out the winning House, using the same method to account for the difference in the number of pupils allocated to each. It's exciting, because we don't know, when looking at current scores, who that winner might be!

Behaviour Alert!

Our Positive Behaviour Policy, with its Frog Points, House Points and sanctions, has been working well for the majority of our pupils, who are striving hard for their certificates. However, there are a few who struggle to keep positive and are regularly losing

Golden Time. At Level 4 of our sanctions, children are asked to report to one of the Depute Heads or the Head Teacher to discuss their behaviour. The next level, Level 5, is exclusion. Some children are regularly reaching Level 4 and we are aware that parents are not always aware that this has happened.

We sought a quick and easy method to keep parents in the loop and give them the opportunity to get more detail and to help support positive outcomes. We have compiled a very simple text message (we are very restricted to the number of characters). If you receive a text message from school which says, "Behaviour Alert," please call the school if you wish to find out more detail. Parental support is crucial to achieving improvements and is much appreciated.

Coming Up...

- We haven't forgotten the **Pupil Reports**. More in the next Newsletter.
- Next Frog Squad Meeting**—Monday 12th June at 6:30 p.m. All welcome
- Lots of **class Assemblies**, this term!



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Dates for your Diary (Please note that these may be amended and others may be added)

More details to follow, by letter, for some events. (TBC = to be confirmed)

1st May	Local holiday. School closed.
4th & 5th May	Outfit Moray, Gp 1
5th May	Assembly, led by Nursery a.m., 9:30 a.m.— All welcome
9th May—16th May	Scholastic Book Fair
11th & 12th May	Outfit Moray, Gp 2
12th May	Assembly, led by Nursery p.m., 1:30 p.m.— All welcome
18th & 19th May	In-service Days. School closed fo pupils.
23rd May	School Sports Day. Details to follow.
25th & 26th May	Outfit Moray, Gp 3
26th May	Assembly, led by P.6D, 1:30 p.m.— All welcome
Looking ahead...	
1st & 2nd June	Outfit Moray, Gp 4
5th June	Local holiday

School Lunches

w/b	Menu
1/5/17	Week 2
8/5/17	Week 3
15/5/17	Week 4
22/5/17	Week 5
29/5/17	Week 6



Regards,

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Something to think about:

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure."

~ **Colin Powell**