



KEITH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

New Acting Head Teacher Welcome

Ms Buchan officially took up the role of Acting Head Teacher at the start of session. She has had a range of jobs in the last couple of years including Acting Head Teacher posts at New Elgin Primary and Pilmuir Primary. Her background as an Educational Psychologist will also support the excellent work that's happening with pupils who require additional support. Ms Buchan has been impressed by the school ethos and would like to thank everyone who has made her feel very welcome.

Ms Buchan's task has been made considerably easier by Mrs Beattie who has left the school perfectly organised for the coming session. This is typical of the professionalism shown by Mrs Beattie over the years.

Mrs Beattie's Final Farewell

The whole school gathered together, on the very last day of term, to say a fond farewell to Mrs Beattie. Each class/year group sang a carefully chosen song and then presented Mrs Beattie with gifts made by the pupils themselves. Mrs Beattie was very touched



with the effort that everyone had went to, to make her last afternoon in school, with the pupils, so memorable.

Mrs Beattie was also presented with a beautiful, carved wooden sculpture of Keith the Frog. A special thank you must go to the Frog Squad who kindly paid for the keepsake making it a token appreciation from ALL the pupils here at KPS. A thank you also to one of our parents, Mr Scott, for agreeing to use his talents to carve Keith - it looked great! Keith the Wooden Frog has now taken up permanent residence in Huntly and is "fair tricket" with his new abode.



Permanent Head Teacher

The local authority has started the process of recruiting a permanent placement for Mrs Beattie. Assuming there are suitably qualified candidates, it will take around 3 or 4 months to have a successful candidate in place. The school will, of course, keep the school community up to date with that process.

Welcome

It's always a busy time of year at the start of a new session and this year we had a number of new pupils starting with us. We also welcomed 32 new pupils into P1. By the end of the first week they had all settled in well

and were getting used to classroom routines and enjoying all the activities on offer.



Nursery

As some of you may know, there have been big changes in nursery. The council are in the middle of extending pre-school provision and this means the nursery is no longer managed by the school and now managed by Mrs Mitch Fraser. The school and nursery will continue to have strong links. If you have an enquiry about nursery please use the following number: 01542 888360

Assemblies

Assemblies dates are on the back of the Newsletter. A change in Head Teacher will always prompt some wee changes. Over the year, we will have class assemblies and we will also have 'Celebration' assemblies around once a month where all certificates, from Bronze to Diamond, will be presented.

Parents and other members of the school community will be welcome to class and Celebration assemblies.

As a school, we are keen to involve our wider community in events so please keep up with the Newsletter and look out for posts on Twitter to keep up to date with different opportunities.

Achievements

As a school, we are keen to celebrate achievements that take place out of school. If your child has achieved something notable, please encourage them to share that with us each Thursday. We will then make sure these achievements are shared on our TV screens and during assemblies.

Volunteers

If anyone with basic computer skills is interested in volunteering on a Thursday for a short time, please let the school know. We

would like someone to help Senior Pupils finalise the PowerPoint of Achievements so this is ready for display on Friday morning.

Please also watch out for our annual Parent Help Questionnaire as well—it's always useful to have an up-to-date list of Parents who are willing to help out in classes or on trips etc.

Vision & Values Consultation

Last session, the school had a Schools for the Future review. This was led by colleagues who work in different parts of the education department. This report was very positive and supportive of the school. One recommendation related to the school re-viewing its Vision and Values. As part of this process we will may also look to simplify the 'Golden Rules' and we will also gather views on how Golden Time is working. From a pupil's point of view, Frog Points remain very popular but we may also need to do some work around making sure that these are consistently used across all classes.

We would love to hear parents views on these questions so we have set up times for you to drop into school to give your views. These sessions will take place on Wed 11th September, in the Community Room, at the following times:

9am—10am
2pm—3pm
6.30 pm—7.15pm

This won't be a formal meeting. We would just like you to pop in and add your thoughts onto post it notes so even if you have 5 minutes to spare, please come along during these times! A cuppa and a warm welcome is on offer.

Privilege Transport

The council has asked us to include this item in the Newsletter. This should not impact on anyone in our school at this time but may be important for anyone thinking about a placing request for another school.

Up until recently, the council has sometimes provided bus transport for pupils who do not attend their local school - if there was space on the bus. However, the council has ended this policy and parents are now expected to pay an annual cost.

This does not effect anyone who is 'in zone' for Keith Primary or pupils who are transported as a result of their additional support needs.

Moray Mental Health Resource

This is an new web-site should you ever be concerned about your child's emotional well-being or mental health. It was developed in Moray so is a good source of helpful advice.

<http://moraywellbeinghub.org.uk/discoverpathways/>

Moray Figure Skating Club

Moray Figure Skating Club is offering lessons on a Saturday morning. The first is free. More details are available on their web-site www.morayfigureskatingclub.co.uk and on their Facebook page



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)

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| 11th Sept | P1 Parent Information Evening at 6pm - more info by letter to all P1 parents |
| 11th Sept | Community Drop—ins to gather views about the school vision and values. See Newsletter for details at times. |
| 16th & 17th Sept | Extra In-Service days —staff only, school closed to pupils |
| 24th Sept | ASG Cross Country for all Pupils P4—P7 |
| 9th Oct | Parental open evening |
| 11th Oct | Celebration assembly. All welcome. 1.30pm |
| 11th Oct | Last day of term |
| 14th —25th Oct | October Holidays—please note and check all holiday dates for this session at www.moray.gov.uk |
| 29th Oct | Frog Squad Meeting—6.30 in the Community Room. All Welcome! |
| 22nd Nov | Celebration Assembly. All welcome. 1.30pm |
| 4th Dec | Festive Fayre |
| 5th Dec | Christmas Lunch |
| 13th Dec | Celebration assembly. All welcome. 9.30am |

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| 26/8/19 | Week 2 |
| 2/9/19 | Week 3 |
| 9/9/19 | Week 4 |
| 16/9/19 | Week 5 |
| 23/9/19 | Week 6 |

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Something to think about:

'Love change, fear staying the same'

- Maxime Lagace