



KEITH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM OUR CLASSES

P6s INSPIRED BY STEM TRIP TO RAF LOSSIEMOUTH



On Friday, P6s visited RAF Lossie for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) event. They were divided into small groups and then they took part in a range of tasks and activities linked to STEM. There were over 30 companies all who need young people with great skills in STEM. The pupils particularly enjoyed:

- Making a car which was powered by air.
- Building lego robots, remotely controlled by iPads.
- A problem-solving activity where they had to use a range of materials to prevent 50 houses from flooding. The winning team used excellent maths skills to figure out the least expensive plan.
- Science experiments where pupils had to pour liquids to make a rainbow.

Our P6 pupils learned that almost all jobs need good STEM skills and that employers sometimes find it hard to find people with the right skills. They also learned that they may not like STEM tasks now but they may still love them in future. It also helped them to think about different career options when they leave school.



SSCPA VISIT P5/6 & P7 CLASSES



The SSCPA workshops helped pupils develop understanding about how to look after animals. The classes built robots to demonstrate how the animals move and communicate as well as how they get their food. They learned about everyday dangers that animals face such as how they get trapped in plastic and also food they eat that is harmful to them. They now know new facts about owls having watched a video about how an owl's senses work. They are more aware of the importance of not throwing away plastic and about how to look after pets in different weather conditions.

ACHIEVEMENTS

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

This took place on Tues 24th and involved pupils from across the Keith area. We will publish more detail and photos in the next Newsletter. Meantime, congratulations to the Keith PS pupils who were placed.

Race	Name	Place
P4 girls	Evie Morison	1st
P4 boys	Ryan McWilliam	2nd
	Lewis Simmers	3rd
P5 girls	Grace Jamieson	1st
	Lita Betts	3rd
P6 girls	Brooke Sinclair	1st
	Skye Cameron	2nd
	Molly Duguid	3rd
P6 boys	Lewis Cowie	1st
P7 girls	Kirsty Simmers	3rd
P7 boys	Riley Simpson	1st

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Since the start of term, we have had a disappointingly low number of pupils sharing their achievements with us. We are now taking the time to celebrate all the wonderful achievements at assembly.

We have decided to remove the need to complete a form so we would please ask you to keep us posted if your child achieves something notable for them. Feel free to e-mail the school with details.

FROG SQUAD NEWS

FROG SQUAD AGM



This took place on Monday. The school would like to extend their thanks to

the Frog Squad committee and all those who have helped at the various events over the last year. A new committee was successfully elected but with some office bearers due to end their role next year, it would be great to get some new faces. Current members would be delighted to chat through their roles with those who might be interested in helping in future. Our next meeting is on November 4th.

The Frog Squad are working to confirm dates for a quiz, tombola and coffee morning over the course of the session.

EASY FUNDRAISING

The Frog Squad has an Easy Fundraising account which can help raise money when you make purchases on line. Just go to:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Search for Keith Primary PTA and then the retailer you wish to use. It will then take you to the retailer site and you can then make your purchase normally. The Frog Squad then receive a donation for every purchase made.

OTHER NEWS

CORE X KIDS WITH LISA

This is a new, motivating exercise class for children. Free taster Sessions will take place at the North Church Hall as of next week.

More dates may be added depending on numbers. 1st come 1st served so please book either on 07779117276 or on the Facebook page i CORE X kids with Lisa.

	P1-P4	P5-7
Mon 30th Sep	3.15pm -4pm	4pm - 4.45pm
Mon 7th Oct		3.15pm -4pm
Thurs 10th Oct	3.15pm -4pm	

HEAD TEACHER NEWS

The Head Teacher's post has been advertised and will now progress to a first round of interviews.

CHANGES TO PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

Following feedback from parents, we are making some adjustments to pick up arrangements to alleviate some of the problems experienced where parents and child-minders have more than one child to pick up. As of Thursday 26th September, pupils in Primary 4 to Primary 7 will be allowed to leave via the P1 or P2/3 gate if they:

- Have a sibling in P1 to P3 who is being collected
- Have to collect and walk a sibling home (in P1—P3)
- Are being picked up by a childminder (irrespective of whether they have a sibling)

Additionally, nursery pick up times may also be adjusted to ease problems around pick-up. Mrs Fraser is currently reviewing this with relevant people. We will know more in due course.

We would ask that all other pupils leave from the top gates as is currently the case.

We are confident that, with the support of parents, this can work without causing additional congestion in the car park. There should still be the same number of adults and cars picking up. This is being trialled until the end of November. Should we find that these arrangements cause further congestion or if issues with safety arise (e.g. older pupils on scooters), we will revert to current plans.

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

After consultation with teaching and support staff and some pupils, the school has decided to replace the 8 golden rules with a simplified set of rules. We would like our pupils to be:

- Ready (for learning)
- Respectful
- Safe

This will make it easier for everyone to remember!

Some classes have started to use this but we are looking to adopt more formally after the October holidays.

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)

7th Oct	Photos—individual and family groups
9th Oct	Parental open evening 4-6.30pm. This will take place between 4pm and 6.30pm. Details will be shared via a separate letter but we look forward to meeting lots of you there.
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
4th Nov	Frog Squad Meeting—6.30pm in the Community Room. All Welcome!
11th & 12th Nov	INSET days. School closed to pupils
15th Nov	Children in Need—Come as you please. Donations for Children in Need for those who can manage
22nd Nov	Celebration Assembly. All welcome. 1.30pm
29th Nov	Come as you please. Donations of chocolate for the Festive Fayre for those who can manage
4th Dec	Festive Fayre
5th Dec	Christmas lunch
13th Dec	Celebration assembly. All welcome. 9.30am

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School Lunches

w/b	Menu
30/9/19	Week 1
7/10/19	Week 2
28/10/19	Week 3
4/11/19	Week 4
11/11/19	Week 5
18/11/19	Week 6

A wee thought...

"A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

Ronald Dahl