



# KEITH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Hello, everyone.

October is always a very short month, as far as school is concerned—hence the shorter newsletter.

### Staffing

Mrs Carol Sheard has recently chosen to reduce her working week and as a result, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Kelly Winton, as Classroom Assistant, for three days a week. We are also joined by Miss Jana Williamson, who will cover Mrs Sarah Lippe's Maternity Leave, as Classroom Assistant.

Interviews will take place, next week, for a teacher to cover Mrs Lynne Beaton's Maternity Leave.

Finding staff to cover absence is a continuing challenge. Anyone interested in relief Pupil Support Assistant or Classroom Assistant hours, should approach the school, through the usual channels.

We had an unexpected but very welcome student placement in P.7T, when Mr Malcolm Risk joined us for the final leg of his teacher training. We wish him well, in the future. Mrs Lesley Malcolm joins us as a student, in Nursery and Abbie Duncan, from Keith Grammar school, is here on placement for work experience. We are grateful for their enthusiasm and fresh ideas.

### Parents' Group—"The Frog Squad"

At the recent meeting on 29th October, the group kindly agreed to help out with the Christmas parties, as in previous years. They will also be lending Santa a hand with his visit (if he can manage to visit us!) This is a huge boost for all pupils. Please join us, at the next Meeting on 14th January, at 6 p.m., when further fund-raising activities will be discussed.



### A Selection of Learning Experiences:

- I hope all those who attended our **Open Evening**, on 3rd October, had a pleasant evening. It was lovely to see so many family members sharing the learning.
- P.5S have been visiting **Glenisla Nursing Home**, sharing activities and refreshments with the residents. Friendship and understanding really can cross the generations.
- **Eckhardt Bosch** joined us for Assembly and reminded us of the importance of being kind and respectful, to each other. On the same day, Mrs McDougall, from the Library Service, handed out certificates to those who completed the **Summer Reading Challenge**. What a fantastic effort, by all those avid readers!

- The School's **Eco-group** has held it's first meeting of the session. They welcomed new members Orla Innes, Iona By-Jensen, Jack Smith, Max Crawford, Bobby Scott, Campbell Gray and Lottie Johnston. We look forward to hearing about their work.
- **Nursery** boys and girls paid a visit to **Keith Library**. They met the staff and learned about all the services that the Library provides.
- Catriona McKerell, P.7, was the worthy recipient of last term's **Heather Stanning Award**. Catriona is a huge support to her own classmates and to some of the younger pupils in the school. She is able to act on her initiative and makes sensible decisions in all situations. Well done!
- The first two P.7 groups have taken part in outdoor team-building activities, with **Outfit Moray**. As in previous years, the feedback has been very positive and others are eagerly anticipating their turn!

### Coming Up...

- **Poppies** are now on sale, in school. A donation is sought, rather than a set price.
- We are participating in **Children in Need**, on Friday 16th November. Please feel free to "come as you please", but please bring a donation, for the privilege.



**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)

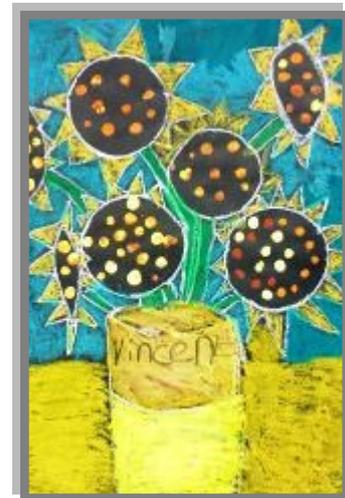
2nd November	Assembly, with songs from "The Lion King", from P.7T: 1:30 p.m.— <b>All welcome</b>
6th November	Nursery Lending Library and Stay and Play, begin.
8th November	Flu immunisations
9th November	Remembrance Assembly: 9:30 a.m.— <b>All welcome</b>
12th & 13th November	In-service Days. School closed to pupils.
16th November	Children in Need Day: Come-As-You-Please, for a donation to the charity. Assembly: 1.30 p.m.— <b>All welcome</b>
21st November	Early Years Expansion Meeting: The School Hall, 4 p.m.
23rd November	Assembly: 9:30 a.m.— <b>All welcome</b>
30th November	Assembly, led by Eckhardt Bosch from North and St Rufus Churches: 1:30 p.m.— <b>All welcome.</b>

Looking ahead...

December	Seasonal events. Details to follow.
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**School Lunches**

w/b	Menu
29/10/18	Week 4
5/11/18	Week 5
12/11/18	Week 6
19/11/18	Week 1
26/11/18	Week 2



Regards,

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**Something to think about:**

"Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines."

~ **Robert H. Schuller**