

# Newsletter Kellands School

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*'Education is the key to success in life, and teachers make a lasting impact in the lives of their students.'*

Solomon Ortiz

*Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.*

Pele

## Learning Journeys P1-7

We hope you enjoy sharing your child's Learning Journey (Floor Book page for P1) and mid-term Summary of Achievement with them this weekend.

There have been a few changes to the format of the Summary of Achievement following feedback from parents and teachers, and taking into account changes in guidelines from Education Scotland. Statements such as 'Always' and 'Rarely' have been explained more clearly and are linked to your child's age and stage in school. In the Learning Journey folder (P2-7) you will also find an explanation of the Curriculum for Excellence levels and an indication of what needs to be achieved in order to complete a level in numeracy and literacy. We hope you find this information useful and welcome feedback through a short Survey Monkey questionnaire.

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HL6J3SY](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HL6J3SY)

This folder is an important collection of evidence that will be added to throughout your child's time at Kellands and must be returned to school by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. Please sign the Mid Term Summary of Achievement and put it back in the folder as part of your child's evidence of learning.

## Science at Kellands

*Science is a way of thinking much more than it is a body of knowledge.*

Carl Sagan

Throughout the school we want the children to experience the learning and teaching of science; be excited by science, inspired by science and to develop a love of science. Well done to all the teachers who have creatively taught the subject in such an active and hands on way.

Miss Grant our P6 teacher has taken the lead on this within Kellands and the Inverurie Cluster and has been delivering teacher training for Inverurie, developing teaching resources and helping to create a 'science ethos' at Kellands. We will also be starting our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) club after the holidays. Thank you to Miss Grant for all her work.

BP have been a fantastic support to Kellands with all classes benefitting from science lessons from one of our parents, Stephen Kydd. We really appreciate all his help and thank you to all the other parents who have helped with the BP lessons. Last week the P6s had an Ex'straw'dinary Workshop. This week the P1s did 'Helping Hands' with Mr and Mrs Kydd and P4 enjoyed a lesson on Chromatography.



### School Newspaper

Another exciting venture at school is setting up of a school newspaper (name still to be finalised). Helping us with this is University student Sarah Millar (daughter of our very own Mrs Millar). The pupils have all written application forms and been interviewed for roles within the newspaper team. This will give the children many positive experiences and we look forward to reading their first issue.

### Swimming Achievements



Ben and Ceri were swimming at Aberdeen's Aquatic Centre in the Scottish Schools Championships. Both Ceri and Ben were competing in the 50 Meters Butterfly, they had brilliant swims and both managed personal best times. They will find out later next month if they have managed to get a place in the Scottish finals next year. Well done to both of them.

### Christmas Fayre

We would like to thank everyone involved with this year's Christmas Fayre. With your help we raised approx £1600 for the pupils of Kellands. Without everyone's help and support, events like this just wouldn't be possible. It was another busy event and as well as all the usual stalls it was great to have a number of Class Enterprise Stalls. We hoped everyone enjoyed themselves and should anyone have any feedback please get in touch.

Thanks

Kellands Parent Council

### Flu Vaccines in School

A reminder that the Flu Vaccinations will be taking place in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of December.

### Cash for Kids and Children in Need

A huge well done to everyone who came to school wearing spots in aid of Cash for kids and Children in Need. Our spotty day managed to raise £573.26. We will split the total equally between the two charities.

## For Information

### **'Backless Booster Seats' – New Regulations Information Sheet.**

1. New regulations have not yet been introduced and the details of the proposed changes are currently being looked at by the UN & EU. It is expected that the changes will come into force **March 2017 at the very earliest**. (This has been confirmed by the Department of Transport).
2. Backless Booster Seats are not being banned - what is being proposed is a height and age increase in when children should use backless booster seats.
3. Currently booster cushions fall under the Group 2/3 car seat category, meaning they can be used from around 4-years-old. The new regulations are proposing that children use backless boosters once they are 125cm or taller, which is roughly about 7-years-old.
4. Existing booster seats will still be legal as long as they conform to the current (ECE R4/04) law.
5. Any changes to the law will apply to new products, not child restraint systems that are already in use and meet existing safety standards (ECE R4/04).

## Aberdeenshire's Service Plan - Views

As part of developing Aberdeenshire's 2017-2020 Children's Services Plan, we are seeking the views of a wide range of stakeholders. This includes children and young people, parents and carers, and feedback from those who lead and deliver services to children and their families across Aberdeenshire.

The consultation provides an explanation of what the Children's Services Plan is about, and what types of things we would like to know from parents and carers. There is a very simple registration process that will just take a minute (Click the 'Register' button at the top of the page and follow the on-screen instructions.)

Please click on the following link to go to the online consultation, which will be open for responses until Wednesday 7th December 2016: <https://aberdeenshire.dialogue-app.com/childrens-services-plan>