

Newsletter Kellands School

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"We have the can-do factor, and us doing what we do I think inspires people to just try that little bit harder, whether they are able-bodied or disabled."

(Lee Pearson, Paralympics veteran and dressage star)

Resolve never to quit, never to give up, no matter what the situation

Jack Nicklaus

The New Houses at Kellands

The senior management team are very excited about the start of our House Assemblies for Huntingdon, Thom and Bruce. It was wonderful to see the House captains and Vice captains of all the houses so enthused about their roles and the year ahead. They will be leading the assemblies where they will be sharing their roles, expectations of 'House pupils' and how they will be supporting all the pupils in their house. All the children will be given their house badges and we will be bringing in School House tokens that can be earned by the children at all times to encourage working hard and by following our school values. Each house will also doing a monthly newsletter sharing the experiences and achievements of their House members. So please share these with the school as we want as many pupils to appear in the newsletters, whether it be for swimming, dancing, climbing up Bennachie, playing music, playing at home, netball etc; please send in your pictures to the school and we will forward them onto the House captains/vice captains. We are also running a competition for all pupils to design a badge for their house and to make up a 'House motto'; so get designing and thinking! Finally if you have any ideas for House events/competitions please contact the school.

If you need to speak to any member of the Senior Management team then please ask for the one who looks after your child's house.

Huntingdon - Mrs Barr

Thom - Mrs Rowley

Bruce - Mr Mollison

Garden Help

Please if you are able to help with a gardening club on **Wednesday lunchtimes** please contact the school.

We are also looking to give Mrs Gullan's garden a big tidy up next week. If you are able to help at any time through the day or after school please get in touch with the school. We want to make the school grounds aesthetically attractive and welcoming for staff, pupils, parents and visitors. So if you are able to help please let's get this done next week. Thank you for your help.

School Vandalism - Help

Unfortunately there have been a few recent episodes of vandalism at the school and people up on top of our nursery and school roofs. If you see or hear of anything please contact the school or/and the police. This is our school and we are all very proud of it, so let's look out for it.

Chess club

We are looking to start a Kellands after school chess club. Gerald Lobley of the North East Junior Chess Association (NEJCAf) and his colleagues have offered to do some coaching if we can have some parental volunteers to help. If you are interested please get in touch. Thank you.

Pokemon

The children have been enjoying the latest craze at the moment 'Pokemon'. (I'm sure we have been here before). Pokemon cards can be taken to school at parent's discretion but they must be made aware that they could go missing or get damaged. P1-3 children will only be trading with children of their own age as will P4-7. No cards will be allowed into the dinner hall and any seen in class or dinner hall will be confiscated till the end of day. Any child who is not playing fairly or nicely with the cards will not be allowed to take the cards into the school.

Active Travel Breakfast! With Phil Thornley

I Bike Event - Tuesday 13th September 2016 (8.20am - 8.50am)

Kellands School will be hosting an **Active Travel Breakfast** on **Tuesday 13th September 2016!** Pupils from primary P5-7 will receive a **tasty breakfast** for walking, cycling or scooting to school. Pupils may cycle to school unsupervised if the parent allows.

A bike breakfast will also be offered for any adult accompanying a pupil cycling to school.

If you and/or your child would like to join us for this exciting event, please fill in the form sent home previously to indicate the number of people attending and return by Friday 9th September. As usual, pupils are advised to **wear a helmet**.

Breakfast will be available between 8.20am and 8.50am. If pupils arrive after this time we cannot provide them with breakfast unfortunately due to staffing and canteen requirements. As pupils arrive at school they will be issued with a ticket and can hand this in to get their breakfast.



We look forward to enjoying our Big Breakfast with you!

Immediately after the Active Travel Breakfast, I will be conducting Dr Bike sessions for those P5/6/7 pupils who cycled to school, carrying out safety inspections on your child's bike with any minor issues fixed for free. This will be a hands on experience for each child as they will be shown how to perform a basic safety check on their bikes.

After lunch, I will be running Dr Balance sessions for the P1/2's within the school grounds using my fleet of Little Big Bikes, a fantastic resource allowing the bike to grow and adapt as children grow and become more confident riding with even the option to attach pedals to the frame and make it their first pedal bike.

Phil Thornley.



Cruikshanks at Techfest

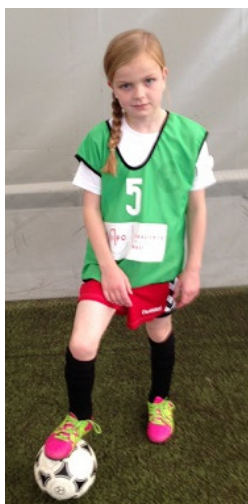
Zoe P4C and Jake P6G (below) both dressed as dentists got to pull out teeth from a dummy, perform fillings and learn about dentistry.

Kelland's Triathlon Champs



On Sunday Ben McLaughlin and Fraser Anderson along with Fraser's Dad Iain competed as a team at the Alford Triathlon with Ben doing the 400 metre swim, Iain the 13 km bike ride and Fraser the 3 km run. An amazing result saw them in third place in the team category with great timings by all three.

Libby Morrison selected for Dons training



Libby is 1 of 12 girls that were selected out of 25 to attend AFCCT Advanced 1v1 Skills Development Centre. This runs for the next 12-18 months. Good luck Libby!

Nursery magic!!!

A **huge, huge** thank you to Steve McLaren, Ian, Louise and Sarah Anderson for their incredible work for our nursery. Sarah was chief water supplier for making the cement.



Head for heights

One of our library parents has just completed a sponsored abseil for 'Haemophilia'.

Congratulations to Kay mutch from all at Kellands!



Charlie Lumsden P3D Completed the Dandara fun run 16th out of 120. Well done !!



Joshua Alexander who earned his red belt at Tae Kwan do. Well done!

Head Lice

Remember to check you children's head regularly for head lice and inform the school if you have had to treat your child. Please see link below for guidelines and further helpful information.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Diagnosis.aspx>

Flu Immunisation Envelopes

Please remember to hand back your completed Flu immunisation envelopes BEFORE FRIDAY THE 16TH OF SEPTEMBER for collection by the School Nurse. If your child's consent form is not back in school for this date you will be required to post it to the Heath Team in Kemnay. The school office will have details of the address.

Tempest Photographs

Letters will be going home next week with information about the individual and sibling photos being taken by Tempest Photography on Tuesday 27th September. Please return your consent slip before Friday 16th September 2016.