

# Newsletter Kellands School

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*'To keep the body in good health is a duty... otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear.'*

Buddha

*'When you're surrounded by people who share a passionate commitment around a common purpose, anything is possible.'*

Howard Schultz

## NHS Grampian - Smoking Cessation Campaign

We have very exciting news with one of our pupils winning a competition to design a 'smoke free character' for their campaign. There will be a special ceremony with media and local councillors where BBC World Footballer of the Year, Kim Little, will hand over the award to the pupil. It promises to be a very special morning and we will announce the winner of the competition next week.



## **Parents Evening Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 5.00pm - 8.30pm**

Letters have already been sent home inviting you to attend Parents Evening, with a slip for you to fill in and return stating if you do or do not want an appointment with your child's teacher. Also please indicate your preference for dates. Slips to be returned by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Nursery information will be handed out at a later date.

### **Facebook and Twitter Accounts**

Kellands School has just set up Facebook @kellandsprimaryschool and twitter @kellandsps pages. These are not replacing any other methods of communication but just want to try to increase the ways in which we communicate with our school community. We hope you find it useful.

### **School PE Kits**

Our PE specialist Miss Cockburn was commenting on the amount of pupils that still do not have PE kit with them. Can you please make sure that all children have a change of PE kit with indoor shoes. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Run Garioch, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - Entries Now Open!**

If you are interested in entering the Run Garioch Junior Run please enter to avoid disappointment as spaces are limited. We have some fantastic runners in our running club and would love Kellands to have a great turn out this year. <http://runggarioch.co.uk/>

### **Nut Free School**

A gentle reminder that we are a nut free school. Could we ask that your children's snack or play piece be nut free. We have a teacher and some pupils in school with nut allergies. Traces of nuts can be left on door handles and transferred through the air and contact which can result in a sufferer having an anaphylaxis reaction, this is life threatening. We do appreciate your co-operation with this and are sure you appreciate the importance of keeping any kind of nut product away from school.

### **Rotary Shoe Box Appeal**

Jim Hatter from Inverurie Rotary spoke at today's assembly about the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. Flat pack boxes are available from the school office. Once filled, please return them to school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you. [www.rotaryshoebox.org/](http://www.rotaryshoebox.org/)

### **Dogs in School Grounds**

Please be aware that there should be no dogs in the school grounds during picking up or dropping off times. Some children and adults can feel very intimidated by dogs and therefore they should be kept off the school campus. We appreciate your co-operation.

### **Sharing and Celebrating Success**

We always like to hear about and see photos of successes and achievements from outside school. These can be any type of achievement - learning to ride a bike, climbing a challenging hill, baking an amazing cake, entering a competition etc.

As part of the new house system each house will produce a newspaper to share the successes and achievements of their members. The first newspaper is due out on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please remind your child to hand anything they would like included in the newspaper to their class house rep by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

If you have a photo to be included this can be emailed to the school at:

[kellands.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:kellands.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

### **Rotary Club of Inverurie - Young Musician of the Year**

The National Young Musician Competition is a well-established and successful competition promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

There are four stages to the competition, each designed to support and encourage the development of musical talent. Some stages may have more than one round.

The competition is open to all levels, grades and styles of young instrumentalists and vocalists.

The local heat will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm at Inverurie Academy. We have had a number of pupils take part in the past and they have found this to be a valuable experience and an opportunity to perform. If your child is interested in taking part please contact the school for more information and entry forms.

### **Parent House Open Evenings - Dates for your Diary**

We are holding Open Evenings for parents as a means to give information on our new House system at Kellands and a chance for parents to meet the SMT in charge for the individual houses. The dates are Huntingdon, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Thom, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Bruce, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, all at 7.00pm - 8.00pm. Hope to see you then.

## Active Schools

Information on the Kellands and Cluster clubs, including tennis, football coaching and much more. Dates, venues and times, can be found on the online registration form. Parents can book by clicking on the link below. Confirmation emails will be sent to parents.

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/request/active-schools/active-schools-online-form-inverurie/>

## Bennachie Outdoor Learning

There are a number of places still available for the after school club in Bennachie Woods, Inverurie. These sessions run from 4pm until 5:30pm on a Tuesday afternoon. To book go to [info@owls-learn.co.uk](mailto:info@owls-learn.co.uk) [www.owls-learn.co.uk](http://www.owls-learn.co.uk) Tel: 07747 306979

## Donside Gymnastics Club Garioch Sports Centre

New Gymnastics Club opening up in Inverurie. Classes running now at The Garioch Sports Centre. To book or for info, Email: [donsidegymnastics@btinternet.com](mailto:donsidegymnastics@btinternet.com) Mob: 07867 487682

## Achievements



During the holidays two Kellands pupils fought off tough competition at a gymnastics competition in Edinburgh. Halle Strachan was champion in her age group winning gold on vault, bronze on floor and gold overall. Miguel Stewart won runner up in his section, winning silver on floor, silver on vault and silver overall. Both train at Kellands with Inverurie Gymtastix. Emma Durrant won a gymnastics competition in Alness a couple of weeks ago. She came 2nd in her competition and her team from Inverurie Gymnastics Club also came 2nd in the team event.

## Garioch Swimming Club

Trials will be held on Saturday 3rd December at 3.30pm at Inverurie Swimming Centre for anyone wishing to join.

**Applicants should have completed Level 5 swimming lessons or equivalent.**

Please contact Jane McIntosh, Club Secretary, [gascsec@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gascsec@yahoo.co.uk) for further information and to register for the trial.

Find out more about GASC on their website [www.gasc.co.uk](http://www.gasc.co.uk), Facebook and Twitter

## Garioch Sports Centre Children's Activities

For a full list of children's activities from age 4 months and over please contact Garioch Sports Centre, Strathburn Park, Burghmuir Drive, INVERURIE AB51 4GY

Tel: 01467 626141

[info@gariochsports.co.uk](mailto:info@gariochsports.co.uk)

[www.gariochsports.co.uk](http://www.gariochsports.co.uk)

## Re-duce · RE-UNIFORM · Re-cycle

Donation Dates: from 28th October to Monday 7th November 2016.

Please send in your out grown (not worn out) school uniforms and scout/guide uniforms that you no longer require. Please wash items then drop into the donation box at school reception.

Items Accepted:

All Kellands branded items, including jumpers, polo shirts, jackets, gym t-shirts and ties. Other items also accepted are: trousers, skirts, cardigans, pinafores, blue gingham dresses and shirts. Also Brownie/Rainbow/Scout/Beaver/Guide uniforms.

### **\*\*\*Next Pop Up Stall\*\*\***

Kellands School Gym Hall, Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th November 2016 between 5pm and 8.30pm (during Parent Teacher Meetings). Replace lost uniform items and update your child's uniform, with any donations going to Parent Council fundraising.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the school re-uniform scheme. Give as much time as you like - sorting items and setting up stalls two or three times a year. If you would like to help with this worthwhile project, to help the environment and the school, please contact Juliet Serrell ([julstuff@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:julstuff@hotmail.co.uk)). Thank you.



## Parent Council School Hallowe'en Disco Sunday 6th November 2016

This event will take place in the school assembly hall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Times are as follows:

P1-3 - 1.45pm - 3.00pm

P4-7 - 3.15pm - 4.30pm

**Please note the slightly earlier start times than previously stated** - this change was due to caretaker cover to host the event.

Parents should all have received your consent slips home this week. They are to be returned to the school with payment of £3 per child on either Tuesday 1 November or Wednesday 2 November when Parent Council will go around the classes handing out the tickets. Please check your child's blue folder, if you do not have a form and would like to attend, please go to the school office where spares are available. Many thanks to all the parents who have volunteered so far to assist at the event. If anyone else is able to help, please email Sarah on [neil@nbdecorating.co.uk](mailto:neil@nbdecorating.co.uk) as we can never have enough helpers in running large events like this, as without this help they would not be possible.

Due to the short timescale between the two discos, P1-P3 children can be uplifted from Unit 1 from 3.00pm. Parents can enter directly into Unit 1, via the janitor's door i.e. the fire exit door to the right of the main door. P4-P7 parents can enter and uplift via the main school door. If you have children attending both discos, if you could sign in your eldest child/children first, thereafter attend in Unit 1.

There may be photographs taken at the disco for inclusion in a future newsletter/school website. Whilst it is a fancy dress event, and children may not be instantly recognisable, if any parent does have any objections to their child/children being photographed, please email Sarah at the above address to let us know.

Please view the disco attachment for further details and hope to see you all there!  
**Gail Winchester/Sarah Beattie, Kellands Parent Council.**