

# Newsletter Kellands School

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*The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.*

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

*Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success.*

Swami Sivananda

## James Beattie Wins Campaign Prize

We had a very exciting morning on Tuesday when James Beattie P7 won a competition to name the campaign fronting dragon. His inventive name for the Dragon was 'Puffy'. Presenting James with his prize was Kim Little (Arsenal FC) who was recently named BBC world footballer of the year. The event was organised by NHS Grampian smoking cessation coordinators Rachel Stewart and Jill Smith, and the school would like to thank them for their support and for the assembly they did. Kim talked to the children about her career and then met members of our girls' football team. Also a thank you to Inverurie Locos who donated a football and history of the Locos book as a gift for Kim. There is a very good piece on the NHS Grampian Facebook page:-

<https://www.facebook.com/NHSGrampian/>

The Aberdeenshire Dragon campaign was devised by NHS Grampian anti-smoking team.



### Open Afternoon Kellands Nursery

We would like to invite all parents to an open afternoon at Kellands Nursery on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 4.00pm - 6.30pm. This will be an opportunity to spend some time in the nursery and chat with your child's key working team. We are not giving out interview times and you are free to come along anytime between 4.00pm and 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all then.

### 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.

Each class get points for every member of class having kit working towards certificates. Congratulation to P3D, P3GS, LGU and P1G who have all achieved their bronze awards. Individuals who do not bring their kit will lose a house point.

### 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.

### 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.

### Hallowe'en Disco's

Many thanks to all of you who have bought tickets for the above event and for the many parent helpers who have volunteered. We are really looking forward to it and hope you are too! Just a wee reminder that P1-P3 children should be dropped off via the school entrance at 1.45pm. Pick up is at 3pm at Unit 1, entry through the janitor's door (one to the right of main entrance). P4-P7 children should be dropped off via the main entrance at 3.15 pm. Pick up is at 4.30pm at the hall. Parents with children at both discos, should sign in older children first, before attending at Unit 1. No child will be allowed to leave without a responsible adult. Nothing else required, just the children!

## 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/>

## Kellands Parent Council News

Thanks to all parents who came along to the PC meeting last night - a very busy Agenda as always and lots going on.

We are delighted to have been able to agree funding towards lots of exciting developments and activities in school:

Introduction of an Accelerated Reading Programme, Rock Challenge, Nursery Resources, Christmas preparations/celebrations, Interactive 'Fischy' Music resources and we have ongoing discussions on how we can best support lots of school trips and experiences that are planned. A huge thank you as always to the Kellands Staff team who are working so hard to give our kids the best all round Primary experience they can.

Dates for the Diary -

**Hallowe'en Discos** - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November, in school. Tickets have been sent home with pupils. Thanks to the team for all their hard work organising this event.

**Family Quiz** - Kellands School Hall - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 7pm - 9pm (entry £5 per team - tea /coffee and nibbles will be provided - Please bring along your own alcoholic/non-alcoholic refreshments). More details to follow very soon. We have asked Mr Mollison to not make the questions quite so hard this year!

**Kellands Christmas Fair** - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10 am - 12 noon. Anyone who wishes to help out in any way please come along to an informal meeting in Wetherspoons on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 8pm.

**Inverurie Academy Consultation Event** - Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - 10am - 9pm. We would ask all parents, pupils, neighbours and just any local residents to get along to Inverurie Academy Assembly Hall on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Between 10am and 9pm please take the opportunity to view and discuss plans for the new Academy and Community Facilities. This consultation is for the wider community and it would be great if as many people as possible could attend so that the

final plans can best reflect the views of all age groups and interests of the community. This is a fantastic opportunity to help shape education and leisure resources for all in Inverurie.

**Storage / Shipping Container required** - there is a desperate need for an additional storage container in the school grounds to safely store play and gardening equipment. These containers are extremely costly so we thought we'd ask if anyone has any means of providing one to the school either Free of Charge or at a very reduced rate. It does not have to be in new condition - just wind and water tight and secure - we could have lots of fun sprucing it up! Please get in touch with Mr Mollison if you have any contacts or suggestions for this.

**School Libraries** - the school libraries are being overhauled and the school will very soon be looking for a team of volunteers to help move and set up the new libraries - no experience necessary - coffee and biscuits provided! More details to follow.

### **Re-Uniform, Recycle**

There will be the opportunity to pick up good quality pre-loved school uniform items during parents evenings next week for a small donation to PC funds. If you can help with setting up or clearing away of the re-uniform stall on Tuesday/Thursday please get in touch with Juliet Serrell on [j.serrell@virgin.net](mailto:j.serrell@virgin.net).

### **P1 Evening Express Photos**

The Evening Express have apologised today for putting the wrong photo on their website. The correct photo should now be live and they have assured us the correct one will be in the paper.

### **Rotary Club of Inverurie Young Musician of the Year Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.00pm Inverurie Academy.**

The closing date for entries for the local heat of the Rotary Young Musician of the Year is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

Entry forms can be submitted either by email to [stephen@lippe-architects.co.uk](mailto:stephen@lippe-architects.co.uk) or by post to Glenview, St. Katherines, Inverurie AB51 8SS.

### **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.rotaryshoebbox.org/](http://www.rotaryshoebbox.org/)