

Newsletter Kellands School

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'The art and science of asking questions is the source of all knowledge.'

Thomas Berger

'The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.'

Albert Einstein

Science at Kellands

This year at Kellands we are looking to further embed the learning and teaching of Science in our curriculum and one of our class teachers, Miss Grant, has been seconded for the year to deliver this, alongside our class teachers. It has been great to see the children so enthused during these science lessons in class.



P7 rock identification by Acid Testing



P4 materials testing



Testing materials for heat loss using thermochromic paper

Nursery 30th Birthday

To celebrate the Nursery being 30 years old former parent Elke McPherson baked a beautiful cake, which was cut by Stacey Carbone. Stacey was one of the first pupils in the nursery when it opened. She is pictured with her son Franco who currently attends nursery and Mrs Andrew who has worked in nursery since it opened in August 1987.



CAR PARKING

Again please can you continue to be considerate when you are parking around the Kellands campus in the nearby streets. Residents have to have access to their drives and parking spaces at all times. I am sure you understand and will be mindful and park safely for the drop off and pick up times.

A reminder that the staff car parks at the front and nursery ends of the school are for STAFF ONLY and not to be used for dropping off as there are double yellow lines, and the police have put down parking cones at the nursery; as they become a bottleneck and create a danger for the safety of the children.

IMPORTANT - The police have informed us that if anyone sees anyone parking illegally/dangerously to please give details of number plates to the school office which will then be forwarded to the local police. This is not a route we would like to go so please make every effort for the safety of our children.

Also a reminder to please not occupy the disabled parking spaces in the school car parks at any time as these are crucial for access.

Please remember that it is a 20mph speed limit on roads approaching Kellands School and the police are monitoring the situation with speeding cameras: so please be careful and drive responsibly. Thank you.

We appreciate the difficulties with the extra parking restrictions due to the work at the hospital site impacting on increase parking at the turning circle at Kellands park; but we need to work together cooperatively for the safety of our Kellands' children.

If you have any ideas on how to help with this please get in touch with the school.

Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.

Robert Gordons College: Help with Fees for Entry to S1

Robert Gordon's College have fully funded and partially funded places available for S1 next session. Find out how to secure a place at Robert Gordon's College at their open morning on Saturday 7th October 2017. 9.30 am. Entrance Exam for next session takes place on Saturday 20th January 2018.

Hallowe'en Disco

It's that time of year again, a date for your diaries of **Friday 3 November 2017** for the above event.

P1 - P3 - 6.15pm - 7.30pm

P4 - P7 - 7.30pm - 8.45pm

Full information, together with requests for ticket sales and parental helpers to run the event will be sent home with your child within the next two weeks. Please keep a lookout for this. Tickets will be on sale via Parent Council members around the classes on Monday 30 October and Wednesday 1 November.

The cost is £3 per child, which includes our DJ entertainment, a glow item, a bag of crisps, a drink and a sweet to take home.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Gail Winchester and Sarah Beattie, Kellands Parent Council.

Kellands Christmas Fair

This year the School Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 18th November, 10am-12 noon. Shona Strachan and Jo Taylor are coordinating the annual event and would love lots of willing volunteers to help run stalls and serve teas/coffees/juice. We would also appreciate a helping hand to set up the event on Friday 17th November after school, approx. 3.15pm till 5.30pm and then again to tidy up on Saturday after the fair... if you would like to offer an hour or more of your time to any part of this event, which is a fantastic fundraiser for the school, it would be greatly appreciated.

Shona and Jo will be in Weatherspoons on Tuesday 26th September @ 8pm to kick start the event planning and we'd love to see you there if you're able to come along. Thank you.

KELLANDS HOLIDAY DATES

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2017	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2017	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2017	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2017	IN-SERVICE DAY
FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2017	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2018	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2018	OCCASIONAL DAY
MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2018	MID TERM HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
THURSDAY 29TH MARCH 2018	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 7TH MAY 2018	MAY DAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2018	OCCASIONAL DAY
FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2018	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER
MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2018	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2018	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2018	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2018	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019	SCHOOL RE OPENS

More school holidays can be found online:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/school-term-dates-and-in-service-days/>

Visions, Values and Aims

During our assemblies in Term 1 we have been looking at our vision, values and aims with the children.

At Kellands we strive for Excellence, Aspiration and creativity with a 'Give it a Go attitude'

Below are our values and aims for our children to achieve their potential.



School Aims

- *Our school Pupils will experience personalised, progressive learning across a variety of settings.*
- *Pupils will be actively engaged in purposeful learning.*
- *Individual strengths will be recognised, valued and used to the benefit of the whole school.*

- *Individual needs will be supported as required to enable all to achieve success and be happy and confident.*
- *Everyone will feel supported and listened to by management, colleagues and parents; they will be able to share concerns and speak their minds.*
- *Activities will be fun, motivating and engaging. Learning will be child led and responsive to current interests and both local and world events*
- *Will be open, friendly, welcoming and inviting*