

September Bulletin 2017



Pupil Councillors

The following pupils have been elected as Pupil Councillors for their classes

P1 - Cameron Crawford, P2A - Callum Gordon, P2H - Cara Johnston, P3 - Isla Watt, P4 - Max Black, P4/5 - Sophie Cameron, P5/6 - Owen Smart, P6 - Alec Dymond, P7 - Izzy Thomas

Well done to all! We look forward to hearing all the class suggestions for improvement.

House Captains

Congratulations to our new P7 House Captains. We wish them success in their new roles this year.

Bennachie - Isla Elrick & Kristian Omwando, Craigearn - Owen Grant & Rachel Cran, Fetternear - Anna Beattie & Lee Cameron, Fraser - Gregor Gauld & Katie Lister.

Curriculum For Excellence

I attended a Curriculum for Excellence conference led by Education Scotland earlier on this week, and was heartened to know that much of what goes on in Kemnay School is regarded as very good practice. I did however come away with a few ideas about how we can continue to make things even better at Kemnay School which will be incorporated into the school's improvement plan. These ideas will be discussed at the next Parent Council Meeting on Monday 25th September at 7.00pm. (Note change of date.)

In the meantime, we'd like to find new and innovative ways to share the children's learning with you, and we could do this quite easily via Twitter (in addition to what already exists). To this end, we'll be re-issuing consent forms to those of you who didn't complete these last session, so that classes in rotation can choose which aspects of class learning they'd like to share with you via twitter. (Please have a look at our twitter page

<https://twitter.com/KemnayS>)

Meet The Teacher Arrangements - Big Conversation

Our Meet The Teacher night is on Wednesday 13th September from 6.00pm - 7.30pm (please note change of time from term calendar. This is a drop in/look around session, so you can come and go as you please between these times. The children are also invited to come along to introduce you to their teachers and show you aspects of their learning around the school and class. There will also be a film (featuring staff and pupils) playing on a loop in the main hall, showing aspects of Health & Wellbeing learning throughout the school. (We did literacy last year and numeracy the year before.) This is not an opportunity for a formal parent teacher interview, but more of a chance to meet the teacher and see around your child's class. You will however have your formal parent teacher interview on either 11th or 12th of October. More details to follow.

You may remember receiving a letter from Maria Walker Director of Education and Children's Services at the end of last term. She would like to gather parents views around parental engagement and involvement, and with this in mind, we will set up a carousel of ideas in the gym hall which we'd like you to visit and give your comments (anonymously if you wish) in order to inform the future direction of the service.

Hands Up Survey

The annual hands up survey takes place next week (Monday 11th September). This is a national initiative encouraging children to walk to school (where possible).

Maasai

We had an amazing visit from the Maasai Warriors today with the children completely enthralled to watch the jumping and hear the beautiful singing. Many thanks to the PTA for agreeing to fund this visit for the children.

Fire Drill

Our Yellow Nursery and new P1 class experienced their first fire drill this afternoon, with the whole school being safely evacuated in record time. Well done everyone!

PTA Showcase

You should have received an invitation to this event on Tuesday 12th September at 3pm in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you then.

PTA Worm Charming

Please find information attached regarding the Worm Charming event on Monday 11th September at 6.30pm.

P6 Ski Trip Meeting

P6 Pupils and Parents/Carers are invited to join us for the ski trip meeting on Tuesday 19th September at 6.30pm.

European Languages Day

We plan to celebrate European Languages Day on the afternoon of Monday 25th September by having a Eurovision Song Contest, where the classes will sing European songs to each other! We also ask the children to come to school dressed in one colour top to toe if possible (if not, coloured tops with usual school skirts or trousers) of their class European flag so that we can create human flags. Class flags are as follows - P1 France, P2A Germany, P2H Italy, P3 Spain, P4 Netherlands, P4/5 Romania, P5/6 Poland, P6 Belgium and P7 Latvia. Class teachers will show the children the colours of the class flag and the children may choose their colours.

Book Fair

We will be looking for volunteers to help out at our book fair during the week commencing Mon 9th October; further details will be sent in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Audrey Gregor

Head Teacher

Please also find school holiday calendar attached.

Diary Dates/

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Fri 8 th September	-	Maasai Warrior Visit
Mon 11 th September	-	PTA Worm Charming
Tue 12 th September	-	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 13 th September	-	Meet The Teacher/Big Conversation
Tue 19 th September	-	P6 Ski Trip Meeting
Mon 25 th September	-	Parent Council Meeting
Thurs 28 th September	-	P7 Academy Tour (Details to follow)
Wed 4 th October	-	SSPCA Visits

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I have received September 2017 Bulletin and noted its contents.

Comments/Compliments/Concerns

Name _____ Signed
