



# KEITH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Hello, everyone.

February has been a short month for us, so we don't have as much to share, as we usually do.

### Staffing

We have welcomed Mrs Connelly back, now on a part-time basis. Already, she has been visiting pre-school providers to meet children who will be joining us, next year. A recent advert for a long-term temporary Class Teacher yielded no suitable applicants, I'm afraid, so the post has been re-advertised. Miss Cruickshank has stepped in to give P.6D some consistency, but this unfortunately means that she will be unable to fulfil her usual role.

Sadly, we are to lose two of our most experienced and long-serving PSAs. Mrs Susan Garrow is to take up a new position, within Moray Council and Mrs Beattie Adam is giving up full-time work to explore interests in a different direction. We wish them both well and thank them for their loyalty and for the care which they have given to the children here, over the years..

Lauren Forsyth, Teaching Student (MA4) from Aberdeen University, joins us in P.3M.

### Parents Group—"The Frog Squad"

Sadly, the "Mr & Mrs" Night planned for 25th February, has had to be postponed. Please look out for the new date. Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Tombola, takes place on 15th March, at the Legion Hall. We hope to see you there. The next meeting will be on Monday 27th March at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room. All welcome.

### Events:



- On 31st Jan - **P.1 visited Glenisla Nursing Home** and entertained with some songs. The residents loved speaking to the children and hearing about what and how they're learning, in school.

- The final total for the **WWF fundraiser**, organised by P.5 pupils was £150! Well done to all.

- **P.6-7H, P.3-4D and P.4R** took part in **REAP "Energy Wise" Workshops** led by Lynne Laing. They had a fabulous, fun time which was also informative. Thanks to Lynne and her helpers and to KGS for the venue.

- At our **Assembly on 3rd February**, we learned (from ants and meerkats) that we can achieve things through teamwork, that we could never achieve alone. At another **Assembly on 17th**, we learned about the unconditional friendship that dogs give their masters; money, disability, appearance and fancy trainers make no difference—just how we are as people. Could dogs teach us a thing or two about true friendship?

- **Vivienne Cross, Head of Schools and Curricular Development**, enjoyed her visit on 7th February. She spied some interesting work in science which prompted a visit from newly-appointed **Primary Science Development Officer**, Janey Irving, who joined P.3-4D, learning about "states of matter" and "safety in the lab".

- **P.6 pupils** from across the ASG came together, here, on 16th February, to rehearse and perform with professionals from **Scottish Opera**. "The Tale o' Tam o' Shanter" was very much enjoyed and well received by both performers and audience.

### Coming Up...

- Our **Scottish Poetry Competition Final** will take place on the afternoon of Friday 17th March (not February!) at 1:30 p.m. Our new sponsors, for the trophies, are Cllr Gary Coull and Keith Community Council. Gary and a representative from The Community Council will act as judges, along with Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank, Ambassador for the Scots language.



**Dates for your Diary (Please note that these may be amended and others may be added)**

More details to follow, by letter, for some events. (TBC = to be confirmed)

22nd February	Rotary General Knowledge Quiz, KGS 7 p.m.
24th February	Assembly, <b>led by P.5M:</b> 9:30 a.m.— <b>All welcome</b>
3rd March	Assembly, led by Mrs Kemp, Holy Trinity Church: 1:30 p.m.
9th March	P.1 & P.7 Dental Inspections
10th March	Assembly, led by Rev. Gray, North Church: 9:30 a.m.— <b>All welcome</b> We shall be sharing birthdays, up to 19th March, due to the Poetry Final, next week.
15th March	Frog Squad Tombola. The British Legion Hall. Doors open 6:30 pm—Eyes down 7.30 p.m. — <b>All welcome</b>
17th March	Scottish Poetry Final: 1:30 p.m. — <b>All welcome</b>
24th March	Assembly, led by Rev. Whyte: 9:30 a.m.— <b>All welcome</b> Final Frog Certificate presentations of the term. We'll also celebrate birthdays to 2nd April
27th March	Frog Squad Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room— <b>All welcome</b>
31st March	Easter Assembly, led by Rev. Gray: 1:30 p.m.— <b>All welcome</b> No Frog Certificates and no birthdays <b>Heather Stanning Award</b> Last day of term. <b>Usual finish times.</b>
Looking ahead...	
3rd—14th April	Spring Holiday
17th April	First day of the summer term.

**School Lunches**

w/b	Menu
27/2/17	Week 1
6/3/17	Week 2
13/3/17	Week 3
20/3/17	Week 4
27/3/17	Week 5



Regards,

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**Something to think about:**

“If you are not willing to learn, no-one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no-one can stop you!”

~ *Unknown*