



Kinnaird Mainstream Thistle Wing and Annexe



March

It has been a very busy term and unfortunately we have had a lot of absence so it has seemed very long. Hopefully a break will have us all back with recharged batteries.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who completed our questionnaire at the recent parent appointments. We have been focusing on applying for Silver Accreditation for Rights Respecting Schools

Primary 4 'Welly Wednesday' (Family Learning)

In Term 3, our Primary 4 classes will be learning about Biodiversity. Throughout this block of learning, children will take part in a number of lessons outdoors - including our new **Welly**

Wednesday sessions. The **Welly Wednesday** outdoor, family learning programme has been planned as an accompaniment to the P4 Interdisciplinary Learning Focus, **biodiversity**.

Each P4 class will take part in 3 outdoor sessions, during which a parent/carer/relative/adult from home is invited to accompany them. This may be one adult attending all three sessions, or a different adult for each. Delivering the Welly Wednesday sessions as a family learning programme, aims to encourage our pupils and their significant adults to learn together and continue their learning at home.

Please find dates of each session below:

P4L 23/4, 30/4, 7/5

P4F 14/5, 21/5, 28/5

P4R 4/6, 11/6, 18/6

P4 parents are asked to

complete the Microsoft Form using the link below to confirm adult attendance.

<https://forms.office.com/e/XmRBm1Pwnr>

Scholastic Book Fayre

We took over £2600 in sales at this year's Scholastic Book Fayre during Parents' Evenings. This means we have earned £1581.14 in Scholastic Rewards to use on new books for school. We are alternating between one year on Library books, and the following year on Class Library books, which means we are back to Library books this year. Our Reading Reps will be asking their classes after Easter for a list of suggested new books for our school library - please also let me know if there are any you would like added too.

Falkirk Tryst Golf Club

A plea from the Club that children do not access the grounds other than on designated paths—a number of trees were set on fire recently.

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Special points of interest:

Car Parking

Can you please take care when parking and driving on the roads near the Nursery exit. The number of parked cars make it difficult for children to see when trying to cross the road. Please be aware of children crossing.

KPP Fundraising - Kinnaird Quest - Sponsored Challenge

Our next KPP Fundraising event will be held on Friday 9th May 2025. This year will take the form of 4 different 'events' happening in various school/local locations, which children will rotate round throughout the course of the event, with 20 minutes at each event and 10 minutes in between to get to the next event. Group A classes will be in the afternoon and Group B classes will be in the morning with a later break. We will put out a sign-up today for 2 parent helpers per class to assist at the events and walk with the class between events. Sponsor sheets will be issued to each child after the Easter holidays. We will share more information nearer the time.



We had great fun learning new skills.



We were required to use teamwork and communication.



Ready for the Giant Swing. We can't wait.



Careful not to get wet everyone.



At Dalguise we were able to try different activities such as Raft Building, Giant Swing, Problem Solving, Zip Line, Archery, Trapeze and Survivor.



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Kinnaird Parent Partnership
Joint Chairs—
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Kinnaird Parent Partnership News

Members of Kinnaird School Council reported on our recent Book Day and STEM Week. They gathered feedback from pupils on the things they enjoyed during these activities and what they would like to have included next year.

Next Meeting: Thursday 8th May 7.00 p.m. face to face—in the school.

DIARY DATES

APRIL

21st Easter Monday—school closed

22nd Term 3 starts

23rd Homework Grid out

23rd Netball Finals

24th P7 F/ball Tournament

25th Food Bank

26th X-Country Championships

29th Book Café 4p.m.

29th TWA P1 Transition Tours

30th TWA Parent Cafe

30th X-Country Event

MAY

5th School closed—May Holiday

6th Mainstream P1 Transition Tours

7th Mainstream P1 Transition Tours

8th Mainstream P1 Transition Tours

8th KPP Meeting 7.00 p.m.

9th Kinnaird Quest—Fundraising Challenge Event

13th TWA P1 Transition Tours

13th BE Uniform Shop in school 3.15 p.m.

13th Book Café 4 p.m.

15th P1&P6 Discos

16th Dojo Shop & House Treat

22nd & 23rd P7's to LHS

22nd P1 Induction—p.m.

22nd P2&P5 Discos

23rd Home Files out

26th-30th Health & Outdoor Learning Week

27th Book Café 4p.m.

28th, 29th, 30th P1 Lunch Visits

29th P3&P4 Discos

30th Food Bank

30th TWA Cafe

A note from Mrs Ford:

To all the wonderful pupils, parents, carers and staff at Kinnaird. I want to say a huge thank you for being such a marvellous part of my life for the past 13 years - it has been a privilege being part of your lives. Many thanks for all the kind messages and gifts over this last week. Wishing you all a lovely Easter break. XX

Staffing updates

Congratulations to Mrs Brown who was successful at interview and will now take on the role of Acting Principal Teacher now Mrs Ford is retiring. We

welcome Miss Dargo after Easter who will be working with P1B, although initially Mrs Brown will still be in class as part of the handover.

Rotary Quiz

Congratulations to our P7 pupils who took part in the Rotary Quiz. It was a challenge and they just missed out by 1 point. They were, however, very pleased with 2nd place and a prize of £75.

Change to X

Falkirk Council has taken the decision to move all schools to Bluesky following the significant changes to X and a number of enquiries about an

alternative platform. The change will not take place until the new session when we will issue further details about how to access this new platform.

We have had some exciting times this week saying goodbye to Mrs Ford—I'm sure the children have told you all about it. We wish her the very best for a long, healthy and happy retirement.

**Have a lovely Easter break,
Ghislaire Tait,
Headteacher**