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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to March! A month with celebrations for two patron saints (St. David in Wales and St. Patrick in Ireland) across the UK and another busy month for us all at Kinloss Primary School before we start our Easter holidays on Good Friday (29th March).

I hope that everyone managed to enjoy some pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, our Primary 1/2 classes made some amazing pancakes in school and I was lucky enough to be treated to one. This was followed by Primary 6/7P making Celtic flapjack following a traditional recipe, and they kindly shared too. I hope they shared the recipe at home as well.

A really big thank you to Mrs O'Shane and Mrs Stockwell for organising our February disco, and to all of the teachers who helped out at this fun event too! We raised over £100.

Before we get to the end of the month, we have lots of things going on, which we hope you will be able to join us for. We are really excited for everything to do with reading and books during our World Book Week. This week is followed by our Parents' Evening appointments and before we get to Easter, we will have our annual STEM week. So, lots of exciting things to look forward to, especially now that we are starting to see the sun a bit more!

Whole School Focus – Wellbeing Indicators



As a school we are continuing to review the Wellbeing Indicators or GIRFEC approach (Getting It Right for Every Child) to ensure that all children are aware of them and learn about them. At the moment, we are learning about Achievement, and it is always

fantastic to hear in assembly on Friday all of the amazing achievements both in and out of school with our Achievement certificates and our OWLS (Our Wider Learning Successes). Don't forget to ask for an OWL if you have an achievement to share. The Wellbeing Indicators are:

Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included.

World Book Week: 4th – 8th March

As a school we are very keen to promote reading and Literacy skills across all of the children. We are also working towards the Reading School Award and Miss Laurie, Mrs Fyfe, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Mather have been leading on this for us as part of our school improvement. All children should now have been issued with their £1 World Book Day reading token which they can buy one of the World Book Day books with. As part of this celebration, we are revamping our reading areas, introducing school librarians and planning lots of fun activities for the children to take part in, including an opportunity for the children to dress up as a book character if they would like to on Friday 8th March. Some of the activities have already been shared via email and on Class Dojo with parents and we hope that you are able to support these activities.



How we teach reading – Parent / Carer Event 6th March



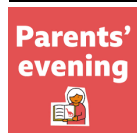
On Wednesday 6th March we will be holding a parent and carer information session about how we teach reading from 3.15 – 4pm in the school hall. We hope that you can join us and that you find the session informative and helpful. There will be refreshments provided and our book swap stall will also be available.

School Report – Friday 8th March

The Term 3 school report will be issued on Friday 8th March, which focuses on progress and achievement in Literacy and Numeracy. It will also share which Curriculum for Excellence Level your child is working towards. The school report will be the basis for the Parents' Evening discussions the following week.



Parents' Evening Appointments: 12th – 14th March



This year we will be holding parents' evening appointments over three days, including a later session of 5.30pm – 7.00pm. As the parents' evening sessions are focusing on the school report, if you feel that you have a query about another area and would like to discuss this with your child's teacher, please get in touch with the school office and this can be arranged. On the evening of the appointments, please line up in the school playground at your child's cone and their teacher will collect you for the appointment. We will be using the online booking system again. Please can I ask that all parents use the online system before contacting the school office. Last year there was a significant workload for the



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school admin due to people not following the online instructions. We use the online system because it is quick and easy for parents to use and you can book appointments close together for siblings, so please try it before contacting the school, thank you.

Education Scotland STEM Event – 13th March

On Wednesday 13th March we are really pleased to be hosting the last of Education Scotland's STEM training sessions for teachers. There will be additional visitors to the school on this day and the playground will be used for car parking on the day, thank you.



COMIC Relief – 15th March

COMIC RELIEF This year Primary 3K will be organising our Comic Relief day and all children will be invited to wear something red and dress down for a voluntary donation on Friday 15th March.

STEM Week – 18th – 22nd March



British Science week this year runs from 13th – 18th March, as we have lots of activities going on, so will be holding our event a little bit later this year. We will be learning about the different elements of STEM and taking part in the CREST science awards again this year. This participation will enable every child to achieve a certificate and recognition of their learning in Science. On Friday 22nd, we will be holding our STEM open afternoon between 2.15pm and 3.00pm with an opportunity for you to visit your child's class and take part in some STEM experiments with them.

Parent / Carer STEM Talks

We are calling all parents / carers who work in a STEM subject and would be interested in talking to your child's class about what you do in your job. It would be amazing if we had parents from across the school willing to talk to their child's class about their work. Previously we have found out about from parents about their work as paramedics and architects. So, if you have twenty minutes, half an hour at any point across the week, that you could spare to tell us about the STEM career you are in, that would be amazing, and would help us to discover more exciting STEM careers the children may want to follow in the future.



Last day of Term – Thursday 28th March

Our last day of term is Thursday 28th March. We will be having a dress down day and our Easter Assembly led by Primary 7 pupils on this day. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us for our Easter Assembly at 9.15am with refreshments afterwards.



Start of next term – if you think that your child might be absent from school at the start of next term, please do leave us a voice mail on the school's answering service or send an email. This helps us to account for all of the children on the first day back and we are not having to follow our absence policy and contact the Police if any children are missing in education, thank you.

School Uniform – Reminder

Just a quick reminder to ask for all children to come to school wearing the correct school uniform including a green school jumper, either with or without the school logo is acceptable. We have a selection of preloved school uniform if anyone needs any spare jumpers or cardigans, thank you for your support with this.



DIARY DATES



MARCH

4th – Start of our World Book Week celebrations
6th – Literacy Event for Parents and Carers 3.15 – 4.00pm
8th – World Book Day (all children are invited to dress up if they wish to)

School Reports due home

12th – Parents' Evening 3.15 – 4.45pm
13th – Education Scotland STEM event for teachers
Parents' Evening 5.30pm – 7.00pm
14th Parents' Evening 3.15 – 4.45pm
15th – Comic Relief – P3K
18th – Whole School STEM / Science Week
22nd – STEM Parent Open Afternoon
26th – P7s after school activities at Forbes Academy
28th – Dress Down Day

Easter Service

Last day of Term (Thursday 28th March)



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APRIL

15th – Start of school at 8.45am

26th – Month of the Military Child Celebration

MAY

3rd – Primary 2/3 Class assembly

6th – May Day school holiday – closed to everyone

10th – Primary 5/6 Class assembly



A big thank you to all of our teachers and support staff for their hard work this term and especially as we prepare for lots of exciting activities this month. We hope you can join us and hope everyone has a lovely last month of this term before the Easter holidays.

Mrs Wolford, Head Teacher

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Parent / Carer Session:
How we teach **READING**
Wednesday 6th March
3.15pm – 4.00pm in the school hall
As part of our World Book Week Celebration, all parents and carers welcome to drop in and find out how we teach reading and more!

Save the date!
World Book Day
7 March 2024

Reading Schools



As part of Book Week we are hoping to run a book stall. Please send in any books that you are willing to donate to our stall. These can be handed to class teachers over the next couple of weeks.

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Book swap

Pupils will be given the opportunity to visit the stall on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March 2024 and choose a free book to take home.



Get caught reading!
Join the Kinloss Primary School World Book Week reading challenge.



Send photos to class Dojo



As part of World book week we are running a competition. Follow the steps below to enter and be in with a chance of winning a prize

Challenge

- Choose a book, magazine or comic.
- Find somewhere unusual to read
- Ask an adult to take a photo of you enjoying your book.
- Share the photo with the school.

Prizes to be won!

