

KINLOCHBERVIE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

October 2021

Staffing

We welcome Dr Rachel Whiteley as our new Teacher of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science.

We said farewell to Mr Galbraith at the end of last term, he has a new teaching position in North Berwick. Miss Lockhart, who is currently on a career break, also formally resigned. We wish them both well in their new life in East Lothian. Mrs Thackeray will be teaching English in the meantime and we expect the post to be advertised very soon. Ms Richards will continue with music on her timetable.

Keith Blyth, our FMA left us at the end of September for a new post in Inverness. He left with our very best wishes in his new job and home. Dorothy Eastcroft who has started work this week has filled his post.

Our new Active Sports Coordinator, Scott Macrae has now started in post and has already planned a sports club session every Tuesday lunchtime from 1:45 - 2:10pm.

We will also be advertising very soon for a full time Guidance Teacher to enhance the level of support on offer to our pupils.

Adverse Weather

Please note, the following procedures for adverse weather:

- If the school is closing early for any reason including adverse weather, we will endeavour to make contact with all parents via telephone. We will also post on our Facebook and Twitter pages.
- At all other times i.e. before school opens, Parents should check the Highland Council Schools Messaging Service, the Highland Council Website - school closures and / or our Facebook or Twitter pages which we will update as soon as we possibly can. Staff will not be contacting Parents from their homes.

- The schools messaging service number and pin is as follows for all NWS Schools: 0800 564 2272 / Pin Number 04 1130 (Pinned to the top of our FB page for easy access).

Hydro Scheme Trip

Last term our pupils studying physics went on a trip to two hydroelectric schemes to see how electricity is generated from water. They first visited the hydro scheme under construction just north of Rhiconich and then toured the already working scheme at Garvault. Many thanks to Laurence Macleod and Roddy Watt for their time and organisation. The pupils will test their knowledge gained on the trip by building their own model hydro schemes in school.

Covid Testing

Due to the high number of positive covid cases in the Highlands at the moment, it's imperative that we continue to do our lateral flow tests. Please encourage your child to do these twice a week. Extra test kits are available from the school office.

Flu Immunisations

These were administered last term by the Community Nurses. If your child was absent on that particular day or did not hand in their letter please then call your GP practice to schedule an appointment with them.

McBeath Memorial

We received grant funding from Tesco's Bags for Help initiative a few years ago to erect fencing around the McBeath Memorial site. At that time, we were unable to find a contractor do the work for us. Thankfully, we managed to secure a quote from local contractor Jim Bunting and the work was completed at the start of this month. The fantastic wooden fence finishes off the area and we hope to replant the wooden pots already there and add more plants and flowers over time.

End of Day

Please be aware that when you are collecting your child/ren from school at 3.50pm that the pull in space at the front door of the school is for school transport. Please make sure you allow space for all four school buses/cars to pull in to ensure pupils can safely embark.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

18 Nov Children in Need
23 Nov Sport for Champions School Visit
9 Dec Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
22 Dec Holidays from 3:50pm

As always should you have any queries or concerns please contact me at the school.

Graeme Smart

Head Teacher