

KINLOCHBERVIE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

January 2023

Staffing

Miss Ross has joined us to cover music while Ms Richards is still off on maternity leave. It's great to have a former pupil back with us in our staff team. Thank you to Ms Teague for all her hard work over the last couple of terms.

Noeleen Chapman who was covering the office on a Friday (as well as the primary office Mon-Weds) has now left us. We wish Noeleen well in her new job.

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).
- All pupils have chromebooks and work will be posted on google classrooms for senior pupils if we have to close for any reason.

Youth in Philanthropy Initiative - Final 22/23

On Thursday 26th January our S5/6 pupils will be showing their final presentations on the charity they have chosen to support this year as part of the project. It's a huge privilege to be involved in YPI and to be able to work hard to show compassion, support and raise awareness for some of the charities who help us in times of need. The winning group will win £3000 for their charity which will make a huge difference to how they can help people in our area. The 2 chosen charities this year are: TYKES and

Mikey's Line. The final will be a smaller event this year due to the numbers involved but we wish them luck. We hope the results on the day reflect the effort the pupils have put into their work this year.

refreshments and some musical entertainment during the interval while the judges deliberate.

Prelims

These will be taking place in the period before the February long weekend and inset day for pupils sitting N5 and higher Exams. Most will take place in class times and any alternative arrangements will be communicated to pupils by class teachers. Teachers will also give pupils advance notice of the date and time of each prelim. We use the results of these prelims to prepare estimates for the SQA and we will also use them as evidence for appeals in the event that a pupil is absent on the day of an exam or does less well than we expect. They are therefore very important indicators of progress and a good measure of what the likely final result will be.

Table Sale

We hope to hold an indoor "car boot" sale before the Easter Holidays. Please keep this in mind when spring cleaning! Craft tables will also be welcome to book. More details to follow when a date has been set.

Scotland Football Matches

Consent forms for the matches will be given out a few weeks before the games. All tickets have been booked and bought. If your child cannot make the game, please let us know as we have a waiting list of eager pupils to fill the space if needed. Games this term are:

Saturday 25th March - Scotland v Cyprus 2pm

Tuesday 28th March - Scotland v Spain 7.45pm

Panto Trip

The NWSS trip to the panto on the last day of term was a great success. So much so that we will be doing it all over again this year! Date for your diary is Thursday 21st December 2023.

Vaccinations

We have two rounds of vaccinations coming up, HPV and DTPM. There have been some occasions where the return of forms has been very poor. Please make sure that forms are returned within seven days, this applies to those who want to take up the vaccination offer and those that do not. The form is required either way.

Lunch Time Opportunities this Term

Mon: Homework Club - various staff; Geography Club - Ms Pintado; Musicals Club - Mrs Thackeray & Miss Ross

Tues: Homework Club - Mr Keitany; Interhouse Sports - Mrs Paterson

Weds: Chess Club - Mr Keitany; Musicals Club - Mrs Thackeray & Miss Ross

Thurs: Homework Club - Dr Whiteley; Sports Club - Scott McRae; Ukulele Club - Miss Ross; Big Blue Box Drop In - Jo Watson

After School Opportunities this Term

Mon: N5 Maths/Physics Study Support

Weds: N5 Maths/Physics Study Support

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

26 Jan: YPI Final 2.15pm

31 Jan: Teaching Staff Strike - School Closed to Pupils

9 Feb: HPV Vaccinations S1 & Catch Up; Andy McKechnie Pupil Workshops

20/21 Feb: Holidays

22 Feb: Inset Day

27 Feb: Readathon

13 Mar: DTPM Vaccinations S3 & Catch Up

20 Mar: Scholastic Book Fair Week

31 Mar: Holidays from 1.25pm

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

Graeme Smart

Head Teacher