

Kingsford Catch-Up!

June 2019



Welcome to the newest edition of Kingsford Catch-Up!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely summer – here's hoping the sun remembers to shine!



Just a reminder!

After the summer holidays staff will return on Monday 19th August but because there will be two in-service days at the start of the term the children will not return to school until **Wednesday 21st August** at the usual time of 9am.

In **November** there will also be two in-service days – Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November.

What is Pupil Equity Funding?

Pupil Equity Funding is money that comes to our school to help us provide the best possible opportunities for children's learning.

In particular, it is there to help our school support children who experience barriers to learning and who might be falling behind or not getting the same chances in their education because their family is experiencing poverty or other financial difficulties.

This money is given to our school as part of the Scottish Government's Scottish Attainment Challenge. The Scottish Government wants to see every child succeed and achieve their full potential. That's why they have decided to give extra money to schools to help them to make education fairer.

Pupil Equity Funding is designed to support children in Primary 1 to S3 who are eligible and registered for free school meals. However, head teachers can use their judgment to support other children in their school who are affected by poverty.

For the past two sessions one initiative we have run at Kingsford is 'Getting Your Day Off To A Good Start'. All eligible children were invited at the start of each school session but not all of them took up their places and the spare places were used effectively by other children for other reasons.

However, moving forward into next session we have had to have a rethink as this initiative is not impacting on a large enough percentage of our eligible children. Currently those eligible families are participating in a survey and staff at school and ASG level have also been consulted as to our next steps.

Initiatives agreed for session 2019/2020 will be shared in our next Newsletter.

[Pupil equity funding - information for parents and carers 2017.pdf](#)

Behaviour Policy:

We have continued to work to ensure our revised behaviour policy is ready for the new session. We very much appreciate the feedback from parents and pupils we have received in regards to the survey sent out. We have also linked in with the Aberdeen City Council lead for Rights Respecting Schools to ensure we are meeting current guidelines and using language that supports this.

We now have a draft policy in place and will shortly be putting it to the Parent Council for consultation. We are looking forward to sharing this with you all.



2019 Kingsford Olympics

As they often say in sport, "It was a game of two halves!" We had a fantastic morning session with our 14 Olympic countries trying their hardest to collect points in a wide array of events. From rugby bag tackling to hockey dribble to tyre roll challenge, the children had great fun demonstrating their sporting prowess. Congratulations to the Philippines, who collected Gold, with Argentina getting Silver and Japan, the Bronze.

Our AM nursery children then showed us their sprinting, balancing and jumping skills before we had a picnic lunch to celebrate the school's 60th birthday. The selection of 1950's music played split opinion with some children asking Mr Bain why he was playing music from his childhood! The cheek of it!! With dark clouds gathering, we made a start on the afternoon activities but, unfortunately, the heavens opened during the PM nursery's events and we had to abandon sports for the day.

We have been able to hold the class running races during PE and on Friday, the P7s were able to take part in an indoor tug-of-war competition.

Special thanks to the volunteers who allow us to run our sports day, the kind donation of refreshments from CFINE / Co-op and the lovely diamond-shaped shortbreads baked by our dinner ladies. Looking forward, with perfect vision, to our next Olympics in 2020.

CCC Residential Trip

The Primary 7 children who were away to Glenshee had a fantastic time and have come back to school with lots of stories and memories to share. They were busy working in teams and completing many challenges together. Everybody walked the moorland, went rock climbing, completed a ropes course, kayaked in the pond and created and produced short movies.

Mr Bain, Mrs MacBeath and Miss Kingston accompanied the children and had a great time too.

Primary 5 on stage!

On the first day of the holidays our P5 children in Room 7 will be performing their 1980s routine on stage in the Music Hall as part of the Schools get Dancing final. Parents and families will already have had the opportunity to see the routine during our Music Sharing on Monday 1st July at 2pm and I am sure you will all join us in wishing them well on the Saturday.

Well done Room 7!



Upcoming Events:

Primary 7 Graduation

P7s will say their official Goodbyes to us on Thursday, 4th July.

Summer Holidays

Friday 5th July– School will close for the holiday. Stay safe and have a good rest.

Back after Summer

Staff – Monday 19th August.

Pupils – Wednesday 21st August.

Andrew & Demi: Exhibition of Work

Earlier this month, Andrew was at the University of Strathclyde as a Winner of the Leader's Award for the Scooter School Bag. Andrew received a trophy and framed certificate for his achievement. His work was also displayed at a public exhibition.

Demi's Leader's Award entry was awarded a Distinction and Shortlisted. Her work was **also** on display at a public exhibition in Glasgow.

