



Vision: Always Learning, Always Growing, Always Positive

Welcome back to school and nursery following the October break, we are looking forward to a busy term ahead!

Learning This Term

Topics in each class for this term:

P1 - Space	P4/5 - Inventions through history (flight and communication)
P1/2 - Remembrance Day and Festivals of Light	P5/6 - Renewable Energy
P2/3 - Energy and Electricity	P6 - Energy Sources, Electricity and Design
P3/4 - Space and Scotland (continue term 3)	P7 - Renewable Energy/Electricity
P4 - Changes in our community	Rainbow - Transport

For more details please see your child's Termly Planner which also has other dates for your diary on the school website - www.aviemoreprimary.co.uk and your child's Google Classroom available from Friday 5th November.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome some new staff to our ELC team. Vicki Leckie has joined us as Clerical Assistant and started this week. Verity Matthew has been appointed as an Early Years Practitioner for the remainder of this academic session in the Woodland Room. Sally Garrow will be joining us later this term as a Support Worker in the Woodland Room. We welcome all new staff to our team. We thank Kenny Rogan and Joanne Pringle for their contribution to our nursery and send them our best wishes for the future. We still have an outstanding Pupil Support Assistant vacancy due to be advertised soon and an Out of School Support Worker role which has been re-advertised to increase capacity in our after school club.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal



Thank you for your donations to our shoebox appeal and thank you to our Capercaillie house captains and teachers for organising. We are delighted to have collected 111 shoeboxes (and counting at time of writing!)

Parent/Carer Appointments

Parent/carers appointments will take place this term in the week beginning 22nd November. Latest Covid guidance from the Scottish Government and Highland Council states that these appointments should take place virtually again this year. However we are now able to meet with parents/carers face to face to discuss specific issues if necessary and unable to meet virtually. We will be using the Parent Booking System that we used last year again. More details will follow about how to book an appointment and specific timings for your child's teacher.

Parent Council

We are delighted that a new Parent Council committee was formed at our AGM earlier this month. A huge thank you to our outgoing committee members, Carole Butler and Helena Ekerot for their hard work and dedication in supporting school. Thank you and welcome to our new committee as below. Our next Parent Council meeting is on the **10th November**, all welcome.

Chair: Jodie Baxter

Vice-Chair: Fiona McGhee

Secretary: Lyssa McBean

Vice-Secretary: Rayna McAllister

Treasurer: Dave Murchie

Vice-Treasurer: Laura Ross



SMT weekly drop-ins and Parent/Carer Workshop

Following feedback from our parental questionnaire last term we have decided to hold weekly virtual drop-ins for parents and carers with our Senior Management Team. Emma MacCallum (Headteacher) and Chenelle McMaster (Depute Headteacher) will be available **every Monday (from 1st November) from 4:30-5pm**. The code will be **APSSMT**. These sessions will provide an opportunity to ask general questions about school and nursery. As other parents/carers will be present it won't be possible to discuss individual children. Each term we will do a planned presentation. This term we will present information about our Curriculum on November 15th. Our Principal Teachers will also join for a session each term if you wish to discuss issues relating to their specific remits.

Eilidh Ross - 8th November. Remit - Literacy and Nursery-P1 Transition.

Jess Creber - 29th November. Remit - Literacy and Digital Learning

Catriona Sutton - 6th December. Remit - ASN

Assemblies

We have missed being able to invite parent/carers along to our assemblies. We are still having virtual assemblies in school to avoid large gatherings. However we would like to invite you to join us online in the meantime until we can return to normal. Assembly is **every Friday from 11-11:30**. Please use Google Meet and the code **AviemoreAssembly**. The first assembly parents/carers are invited to join is on the 12th November and P1/2 will be sharing their learning about Remembrance Day. We will let you know in advance if your child is receiving a certificate at assembly.

Other assemblies this term are as follows:

19th November - Anti-bullying week (led by Pupil Groups)

26th November - P3/4 sharing learning about St Andrew's Day.

3rd December - Equalities and Human Rights

10th December - Star Assembly

17th December - Christmas



Events this term



Photographer

We had previously shared that Pixel Photography would visit school and nursery on 4th November to take individual and family photos. However the photographer has requested that we postpone this to the end of November as the guidance he has been asked to follow suggest photographs be taken outside and this presents challenges with weather/lighting. We are hopeful this may change later in the term.

Outdoor Classroom Day

Outdoor Classroom Day takes place on Thursday 4th November. We will be taking our learning outside for part of the day. Please ensure your child has additional layers (including waterproofs) to wear to school on this day.



Children in Need



This year Children in Need have partnered with BBC One's Strictly Come Dancing to celebrate with glitz and glam! In school and nursery we are asking children to dress up in 'Sparkles and Spots' and all classes will take part in a danceathon morning, dancing in a 'Strictly' style on Friday 19th November. We are asking for a donation (suggestion £1) to dress up and take part. We will also have an art competition and challenge children to design a new glamorous bandana for Pudsey! Donation of your choice to enter.

Christmas Events

Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 16th December. Lunch costs £2.30. Please make sure that we are aware of any allergies, particularly for children who do not usually have a school lunch. Please note no alternative options will be available on this day.



Christmas Parties will take place the week beginning 13th December. Your child's teacher will be in touch with specific dates and plans nearer the time.

We are still planning our **Christmas Performance** this year as we are unsure if Covid restrictions will allow a live audience (indoors or outdoors) or if we will need to consider a virtual alternative again. However this year we are able to sing! These will take place/be shared the week beginning 6th December.



Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 10th December. We ask children to wear a festive jumper to school and nursery. No money is required this year - it is just for fun.

Reminders

- **Clothing** - Please ensure children have appropriate clothing now that we are into the winter months. At nursery in particular please make sure children have a change of clothes and that these are in a waterproof bag.
- **Nursery office** - Reminder our nursery office is only staffed on a Mon, Wed, Fri. Please call the school office if you need to speak to someone on another day.
- **Allergies** - A reminder that we have some children in school with nut allergies, we would appreciate if you do not give your child nuts or nut products such as peanut butter as a snack/lunch for school.
- **Parking** - please do not park in the school or nursery turning circles, these are for drop off only.

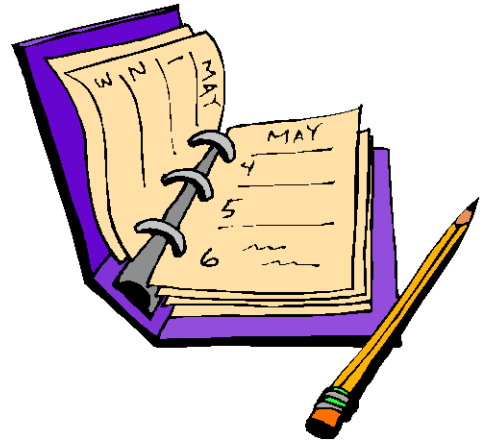
Dates for your Diary

October

- 26th M&M Productions - Wizard of Oz
- 29th KHS/Cash for Kids Halloween Fundraiser

November

- 4th Outdoor Classroom Day (pm)
First Peep parenting session starting
- 10th Parent Council Meeting
- 12th P1/2 Class assembly (Remembrance)
- 15th Parent workshop - Curriculum
- Wk beg 15th Anti-bullying week
- 19th Children in Need
- 19th Assembly led by Pupil Groups
- Wk beg 22nd Parent/carer consultations.
(virtual or face to face tbc)
- 26th P3/4 Class assembly (St Andrew's Day)



December

- Wk beg 6th Christmas Performances
(virtual or face to face tbc)
- 10th - Christmas Jumper Day
- Wk beg 13th Christmas Parties
Nursery new start visits.
- 16th Christmas Lunch

Other dates such as Open events TBC depending on Covid guidance nearer the time.

School closes for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 22nd December and reopens on Thursday 6th January 2021



Our Values
Aviemore Primary
Values are:
Inclusion
Everyone learning and happy
Motivated
Open-minded
Respectful, resilient and
responsible
Exploring new things

Miss E MacCallum
Headteacher

29th October 2021