



October 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday! We're back for another busy term, and although it will be a full one, I'm sure it will be fantastic.

Even though October was a short month at school, I wanted to share some highlights of what has been happening.

Maths Week Scotland

To wrap up Maths Week Scotland, our wonderful teachers and P7 pupils organised fun maths games. The children rotated through stations every 20 minutes, with our amazing P7s leading their groups, showcasing great leadership and organisational skills.

Open Morning (1st October)

We welcomed parents and family members to our Open Morning, and it was a fantastic event. A representative from Planet Youth discussed their initiative with parents, while Tina Gibson, our school sports coordinator, shared exciting plans for our students. A big thank you to all parents who signed up for activities, helping to provide valuable opportunities for children to develop their sports skills.

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire. We're pleased that many categories scored 80% or above, but we're aiming for at least 80% across all areas. We'll be focusing on the following areas for improvement:

• Communication about children's progress and school events: 60% •

Safe and inclusive environment: 70%

• Preparation for future academic success: 60%

• Information on policies, procedures, and events: 70%

• Well-being and mental health promotion: 70%

• Accessibility of learning resources: 70%

Open Morning 1/10/24 Parents' Questionnaire Term 1 RESULTS (10 answers) Please grade each question. 1 would be very poor and 5 very good					
Questions	1	2	3	4	5
How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the school's curriculum?			X 10 %	Xxx x 40 %	Xxxxx 50%
How effectively do you believe the school communicates with parents regarding your child's progress and school events?			Xxx x 40 %	X 10 %	Xxxxx 50%
Are you satisfied with the school's facilities and resources?			X 10 %	Xxx x 40 %	Xxxxx 50%
How do you feel about the school's approach to discipline and pupil behaviour management?		X 10 %	X 10 %		Xxxx xxxx 80%
Do you believe the school fosters a safe and inclusive environment for all pupils?		X 10- %		Xx 20 %	Xxxxx 50%
How well do you think the school prepares children for future academic and career success?		X 10 %	Xx x 30	X 10 %	Xxxxx 50%

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How responsive do you find the school administration and staff to parental concerns and feedback?		N/A	X 10 %	Xx 20 %	Xxxxx x 60%
How satisfied are you with the level of parent involvement and engagement at the school?				xXx x 40 %	Xxxxx x 60%
Do you feel adequately informed about school policies, procedures, and upcoming events?	Xx 20 %		X 10 %	X 10 %	Xxxxx x 60%
Are you happy with how clear and responsible the school leadership is?	X 10 %		X 10 %	Xx 20 %	Xxxxx x 60%
How do you perceive the effectiveness of the school's efforts to promote children well-being and mental health?		X 10 %	Xx 20 %	Xx x 30 %	Xxxx 40%
How would you rate the accessibility of educational resources and support for your child's individual learning needs?			Xx x 30 %	Xx x 30 %	Xxxx 40%

Any additional comments:

No area to feedback concerns, etc.

A class didn't have much work to show- Maybe an idea to have open morning later in the year? Beautiful Hall displays!

Well done to all the Keiss staff for their hard work and dedication. Thanks for making our school such a lovely place to be!

Fantastic school

Not much work to see maybe have later in the year

We welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have to help us improve in these areas.

Butterfly Workshop

On Wednesday 2nd October, we were visited by Mary Legg and Sue, who led a workshop for our P4 to P7 class on butterflies. The children learned about different butterfly species and their habitats, and they planted Kidney Vetch seeds – the primary food source for some butterflies. Mary and Sue also complimented the children on their behaviour, which is always lovely to hear from our visitors, even though we already know how fantastic they are!

Construction Day

On Wednesday, 9th October, Bower and Crossroads Primary Schools joined us to participate in a Construction Day. Our students worked in groups on a variety of hands-on building projects. During breaks, they enjoyed playing with their friends from Bower and Crossroads Primary Schools. It was a fantastic day filled with great learning experiences and new friendships.

A huge thank you to all the staff who helped organize such a special day! The children's work was truly amazing, showcasing their incredible creativity. The teachers also praised the students for their outstanding behaviour and teamwork throughout the day.

House Challenges

Our house and vice captains took on the important task of organising house challenges, and they did an amazing job! There were three activities, and the children had a blast participating. It was a fun and energizing way to build team spirit and cooperation within the school.

Please feel free to reach out to the school or contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns. My door is always open, and I welcome any

suggestions you may have to help improve our school.

Warm regards,

Sylvie Sinclair

Head Teacher, Keiss Primary School& Nursery

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 5th November 2024 – School Photos
- Friday 15th November 2024 – BBC Children In Need – Dress Down Day