

# Glenbervie School Newsletter

Winter 2015

## Article 29

*You have the right to education which develops your personality,  
respect for other's rights and the environment*



*It has been a pleasure to be part of this lovely team at Glenbervie and I would firstly like to thank all the parents, staff and pupils for their warm welcome and continuing support. It was remiss of me, in my first newsletter, not to officially welcome Mrs Kathleen Wilson to our Admin team and I would like to do so now. I'm sure you will agree she is a valuable addition to our team*



*and between Mrs Meston and herself they are always available to keep our school running smoothly! We have had a very busy start to our School year with many lovely activities and events taking place.*

## Harvest Assembly

*Our Primary 4/5 class led a very Successful Harvest Assembly sharing their knowledge of*

*farming and their experiences at Castleton Farm. They were joined by Nathan Young, a local minister and*

*Fiona Graham from the local Food bank who thanked us for our impressive Harvest Collection which will go to local families.*



## Rotary Shoebox Appeal

*The local Rotary Club have asked us to help send some shoeboxes to families in need, in time for Christmas. It is a short turn around, but if donations can be handed in by Monday 3rd November, it would be appreciated.*





### Open Afternoon

A lovely afternoon was spent with pupils, families and members of staff with the children leading tours around the school and discussing the rich variety of learning experiences taking place in the school. Our Pupil groups also did us proud introducing themselves and sharing their goals for the year. A special mention needs to go to our P6/7's and House Groups who have worked exceptionally hard on producing House Shields, Mottos and chants. This will help us develop a stronger affinity to our houses and be rewarding for all.



### Poetry Day

Our Poetry day was a great hit and the children were joined by children from Mearns Pre-School. They took part in a variety of inspired activities and it was lovely to see our older pupils take a lead in the learning.



**Article 28** – Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity

### Behaviour Policy

Our new positive behaviour Policy has been put out for consultation with all stake holders and will be up and running this term. We focus our attention at all times on the promotion and celebration of good behaviour in and around school. As part of our new programme we will be operating a card system which draws children's attention to inappropriate behaviour with the intention of refocusing on our expectations and values within the school. A sad face and yellow card are issued when behaviour is causing some concern and an orange if the behaviour is repeated or extended. Class teachers will inform you of yellow and orange cards and we would appreciate your support by signing or acknowledging with your child the expectations required of them by the school. Red cards are issued when the behaviour has the potential to cause harm to self or others and would result in a phone call home from Mrs Glennie.





### Article 31

You have the right to play and relax and do things like sport, music and drama



### Active Schools

As mentioned in a recent letter we have managed to set up many of our Sporting clubs with the support of parents, local sponsors and Active Schools. Doreen will be taking Basketball sessions on Friday lunchtimes for a 6 week block.



We anticipate more activities over the year, with some especially for our younger pupils. Miss Munro and Mrs Edwards our specialists have both indicated an interest in setting up some lunchtime or after school clubs so we will keep you posted.

### School Improvement Plan Update: In-Service Training

The staff are participating in a wide range of worthwhile workshops, training activities and discussions during the November in-service training days. Mrs Brown is engaging in a Scottish Government's '1+2' modern languages initiative. This initiative will ensure that all P1-7 pupils will be exposed to an additional language, and a second for upper stages pupils. In fact, many local schools, including our own, have already started implementing these recommendations. The



rest of the staff will be engaging in some Active Literacy training, Big Writing project and of course taking the time to look at our School Aims and Values. This will help us de-

velop our Curriculum Rationale which we hope to share with parents soon. The staff have also been actively engaged in a Number sense twilight training programme, that aims to support attainment in Numeracy. Mr Bell is currently leading part of this programme and for staff it is an excellent reinforcement of approaches to support the development of number sense.

### Eye Examinations

All children are entitled to an annual free eye examination by a qualified Optometrist (opticians). We

would encourage all parents to take

their children to an optician for a

regular eye examination. These examinations are really important



for checking the health of your children's eyes and for making sure they get any help they may need to make the most of their vision.

### Forest Schools



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A huge congratulations needs to go to Primary 4/5 and Mrs McConachie who have achieved a Bronze Woodland Schools Award for Glenbervie school. Every week, whatever the weather, Mrs McConachie, the pupils and a team of dedicated parent and staff members, are participating in activities linked to the Forest School Programme. They are also achieving many of our goals and priorities for our school garden and eco schools programme. Outdoor education is an important aspect in our curriculum and these

initiatives highlight how well it is embedded at Glenbervie Primary. Primary 1/2/3 and P6/7 have also been out and about engaging in a variety of experiences outdoors. It is essential that this continues and it is noted how well prepared the children are to go outdoors. Please make sure this continues, as we can never predict changes in our local weather and we need to ensure the children are warm and waterproofed for any occasion.



### Parent Council (GSP)

As you are aware, our planned AGM is due to take place  
On Monday 9th

November 8pm at Glenbervie School. We have an active group of parents who are always looking for new members. Without their help in planning a vast range of fundraising activities throughout the year the school would be unable to purchase such a wide range of resources to support learning experiences of every child. The AGM is open to all parents and it would be lovely to see many of you coming along and adding your ideas to this important parent forum. The GSP have asked me to include minutes of their meetings in our newsletters, so please find these attached at the end. Unfortunately our September Bag Pack had to be cancelled, due to a shortage of volunteers. Sadly, this means our Cinema trip, although going ahead, will not be funded this year by the GSP. On a more positive note we have managed to reschedule a Bag pack for 27th

February at ASDA. Hopefully with more notice, this will mean we will have more Volunteers. There are also still spaces available for the photo sessions on Saturday 7th November. Please contact the school for more details.



### **Upcoming Events and Christmas Activities**

As always, we have several activities planned this term as well as our Christmas celebrations. I have updated the School Annual calendar and included these dates. As ever, should there be changes I will let you know as soon as possible.

#### *Children In Need Day – Friday 13th November*

The Pupil Council and RRS group have decided we should come to school in our pyjamas this day and make a donation to the appeal to do so. Please remember this is optional. There will also be a variety of Pudsey themed activities and souvenirs to donate too on the day, including Pudsey ears and pin badges. Our kitchen staff along side our Pupil Council and RRS group will compete in our Pudsey Bake off. All pupils will have the opportunity to decorate a Pudsey Biscuit. We will also be welcoming our pre school children to join us in the fun and have a sing song with Mrs Edwards.

As you can see I am looking forward to another very active and successful session!

With best wishes,  
Jenny Glennie

Acting Head Teacher

