



Glenbervie School Newsletter

Spring 2016

So far this year we have had an eventful start to 2016. I cannot thank you enough for all the support and offers of help we had from the local community. We are under way with repairs to our roof and are starting the process of repairing our flood damaged classroom. P1/2/3 and



Mrs Ingram have been extremely resilient with the move to our Activity room and have been supported by a fantastic team here at Glenbervie. Unfortunately, we are now having problems with our heating system and overflows, which is causing water to pour into our assembly hall, so I'm afraid further disruption should be expected, but we will try to manage it so the children are affected as little as possible. I thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Term 3 is always an extremely busy with several national fundraising events and special days. Please retain this newsletter as it includes important diary dates and details of upcoming events.

P1 Enrolment

The Registration week for Primary 1 was from 11th January to 15th January 2016. Parents can, of course, still enrol pupils. Please contact the school office for further details, or to arrange a meeting.

The following is from Aberdeenshire's P1 Enrolment press release:

"All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2017 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2016"

Aberdeenshire Education and Children's Services has a common starting date for all its schools in the middle of August in any particular year. You will be informed of this year's starting date at the time of registration at school.

Parents are asked to visit the Primary school of their choice during Registration Week. If this is not possible, should try and visit the school by the end of February 2016. To register for Primary 1 the child's birth certificate is required as evidence of their date of birth.

Aberdeenshire Education and Children's Services make no provision to admit any children who are five after the end of February, unless that child has previously been registered and has commenced full-time attendance (excluding induction) in a state supported for Forces school and is transferring into Aberdeenshire. In this case, the local authority can exercise discretion. Registration for a nursery or playgroup does not count for the purposes of this exception".





Open Afternoon

We held an enrolment afternoon with many of our 14 new Primary One's coming along for a tour and play and share session with our existing Primary Ones. It was a lovely afternoon with many parents from Auchenblae Nursery, pre school and Mearns Pre school, meeting for the first time. We look forward to welcoming them all into the school in our many transition events planned over the next two terms.



Scots Poetry Competition

Congratulations to all those pupils who were successful in winning a place in this year's Scots Poetry Competition final.



We would like to thank Mrs MacKenzie , from Drumlithie and Mr Douglas Samways from Stonehaven Fatherland Burns Club for judging this year's competition. Mr Samways has wrote a lovely letter to the school commenting on the Childrens' high level of performance and exceptional commitment to the competition.



We thoroughly enjoyed our Burns Lunch and Burns Assembly held on the same day. Many thanks to our Kitchen team who did a superb haggis, neeps and tatties. Ken Henderson did an excellent job of piping in and Addressing the haggis. Murray Taylor did an excellent job carrying in the haggis and performing the Selkirk Grace. The assembly was full of wonderful performances of dance, singing, music and poetry recitals. It was enjoyed by all and parents have particularly been impressed by the level of confidence and performance our pupils display.



On this day we also invited our pre-school children, including our new Primary One's to come and take part in a variety of Burns Themed activities.



The children rotated amongst our staff experiencing a wide range of curricular learning, whilst becoming familiar with the staff and pupils of Glenbervie. A wonderful day enjoyed by all.



The children engaged in a range of activities from Haggis Hunting, Loch Ness Monster modelling, tablet making and Scottie dog mobiles. It was a lovely transition morning for our pre-school pupils and a lovely way to integrate our older and younger pupils. Again a huge thank you to all the staff, parent volunteers and pupils for all their hard work.

Here are all pupils, receiving their participation certificates from Mrs Glennie.



Primary 7 Transition Meeting

Our Primary 7's and parents had their first visit from Mackie Academy on Wednesday 27th January. Mr Tulloch, Deputy Head and Susan Miller from Community Learning came in to explain the Primary 7 Transition Programme. They also answered questions from pupils and parents about what to expect at Mackie. Although, it seems a while away the time will fly and it was lovely to see many of the Primary 7 pupils getting excited about the future events, although the canteen at Mackie still remains the highlight for many!! Our Aiming for High programme and transition events will mainly be in term 4 and pupils have been given information on how to access extra transition events. Please remember to return any forms to the school as soon as possible.

Parent Council (GSP) AGM

Our rescheduled AGM has been organised for **Wednesday 3rd February at 7:30pm** at Glenbervie school.

All parents are warmly invited to attend to find out more about the valuable work that the GSP does to support the life of the school.

GSP is one of the ways in which the 'parent voice' can be shared; enabling the school to consult with representatives of the parent body on a wide range of issues.

In addition to this, GSP's fundraising efforts have a significant impact on our capacity to purchase new resources and organise visits and workshops. Please remember we have our Quiz Night (Adults Only) at the Village Hall on Friday 19th February, 7pm and our Bag Pack on Saturday 27th February at ASDA, which we still need pupils, parents and staff to sign up and help at. I cannot re-iterate enough how the money raised goes to improve the quality of experiences at Glenbervie for all Pupils. So far we have managed to use GSP funds to help with school trips, Theatre groups, Sports Kits and organise experiences for Science week. I cannot thank the GSP enough for all their hard work and support .



School Volunteers/Harvey Garden

We value the opportunity to use the Millennium (Harvey)



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Garden for our Forest School activities. We are also grateful to have our school garden within this area.

We are proud of the achievements we have made in the school garden over the years; with the development of a 'wigloo' (willow shelter), mini-beast hotel, butterfly houses and raised beds.

However, it is challenging for us to

keep on top of all the tasks necessary to ensure that the area is 'under control'. The garden was also badly damaged in the floods and is in need of some repair.



The pupils thoroughly enjoy spending time gardening and we would appreciate help from members of the community to spend some time working in the garden with, or without, pupils. If you are able to help, or would like to suggest someone who could, please contact the school office (740 236).

School Development Update

The upcoming In-service days will provide the opportunity for staff to focus on key areas of this year's school improvement plan:

- A review of current resources and approaches in reading and comprehension.
- Attendance at the Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Learning Festival with staff participating in a wide range of CPD activities.
- An opportunity to undertake a self-evaluation exercise using 'How Good is Our School?'
- Working in partnership with Cluster schools to further explore a new Digital reading resource called Giglets.

Upcoming Events

Our Primary 4-7 pupils will be joined by pupils from Redmyre Primary for a special Burns Performance by the Hopscotch theatre company on Friday 5th February. Pupils have been engaged in a variety of curricular learning surrounding Burns and this will allow a fitting finale to this celebration.

Again our P4-7 pupils, due to the Class topics they have been doing have the opportunity to attend the Royal Northern Agricultural Spring Show at Inverurie on Tuesday 24th February. More information will follow.

Scottish Book Awards- Our Primary 2/3 children have been invited to attend the Scottish Book Awards in Glasgow in March and we hope to take the children by train to this event. It is exceptionally exciting to be invited and the children will get a chance to meet the Authors, take part in activities and of course find out the winner of the awards. Mrs Ingram has been working with the children in class on activities to prepare them for the event. Again, more information will follow soon.



Archie In Africa Day - Thursday 31st March

Following on from the success of last Years

Fundraiser, which has meant that Glenbervie School name appears on the wall in the operating theatre, we have decided to participate again. It will be a dress up as an animal day (African if possible) with all donations going to the ARCHIE project. More details will be sent out nearer the time.



Active Schools Update

Our Active School Co-ordinator, Doreen Seery, continues to organise a wide range of additional sporting activities for pupils.

So far this session the P4/5 class have enjoyed a series of rugby sessions and P6 pupils had a curling session at The Curl, Aberdeen.

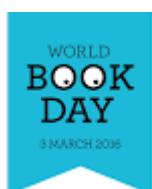
Upcoming opportunities include Club Golf for P4/5, hockey for P6/7 and a badminton sports hall challenge for some of the P3/4 pupils.

We are always looking for opportunities to start new clubs and activities. I have attached the latest newsletter to this document/email.

We continue to have a successful number of After school clubs such as Cross Country, netball, Sports hall and Volleyball. I am delighted to see so many pupils taking part and continuing to participate in out of school events. It is fantastic to see Glenbervie so well represented and I thank the parents for your continuing support in this.

World Book Day

Arrangements are being finalised to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3 March. In addition to the activities organised by members of staff, each pupil will be issued with a special £1 voucher as in previous years. We will also be inviting the touring Book Club into the school for pupils and parents to visit and purchase. The vouchers will be able to be used at this book club. It is likely to be a dress up day, should pupils wish to think ahead of costume ideas.



British Science Week

British Science Week (BSW), formerly National Science & Engineering Week (NSEW) is a programme of science, technology, engineering and maths events and activities across the UK aimed at people of all ages.

BSW 2015 will take place 14 - 18 March.

As in previous years, pupils will be involved in a special science themed challenge and we have a huge range of visitors planned. If you feel you could contribute to Science week in any way, please feel free to get in touch and we will accommodate you in the programme.

P6/7- Show

Mrs Brown is underway with preparations for our P6/7 performance of MacBeth. The show is due to take place on Thursday 24th March in Drumlithie Village Hall. It is likely it will be an afternoon performance, should parents need to juggle other commitments, this gives some advance notice.



Sponsored Walk

Plans are being confirmed for this year's sponsored walk. In addition to funds raised to help subsidise school trips and activities, previous sponsored events have enabled us to support the work of Anne Philip's Year in Malawi (2013) and Diabetes UK (2014) and ARCHIE in Africa' day (2015). This year we are planning to donate some of the funds raised to support Archie in Africa again'. This event, organised by the Royal Aberdeen Children's hospital. We also plan to contribute some of the funds to the Rotary End Polio Campaign that our RRS group have been supporting with our Purple Pinkie Crocus planting. More details will be issued in the near future.

Diary Dates

For future planning (to be confirmed/may be subject to change):



Term 3

Date	Event
Wednesday 6 th January	New Term Begins
Monday 25 th January	Burns Assembly/Celebration
Wednesday 3 rd February	GSP Meeting
Friday 5 th February	Hopscotch Theatre Company- P4-7 and Redmyre Primary
Thursday 11 th February	Occasional Day Holiday
Friday 12 th February	Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 15 th February	Mid-term Holiday
Tuesday 16 th February	Inservice Day
Wednesday 17 th February	Inservice Day
Tuesday 24 th February	P4-7 Spring Show
Wednesday 2 nd March	Primary 2/3 visit to Scottish Book Awards
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Monday 14 th March - Thursday 17 th March	STEM (Science, Technologies , Engineering and Maths) Activities
Friday 18 th March	Sport Relief
Thursday 24 th March	P6/7 Show- afternoon
Friday 25 th March	Good Friday Holiday
Friday 1 st April	Sponsored Walk
Friday 1 st April	Term Ends



Term 4

Date	Event
Monday 18 th April	New Term Begins
Friday 29 th April	Annual Progress Reports
Monday 2 nd May	May Day Holiday
Tuesday 10 th May	Parent Consultations- for Concerns only
Tuesday 17 th May	Primary 1 Induction meeting for parents
Friday 20 th May	Sports day/Family Picnic/ECO Afternoon for Action
Monday 23 rd -Fri 27 th May	P6/7 Edinburgh Trip
Saturday 11 th June	Gala Day
Wednesday 15- Friday 17 th June	P7 Transition Days Mackie
Friday 24 th June	P6/7 Highland Show
Wednesday 29 th June	Celebration of Achievement
Friday 1 st July	End of Session

Let hope it is a smoother term than the start of it has been. Please remember our Open Door Policy, and do not hesitate to contact me with any queries or concerns you may have.

Best Wishes,

Jenny Glennie

Acting Head Teacher



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