

Glenbervie School Newsletter

Spring 2017



Article 29

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

So far this year we have avoided any significant disruption due to adverse weather - long may this continue! Please see the information that has been sent out regarding a new Mobile App called Groupcall Xpressions which allows group messages to be sent out directly to your mobile phones. It is the new system that all Aberdeenshire schools are opting into and should make communication between the school and yourselves easier and more effective. We have also joined the world of twitter and I will try to communicate information through this too.

Find us at @glenbervieps



This is always an extremely busy term with several national events and special days. Please retain this email as it includes important diary dates and details of upcoming events.

P1 Enrolment

Registration Week for Primary 1 is 9th January to 13th January 2017.

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2018 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admissions in August 2017.

Aberdeenshire Education and Children's Services has a common starting date for all its school 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 2017. 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 case, the local authority can exercise discretion. Registration for a nursery group does not count for the purposes of this exception".



Christmas Events

We had a lovely end to our term with some lovely Community events. The children of Glenbervie and GSP took themselves out to the local Community lunch and M& Co to spread some Christmas Cheer with Carol singing. We also had a lovely visit from Santa to share in the Christmas Parties.



The children of Primary 5/6 excelled themselves by running a Christmas Enterprise Project raising over £200, which they intend to donate to a cancer charity, as many of them have been directly and indirectly affected by this over recent months. Our Community singsong was a lovely way to end the term and of course we cannot forget our lovely Primary 1/2 Nativity, which perhaps reminded us all about the true meaning of Christmas. The service itself in St Johns and the support from Reverend Michael Turner was as ever very appreciated.



Open Afternoon– Pre School Enrolment

We hope to hold an enrolment afternoon for many of our new Primary One's coming along for a tour and play and share session with our existing Primary Ones at 2pm. On the afternoon of Wednesday 18th January (2pm) We hope this will be an opportunity for children and parents to meet and mix and we look forward to welcoming them all into the school in our many transition events planned over the next two terms.



Community Support and Thanks

As Acting Head Teacher I would like to express how impressed I have been with the hard work of all staff, parents and pupils in the school and the huge support from the local community. It has been a busy six months, including some highlights such as our Cross country Challenge, Aberdeen Football Coaching, Our 4th Eco Green Flag Presentation, P5/6 Enterprise Project, Robert Burns Presentation and of course our Primary 1/2 Nativity in our local St John's. On this note I would like to express my gratitude to Barr Demolition for sponsoring the cross country, allowing us to have trophies and medals for all children. The Christmas Service was lovely and I can't thank Reverend Michael Turner enough for welcoming us into the church. Macphie of Glenbervie kindly sponsored our Football Coaching and supported the school with a Bake off style charity event for Children in Need. They also donated our school Christmas Tree- many thanks!

Our Netball Team got off to a flying start with a 14-0 win and again we thank our local Drumlithie Ladies Netball Team for paying our affiliation to the league.

Primary 7 Transition Meeting

Our Primary 7's and parents are invited to their first visit from Mackie Academy on Wednesday 25th January. Miss Moir Head Teacher and Susan Miller from Community Learning will be in to explain the Primary 7



Transition Programme. They will also answer questions from pupils and parents about what to expect at Mackie. Although, it seems a while away the time will fly and it is a good way to allay fears and begin the adventure for Primary 7 pupils. Our Aiming for High programme and transition events will mainly be in term 4 and pupils will be given information on how to access extra transition events. Please remember to return any forms to the school as soon as possible.

School Rabbits

As some of you may have noticed we have a fantastic new Rabbit Run. This is thanks to the generosity and hard work of the Park family and I'm sure you'll agree is much more substantial and was much needed to improve the accommodation for Thumper and Honey. We would also like to express our thanks to the many families that volunteer to look after the rabbits throughout the holidays and of course Mrs Meston for taking the time to organise and support this.



Parent Council (GSP)

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 11th January at 7:00pm 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. 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, Christmas Craft and Magic Show. We have also been able to plan science and Technology experiences for the children and purchase our new resilience resource called Bounce Back. I cannot thank the GSP enough for all their hard work and support and hope we can encourage as many families as possible to get involved. The GSP and myself try to publicise as many events as possible on our Face book page so if you haven't followed us yet, please take a look. Our Chair Person Mhari Mitchell or the school would be happy to answer any questions you have.



Dental Inspections

Our Dental Inspections for our Primary 1 and Primary 7 pupils take place on Thursday 12th January. As ever if you have any concerns or wish to opt out of this please contact the school.



Sports Scotland Gold Award

We welcome Ian McGregor from Sports Scotland to present the school with our Gold Award on Monday 16th January. The school are honoured to have representatives from Active Schools, Head of service, local councillors attending this event. As one of only 2 Primary schools within Aberdeenshire to receive this award at this level it is a tremendous achievement. I would like to thank Doreen Seery (Active Schools) and Jenny Munro (PE Specialist) who have been instrumental in this success.

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Netball Teams

Our netball teams both P4/5 and 6/7 have been training hard. We have been fortunate due to the support of DASH to be able to train at Mearns Sports Centre at least once a month enabling the girls to get real court practise. I would like to thank the parents and pupils for supporting this. We have seen the success of our first P7 league match with the team winning 14-0. We hope our future league matches go well and we wish the team, coaches and umpires well.



Scots Poetry Competition and Burns Celebration

Our annual Poetry competition is well underway with our finalists due to perform for the judges on Friday 20th January. We would like to thank Mrs MacKenzie, from Drumlithie and Mr Douglas Samways from Stonehaven Fatherland Burns Club for judging this year's competition.

On Wednesday 25th January we would like to invite our pre-school children, including our new Primary One's to come and take part in a variety of Burns Themed activities. The children will rotate amongst our staff experiencing a wide range of curricular learning, whilst becoming familiar with the staff and pupils of Glenbervie.

The day will then continue with our Burns Lunch and Burns Assembly held on the same day. As ever, you are very welcome to join us for a Scottish afternoon of entertainment on Wednesday 25th January 2pm in our school hall.

Curriculum Evening– Tuesday 7th February

As part of our Improved Reporting Framework we welcome you into the school for a Curriculum Evening. We would first like to welcome parents into the hall for a short presentation on our new resilience Resource called



Bounce Back. Our new Educational Psychologist may join us for the session. We then will as at previous evenings give you the time to go in and see the



Children's current class, work and displays, as well as have the opportunity to have an informal chat with the teachers. We thank the many of you who have taken the time to feed back on our Improved Reporting, using our Survey Monkey. We hope to continue to use this to feedback your views and

suggestions. As part of this I would like to include a short You Said—We Did section in our newsletter.



You Said

** We would like to be able to see our children's work more frequently.*

We Did

** 4 sessions in to look at work & chat*

** We miss the weekly home-school diary reflections .*

** On agenda for Inset day*

** we want to see and hear more about what's going on*

** Use GSP Face book more*

Have new twitter feed

Sent all snapshots to all families

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 mental maths and Numeracy
- Attendance at Numicon maths training & Big writing for staff that missed it previously
- An opportunity to undertake a self-evaluation exercise using 'How Good is Our School 4?'
- Working on our Improved Reporting Format
- Developing our 1+2 progression to fit needs of our school

As ever there are many other events and activities that will be added throughout the term and we will keep you informed. Please see attached Diary Dates.



With Very Best Wishes,

Jenny Glennie