

Glenbervie School Newsletter

Spring 2018



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! However, please keep an eye on our phone line and adverse weather web link as I have found through this first snow fall, that the situation can change very quickly and transport operators do contact the school with updates. We have also joined the world of twitter and I will try to communicate information through this too. The GSP Facebook page will be updated regularly. 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 15th January to 19th January 2018.

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2019 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admissions in August 2018.

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 2018. 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 for playgroup does not count for purposes of this exception".



Christmas Events

We had a lovely end to our term with some lovely Community events. The children of Glenberrie and GSP took themselves out to the local Community lunch to spread some Christmas Cheer with Carol singing. Our school shows Oliver and Cinders were a real triumph from P3-P7 and showcased the exceptional talent of both staff and pupils here at Glenberrie. The tremendous turn out for these shows was appreciated by all those involved.



We also had a lovely visit from Santa to share in the Christmas Parties.

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 and all those involved 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 Monday 15th January (1.30pm) 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 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, Children in Need, School show 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 supported the school with a Baking session with our children for Children in Need. They also donated our school Christmas Tree- many thanks!

The Rotary Club collected many shoe boxes in time for Christmas, thanks to the generosity of staff, parents and the community.



Next on the agenda is our community Burns Fest event on Saturday 27th January 2018. The afternoon will be family friendly, with an adults only evening planned too. Tickets and more information can be obtained from the school Office. We have been planning this with the support of our Developing Young Workforce Partner Burnside Breweries. The children have been Event Planning, Holding a Board meeting, Working lunch and Business Breakfast planning to ensure the success of this event.

We hope to see many of you supporting the event, in which proceeds are going to help us purchase a new Smart Board.

Primary 7 Transition Meeting

Our Primary 7's and parents are invited to their first visit from Mackie Academy on Tuesday 30th 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.



Parent Council (GSP)

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 10h January at 6.30pm 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. 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 Mental maths resources. We have also been able to plan science and Technology experiences for the children and plan to purchase a new music system for the school. 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.



Netball and Football Teams

Our netball and football teams both have been training hard. We are fortunate to have the support of Alan, Scott and Graham who give up their time to coach the football. Likewise Keryn, Katie and Molly who coach the Netball. We have been fortunate due to the support of DASH to be able to train at Mearns Sports Centre enabling the girls to get real court practise and the football to go ahead in winter months. I would like to thank the parents and pupils for supporting this. We have seen the success in our first two P7 league matches with the team winning 13-6 and 13-9. We hope our future league matches go as well and we wish the team, coaches and umpires well. Our football friendly matches have seen good results too.





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Scots Poetry Competition and Burns Celebration

Our annual Poetry competition is well underway with our finalists due to perform for the judges on Friday 19th 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 Thursday 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 in Drumlithie Village Hall. As ever, you are very welcome to join us for a Scottish afternoon of entertainment on Thursday 25th January 1.30pm in the Village hall.

Curriculum Evening- Wednesday 31st January



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 classrooms to see a possible new way of sharing information in place of the Snapshots called Sway. The teachers and pupils will show you what they have been up too. 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.

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

You Said

- * Better Communication with diary
- * We want to see and hear more about what's going on

We Did

- * Reflections and more feedback
- * Use GSP Face book and Twitter more. New Sway profile

**More Community Involvement*

**Children In Need Café, Christmas sing song, shows and Nativity*



Breakfast Club

Thanks to our PEF (Pupil Equity Fund) the school have been able to get our Breakfast Club up and running . It started this term and all children are welcome from 8.15-8.55 am. Tokens

can be bought for 15p each from the club, with each token getting you one item. i.e. toast and tea = 30p. There is no need to book, but the club provides a social start to the to the day and sets the children up for a productive day of learning. Many thanks to our parent volunteers who have set this up and run it. We always need more volunteers so if you can give up an hour a week 8-9am we would love to hear from you.



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 Health & wellbeing and Expressive Arts
- Attendance at a Cluster Visible Learning Day, where we examine how we best learn and evaluate how effective our impact is, leading us to decide on next steps and ways forward for learning in our school.
- 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 of both French and Spanish 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

Head Teacher

