

Glenbervie School Newsletter

Winter 2016



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 extremely industrious and committed team this year and I would firstly like to thank all the parents, staff and pupils for their continuing support and hard work.

Harvest Assembly

At the end of last term we welcomed our local minister Brian Smith into school to share in our harvest celebrations. We were also joined by Fiona Graham from the local Food bank who chatted to the pupils about her job and thanked us for our impressive Harvest Collection which will go to local families.



Improved reporting Update

A lovely evening was spent with pupils, families and members of staff with the children leading tours around the school and

Rotary End Polio Campaign

The local Rotary Club have asked us to sell crocus bulbs (20 for £2) in aid of their End Polio campaign. Should you wish to purchase a bag of bulbs please send £2 into school marked for the attention of Mrs Meston.





discussing the rich variety of learning experiences taking place in the school. It was particularly nice to meet all the parents and have the opportunity to discuss and share our reporting calendar for the year. We will be sending our Interim reports home next week and would ask that you complete the returns for our Parent and Pupil consultations as soon as possible. We look forward to meeting both parents and pupils at our Parents evenings on Tuesday 8th November (6-8pm) and Wednesday 9th November (4-6pm).

Poetry Day

Our Poetry day was a great hit and the children were joined by children from Glenbervie Pre-School. They took part in a variety of poetry inspired activities and it was lovely to see our older pupils take a lead in the learning. The staff found inventive and creative ways to engage the children in poetry.



School Cinema Trip

Into Film puts film at the heart of children and young people's education, contributing to their academic, cultural, creative and personal development. The school through our GSP have been invited to attend the Into film event on Thursday 10th November. The GSP have kindly agreed to fund the bus and snack box for the children. Consequently, we will not have our whole school trip at the end of term, but will be holding a Christmas Craft day and Magic Show on Monday 19th December instead. This is also kindly being funded by our GSP.

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. We will be engaging in a Mental Maths training day at Portlethen Primary. As we are trying to raise our levels of attainment in



this area and this will be worthwhile to all staff members. We will also be engaging in the Scottish Government's '1+2' modern languages initiative. This initiative ensures that all P1-7 pupils are exposed to an additional language, and a second for upper stages pupils. Our chosen languages are French and then Spanish. During the Inservice we will be looking at our Big Writing project and of course taking the time to look at our Improved Reporting Framework. We hope to engage with the staff of Redmyre on this.



Eco schools & Health Group

A huge congratulations needs to go to our Eco group and Health Group. The Eco group alongside the whole school have been successful in gaining their fourth Green flag Award for Glenbervie school. A presentation will be made to the school in



November and the Eco group will decide how we wish to celebrate this success. Our Health group, alongside Miss Munro, Mrs Seery and myself submitted our Sports award and are delighted to inform you that we are one of the first schools in Aberdeenshire to receive our



Gold Sports Award. This is testament to all the hard work of staff and pupils at Glenbervie and has recognised the importance of Sport in terms of Health and well being at our school.



Parent Council (GSP)

As you are aware, our planned AGM is due to take place On Wednesday 2nd November, 7pm 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 arranged a very successful quiz night and photo session which has been well supported—

thank you. They are holding a Snowman drive and Bingo evening on Tuesday 29th November at 7pm in the school hall. We hope you will be able to attend and support the school.

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.



Father of the Bard Project

Primary 5/6 are working alongside Dave Ramsay on the "Cutty Sark Project" and are producing an information pack on Robert Burns. They will be visiting Glenbervie Kirk yard on 11th November for a short celebration with Bobby Kane, President of the Robert Burns World Federation and Henry Irvine-Fortescue, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Kincardineshire. This will be followed by lunch and a short briefing at the school.



Children In Need Day – Friday 18th November

The RRS group have decided we should come to school wearing something spotty on 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 festival wristbands. Our kitchen staff alongside our Health and RRS group will compete in our Pudsey Bake off. All pupils will have the opportunity to decorate a Pudsey Biscuit or cake. Mrs Hodgkinson and a baker from Macphies will work with groups of children to prepare Pudsey cookies to sell during this week. More information will follow. We will also be welcoming our pre school children to join us in the fun.

Student

Primary 6/7 welcome Mr Freddi a Post-graduate student to the class to work alongside Mrs Edwards and Mrs Brown. He will take responsibility for the class for short sessions of teaching time, supported fully by the class teachers.

With best wishes,

Jenny Glennie

Acting Head Teacher