

Glenbervie School Newsletter

Winter 2017



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.

Class Visits and Trips

We were delighted to have so many experiences in Term 1, starting of with our Hop-scotch Theatre Performance about the Rights of the child and SHANARRI. I'm sure the children can tell you all about this now. We also had visits

from the North-East Falconry Centre, trips to the Victorian Trail Maritime Museum, Drum Castle, Crathes Castle and Techfest. Wow! - this huge range of life experiences and hands on learning is impressive for a small school and enhances the curriculum beyond the classroom. It is only possible with parent, GSP and Sponsorship support. It is also testament to the dedication and hard work of the staff involved as these visits and trips take a lot of organisation.



Rotary End Polio Campaign and Shoebox Scheme.

The local Rotary Club have asked us to plant crocus bulbs to help raise awareness. of the Polio campaign. These should be seen all around the village and school in summer. We also thank you for the contributions towards the Shoebox scheme.





Improved reporting Update

A lovely evening 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. It was particularly nice to meet all the parents and have the opportunity to share in the Big conversation for Maria Walker – Director of Education. 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 21st November (6-8pm) and Wednesday 22nd November (4-6pm).



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 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 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 Challenging Learning workshop with the inspirational James Nottingham at Mearns Academy. His work focuses on how children learn best and uses the concepts of the Learning Pit. 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 Visible Learning project and taking forward areas of our school improvement plan.. The Improvement plan can be found on the school website, alongside a child friendly version.



Outdoor Learning

All pupils over the course of term 1 have had the opportunity to participate in Forest Schools, as part of our Friday Activity times. This has been made possible by the support of very keen parents, Mrs McConachie and all staff who cover and take classes to allow children to have these experiences. The wide



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range skills they have been learning are immeasurable from team-building, Survival, communication and creative art. There are so many more. Please keep up to date with our facebook and twitter where you will see daily photos of activities children



have been doing. All staff use the outdoors wherever possible to enhance learning, so please make sure they have suitable outdoor jackets every day!

Parent Council (GSP)

As you are aware, our planned AGM is due to take place on Wednesday 8th No-



vember, 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 pur-

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

Upcoming Events and Christmas Activities

School Cinema Trip

This year due to the huge amount of work involved in our Nativity and School show and the huge costs involved our whole school trip at the end of term will not be going ahead. However we will be holding a Christmas Craft day in school on Monday 18th December instead. This is also kindly being funded by our GSP. 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 17th November

The RRS group have decided we should come to school wearing our Pyjamas or onesies on this day and make a donation of at least a £1 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, including Pudsey ears and festival wristbands. These are on sale from the office now at £2.50 and £1. Our Pupil Groups would like to hold a Children in Need Café on the Friday afternoon with all donations going towards Children in Need. The pupils hope to bake and hold some stalls to raise money. All parents, friends and members of the community are very welcome. Whilst we appreciate that taking part can be costly, we will try to keep the prices to small amounts to allow all pupils the chance to join in with something. The pupils would also like to hold a 1 hour sponsored silence, which again will be optional and cost 50p to enter. More information will follow from the pupils.



Cross Country Championships

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who helped make the Cross country a success, including our sponsor Barr Demolition Ltd, Tracy for presenting the trophies, Mackie pupils, parents and staff who helped. The pupils were fantastic!

With best wishes,
Jenny Glennie
Acting Head Teacher

