

Glenbervie School Newsletter

Spring 2019



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 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 14th January to 18th January 2019

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2020 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admissions in August 2019.

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 2019. 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 the purposes of this exception".



Christmas Events

We had a lovely end to our term with some lovely Community events. Our school show- The Greatest Showman was a real triumph from P3-P7 and showcased the exceptional talent of both staff and pupils here at Glenbervie. 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 Wednesday 16th January. 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, Community cafe, 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 Baking goodies for our Community Café . They also donated our school Christmas Tree- many thanks!

The collection on behalf of Aberlour Childrens Trust raised £110– many thanks to the generosity of staff, parents and the community.



Next on the agenda is our **community Burns Ceilidh** on Friday 25th January 2019. in the Village Hall. The evening from 6pm—9pm will be family friendly, Tickets are £5 per family with the option to purchase Stovies or Macaroni Cheese for your tea . We have been planning this with the support of our Developing Young Workforce group. 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, The event will consist of a Haggis Drive, Roll the Coin, Hunt the Haggis and some ceilidh dancing led by the pupils themselves. It will be a Bring your own refreshments event for a fun family evening out to end our Burns day celebrations.

Primary 7 Transition Meeting

Our Primary 7's and parents are invited to their first visit from Mackie Academy on Miss Moir Head Teacher and Susan Miller from Community Learning will be in to explain the Primary 7 Transition Programme. The date will be confirmed shortly, but likely to be towards the end of January.

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 **Tuesday 5th February at 7pm 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 and the pantomime. We have also been able to plan



science and Technology experiences for the children throughout the year and plan to purchase much needed resources 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 and twitter pages so if you haven't followed us yet, please take a look.

Our Co-Chairs Dawn Campbell and Mhari Mitchell or the school would be happy to answer any questions you have.



After school Activities

Our netball and football teams both have been training hard. We are fortunate to have the support of Alan, Scott and Brodie who give up their time to coach the football. Likewise Keryn, Katie, Molly and Odette who coach the Netball. These activities start again week beginning 14th January. Active School should have been in contact you about this, but any new members would be most welcome.

Both our choir and Lego Club were resounding hits and I cannot thank Miss Stephen, Mrs Sangster, Dawn, Claire and Scott for supporting this. They are keen to re-start this **AFTER** the February break (week beginning 18th February). Cross Country will also re-start this week too.

Eco group– Fifth Green Flag success

The Eco group were delighted to attain Glenbervie school's Fifth Green Flag. The school were praised for ensuring the whole school are joining in with the eco-activities and both the community and school benefit from the sustainable work going on in the Harvey Garden.



Rag Bag Collection

As part of our Sustainable development the school now have a Rag Bag collection bin, situated between our kitchen and playground. Any unwanted items of clothing, shoes etc. can be placed in a bag in the bin. Bags are available from the school, but any plastic bag is fine.

Our Eco group will be learning more about this and sharing at Assembly.



Scots Poetry Competition and Burns Celebration

Our annual Poetry competition is well underway with our finalists due to perform for the judges on Wednesday 16th 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. The judges will tell the winners on the day and parents are warmly invited into see our children perform their poems on Friday 25th January.

On Friday 25th January we will hold our Burns Lunch at school, followed by a Burns Assembly held on the same day. We encourage a touch of tartan on this day. As ever, you are very welcome to join us for a Scottish afternoon of entertainment on Friday 25th January 1.30pm in the Village hall. Our family fun night and Ceilidh evening then starts at 6pm.

Curriculum Evening– Thursday 21st February 5.30-7.00pm

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 share in their learning. The teachers and pupils will show you what they have been up too as well as have the opportunity to have an informal chat with the class teacher and look round the school and other classes if you wish.



World Book Day

Thursday 7th March– the children take part in world Book day activities. Staff and pupils can opt to dress up as their favourite characters, but this is optional and don't feel obliged to buy any expensive costumes. A golden ticket, for example, would be enough!

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:

- Attendance at a Food Hygiene Course and Behavioural and Supported Needs Training.
- 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. We will be looking at how we involve children in Feedback in their learning.
- An opportunity to undertake a self-evaluation exercise using 'How Good is Our School 4?'
- Working on our Improved Reporting Format
- Developing our Literacy and Numeracy Programmes in line with new resources and progressions.

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



We have an Open door Policy at Glenbervie, but realise all parents are not able to make it in. Your views are important to us: if you have any comments, questions or concerns please use the slip below, place in an envelope and return to Mrs Glennie.

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Name (optional)