

Glenbervie School Newsletter

Spring 2020



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 **twitter** and **seesaw**. 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 13th January to 17th January 2019

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2021 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admissions in August 2020.

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 complete an online admission form and 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 2020. 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—Christmas around the World, by P3/4 and Christmas is Forever by P5/6/7 was a real triumph 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, with some exceptional talent from our choir and violinists and of course we cannot forget our lovely Primary 1/2 Nativity—Whoops—a Daisy Angel, 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 15th** 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 Quiz Night Ceilidh Making event, Community cafes, 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. Although the event was postponed it will run later in the year with this support. 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 s. They also donated our school Christmas Tree- many thanks!

The collection on behalf of Aberlour Childrens Trust raised £149.28 many thanks to the generosity of staff, parents and the community. The pupils of p2/3 donated £50 from their Craft stall at their Community Café to "Stonehaven Cares" helping provide additional extras for Christmas dinner for the community Christmas diner. A lovely gesture.



Next on the agenda is our **community Burns Ceilidh** on Friday 24th January 2020 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 and P6/7 who hope to use the funds to help support their Edinburgh trip. 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. This will be held in the school on **Thursday 23rd January at 6.30pm.**

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 **Monday 13th January 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 Digital Skills sessions and 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 Chair Dawn Campbell or the school and I would be happy to answer any questions you have.



The GSP are holding a " **Lunch Bowl**" on **Saturday 18th January 12-2.30pm** in the Village hall. The last one was greatly enjoyed, so look forward to seeing you there. This will be followed by another **quiz night** on **Friday 6th March, 7pm** in the Village hall.

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 Ianna, Molly and Odette who coach the Netball. Football starts again week beginning 13th January. Netball hopes to return, but this will depend on whether we can get sufficient numbers. 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, Dawn and Claire for supporting this. We hope to start Lego Club again for this term, but currently need more parent helpers for this to run or we will have to limit the spaces and run a rota system due to the high numbers. Even if you could help on a rota basis with other parents we would greatly appreciate support to allow our Lego Club to run. Choir will re-start this **AFTER** the February break (week beginning 24th February). Cross Country will also re-start this week too.

Eco group- 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 are keen to promote this and hope to use some of the funds raised from this to purchase new recycling bins for the school.



JRSO- Parking

The JRSO team are keen to thank parents for taking a more sensible approach to parking outside the school. They are currently running a "Be safe Be Seen" competition and have handed out reflective stickers kindly donated by a parent and their work company Shell.

Scots Poetry Competition and Burns Celebration

Our annual Poetry competition is well underway with our finalists due to perform for the judges towards the end of next week. We would like to thank Douglas Samways from Stonehaven Fatherland Burns Club for supporting and 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 24th January.

On Friday 24th 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 24th January 1.30pm in the **Village hall**. Our family fun night and Ceilidh evening then starts at 6pm.



Curriculum- Shared Learning Sessions Wednesday 26th February—2-3pm and 6-7pm

As part of our Improved Reporting Framework we welcome you into the school for a Shared Curriculum session. The focus will be on numeracy and strategies and approaches used in the class/school. 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, take part in shared activities, 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 5th 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 Nurture 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 Digital skills development.
- Outdoor Learning training in literacy in the outdoors.
- Developing our Literacy (with a focus on writing) 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

