

Glenbervie School Newsletter

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You have the right to education which develops your personality,

Dear Parents and pupils,

Welcome back to a very different Term 4! I hope you have all managed to have some sort of Easter break. The world and school looks very different at the moment, but first of all I must say a huge thanks to the staff team here who in less than 48 hours prepared learning packs, supported children and have continued to provide high quality learning experiences by a completely new digital method to support children and families at this very challenging time. As I said in term 3 this is not an easy time -we are not all working from home, but home working in a crisis whilst trying to juggle many other commitments and worries. Our children will be picking up on these stresses and worries, so we want to make things as easy as possible and be realistic. Staff have been working very hard to prepare for next week, with significant new training, preparations and many going above and beyond delivering resources, technology problem solving and doing check ins. Many of them are and will be continuing to support the hub school which is open from 7.30 am- 6.30pm every day of the week, until any decision about lock down is made.

The plan for learning therefor this term will look slightly different with an overview of learning for the week sent out on Monday morning, alongside as many of the resources as possible on seesaw or Google Classroom. This will allow you as a family to plan how/when you can do the tasks in the week and upload them onto seesaw or return them to google classroom for feedback. This will also mean less notifications every day on seesaw. The tasks will be as far as possible use limited resources, be practical and accessible to all.

The teachers will be checking in, commenting and supporting every day. Some days it will be a different teacher who may comment back to you, if your own teacher is working in the hub. Seesaw and google classroom is our register and we do ask that you try to at least comment, say hello when you can so that we know you are ok. We still have the same duty of care and will continue to check in if we have not had any work, replies from pupils over the week. Most tasks should be able to be done with very limited support so we encourage our



Children to be Independent Ivy and manage the tasks over the week where possible. This particularly applies to our senior pupils who are preparing for Mearns and Mackie. Remember you do not see everyone's Seesaw posts as they are private from other families, the staff though are able to see what you are all doing and support, comment back. Our google classroom offers a place to have a check in with friends and for our seniors may be used more. We expect our P7's especially to be preparing for their journey to the academy by completing their tasks as this will prepare them for the google classroom system that is used at secondary. If you have not already done so then I ask you as a pupil or as a parent to encourage the pupils to log on through glow and if your class teacher has set a google classroom up to join it. All staff are here to support you should you need help with this.

We recognise technology can be a barrier and for those families who have been in touch we have creatively managed to solve many of the problems, so if you need support please let us know.

Every Monday I will aim to sending a virtual assembly, although I am in the hub school at least 3 out of 5 days supporting children, so we will see how this goes. The first assembly highlights the importance of a Growth Mind Set at this challenging time, re-iterates our values and motto and provides a very special challenge to design and send a birthday card for Captain Tom Moore.

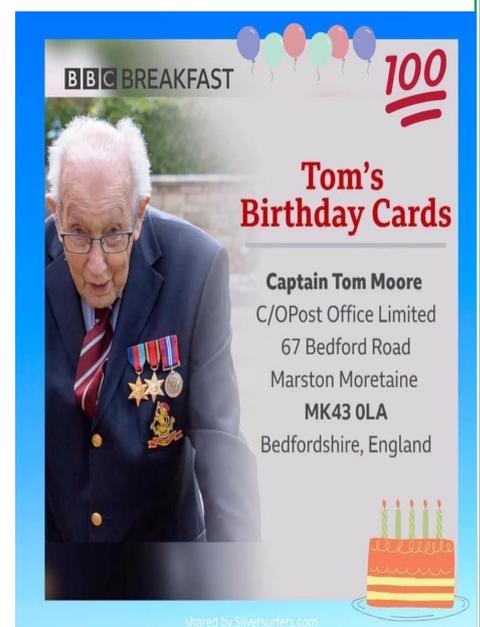
Obviously I will keep you updated on plans for schools as and when I know them. The open door policy still stands- if you need anything just be in touch and we will do our very best to support and help.

Some superheroes don't wear capes...



...they wear medals

#ThankYouCaptainTomMoore



I normally share in my news letter some highlights from Term 3 . It was certainly a busy one with some great moments including our fabulous P4/5 Community Café,



Our shared Learning afternoon / evening proved popular where



parents were able to share in the learning with our pupils. It was a numeracy theme this time and I think many of our parents were challenged and had fun trying our Primary school maths. We also had our World Book Day shop and Cuppa, cake and read session which welcomed many of you to the school.



Our pupils have excelled with many lovely achievements . Our Young Photographers took part in the Rotary Competition where success went to P4 's Osla Booth and Jenson Doyle winner and runner up in the Juvenile Award. They produced a fantastic photograph with the theme " Through my Eyes".

Our netball fun 5Z team also had great success at Means academy, demonstrating real skill, team work and sportsmanship.



Annual Reports and Parent Consultations

On Friday 1st May our Progress Reports will make their way home to you, probably by email. These reports are just one way we have been sharing our learning over the year and we hope to find away whether by phone or later in the year when we can have a parent—teacher chat.



Calendar Events At present all these are on hold until we are out of lock down. Many of them will most likely not go ahead or will have to be significantly altered to take account of social distancing measures. We will of course be in touch. We will try very hard though our online learning to link to events such as VSE Day, Health Week etc . and for our Primary 7 pupils we will do everything possible to ensure you get the P7- S1 transition in some shape or form, including all the fun events at a time when it is safe to do so.



Similarly for our new primary 1's we will try very hard to find an answer to the transition when it is safe to do so.

School Improvement Update

We continue to take forward several school development priorities, which staff will be working on at home.

Science and Technology

Digital Skills Passports are being used to enable pupils to chart their development of ICT skills. Digital Leaders are being trained and are enabling other children to engage in Digital Learning.

Improved Reporting & Self Evaluation

We are continuing in this journey of Improved Reporting and evaluation by engaging with How Good is Our School 4 and the National Improvement Strategy. Staff and pupils are



Currently engaging in Visible Learning which helps the children understand where they are at in their learning, use feedback and plan next steps. The pupils have come up with their "Roots to Learning" which helps them understand the 7 ways in which they learn at Glenbervie. To help our younger pupils we have given them characters and names which link into our school vision "Together we **G**row **P**rogress and **S**ucceed" We have also been continuing work with Growth Mind sets, Using Social Stories and Resilience using the Bounce Back Resource, purchased by the GSP.



Rights Respecting School / Eco and Sports Awards

All of our groups are continuing to work hard and we are looking re-accredit our Rights Respecting Award awards next session. Further information about this session's development work, and our priorities for next session, will be detailed in the Standards and Quality Report and Improvement Plan (available at the start of next term).



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Holiday Dates

We will be able to provide a full list of in-service/holiday dates before the end of term. We are currently awaiting confirmation of next session's occasional days (to be agreed at a cluster level).

Most of these dates are available by clicking on this link:

https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/term_dates.asp



GSP

A huge thank you for the continuing support from our GSP. Our Soup and Sweet afternoon and quiz night were a huge success. A huge thanks goes to the Steve and Ken who helped support and run the quiz. Even though we are not in school the GSP have designed a scare crow competition to keep the children busy. Details onto how to enter / what to do are attached to the email with the newsletter.

School Rabbit

As we have a six week summer holiday break, we are seeking parents and families to help us with our Bunny Holiday Rota. If it is something you think you may be able to help with, please get in touch with Mrs Meston who oversees this and will give you all the information you need to know. I'm sure if she needs continued support during this school lock down she will be in touch too. Many thanks to the family looking after the rabbit so far.

Finally, I would like to pass on my thanks to our many parents who have helped with projects and events throughout the school year. I would like to thank the staff, pupils and parents for your continued support. I leave this newsletter with some of images of the true caring community spirit I have witnessed at Glenbervie over this tough month. I am truly proud and honoured to be part of such a fantastic team and community. Please stay safe.

With Very Best wishes,

Jenny Glennie

Head Teacher

