

# Glenbervie School Newsletter

Winter 2020



## 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. It has certainly been a different term, but our children have been remarkably resilient and have got the handwashing, cleaning and bubble groups all running very smoothly. We warmly welcome two Student Teachers this term who are following Covid Guidance/ Risk Assessment procedures and will be a welcome addition in supporting our pupils. Mrs Russon, who is working with Primary 5 this term and next and Miss Brawley who will be in P1/2/3. We also have Support team members working with the school this session either remotely, outdoors or in school following both our and their own agency Risk Assessments including Catriona Masson- Pupil Support Worker, Karen Findlay- Educational Psychologist, Suzanne Harper- Community Learning Team and Christine Schoepfer- Speech & Language.*

## **DASH & Breakfast Club**

*At the start of the October Break we welcomed our After School Club back after Risk Assessments, cleaning regimes and Covid Procedures were submitted and approved by our Local Authority Health & Safety Team. DASH are working very hard to provide safe but fun After school Care. We ask that you make sure that the DASH team are aware of any additions, changes so they can staff*

## **Rotary—Competitions**

*The local Rotary Club have asked us to promote their Young Photographer—Wild Nature, Young Artist and Young Writer competitions with the theme My Happiest Day. All details have/will be sent out.*

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viable to run. Following on from this we would be hoping to start our Breakfast Club if demand is sufficient, thanks to the support of our Breakfast Club volunteers. Again this is with the Risk assessment/Covid and Cleaning procedures in place. The club would run from 8.15am–8.55am, allowing those parents in need of the morning support to use the club. Procedures will need to change in terms of sign in/ money in sealed envelopes and no tickets. The cost of a breakfast is just 15p per item. We would be very grateful if you could contact the school and indicate if you would need the breakfast club and on what days so we can plan accordingly.

### **Improved reporting Update– See saw & SHANARRI**

We hope you are enjoying seeing the learning taking place through our See-saw profiling and we really appreciate those of you who take the time to comment back to your children. Staff have spent a considerable amount of time ensuring our seesaw profiles are updated so you can be involved in the learning going on in school. All teachers shared some “Shared Learning” clips/photos from Term 1 and Mrs McConachie shared an Outdoor Learning presentation. Whilst we know this is not the same as coming into our school, we hope it is keeping you in the loop and show you how the children have a the rich variety of learning experiences. One advantage of our new procedures is it is particularly nice to meet all the parents at the school gate and hope you will use this as the opportunity to discuss and share if you have any comments or concerns. For those who use transport always know you can email or phone. We will be sending our Interim reports home early this term and would ask that you complete our Learner and Parent comment sheet and return it to the school. Again, sadly normally the interim report would form the basis of a discussion with you and your child at a Parent Evening. Scottish Government guidance does not permit us to do this, but if you do feel you need a further discussion with the class teachers or Mrs Brown (Support for learning) then please indicate this on the form. The school will then arrange for a phone call with you on the 24th/26th November on the dates allocated for parents evening. If you have no concerns, then a pupil, parent comment on the form will be sufficient and the class teachers will add any notes onto the record.



Should you require any assistance with this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wilson or Mrs Meston at the school.

A wellbeing survey was sent home digitally at the start of the term. This is part of our work on SHANARRI, which links to the wellbeing indicators. Last session we have had Pupil parliament sessions with the children's voice telling us how well we are doing and where we need to go next. We respond to any concerns regarding well-being and work in partnership with to address these as soon as possible.



### **Children in Need**

This year Children in Need takes place between 9-15 of November. The pupils will take part in a variety of activities including the Five to Thrive campaign—looking after our mental health and wellbeing and being led by Joe Wicks which will run for 5 days and end with Feel Good Friday. The children can turn up to school if they wish in anything non-uniform on Friday 13th November and make a small donation to the appeal. It is optional of course and school uniform is fine.

### **School Improvement Plan Update: In-Service Training—Friday 20th November**

The staff are participating in a wide range of worthwhile workshops, training activities and discussions during the November in-service training day. We will be engaging in our Visible Learning workshop with the inspirational work of John Hattie. His work focuses on how children learn best and uses the concepts of the Learning Pit and Growth Mindset. As we are trying to raise attainment—getting this right underpins all our academic work within the school. We will also be engaging in our Literacy Audit, looking at our Writing resources, practice and taking forward areas of our school improvement plan. Time will also be spent looking at the mental Health and Wellbeing of pupils and staff, given the challenges of this Covid Pandemic The Improvement plan can be found on the school website, alongside a child friendly version.

### **Parent Council (GSP)**

As you are aware, our AGM took place last term and we welcomed both returning members and new members to our committee. 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 GSP 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. In this difficult time the GSP have already planned a Ghostly Trail for Halloween, with Covid measures in place, with a free goodie bag kindly donated by Auchenblae Surgery. They also have a Hamper in the village shop at £2 a ticket. Next **Friday 6th November** they have suggested a Pyjama/dress as you please day at school with a small donation of 50p - £1 helping support the GSP as fundraising is difficult at this time. Again as with Children in Need this is entirely optional. Please be on the look out for future opportunities and thank you in advance for your support.



### **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, but this year many will have to be adapted or perhaps re-scheduled for later in the year. As ever, should there be changes I will let you know as soon as possible.

**School Pantomime** This year we are holding a virtual Pantomime Cinderella which we will watch from our classrooms at some point in the last week of term.

### **Cross Country Championships**

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who helped make the Cross country Challenge a success, including our sponsor Barr Demolition Ltd, our P6/7 pupils supporting all the runners and staff who helped co-ordinate the race in the absence of our normal parent contingent. The pupils were fantastic!

With very best wishes,

Jenny Glennie

Head Teacher

Article 31

You have the right to play and relax and do things like sport, music and drama

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