

# Glenbervie School Newsletter

Winter 2021



## 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 yet again, adapting to the ever changing guidance and Covid World in which we live. We warmly welcome our Student Teacher this term who also will be following Covid Guidance/ Risk Assessment procedures and will be a welcome addition in supporting our pupils. Miss Finlay will be working with Primary 6/7 this term. 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, Anne Wilson- Educational Psychologist, Susan Miller- Community Learning Team and Christine Schoepfer- Speech & Language.*

## **DASH & Breakfast Club**

*We welcomed our After School Club back after the summer and they too have Risk Assessments, cleaning regimes and Covid Procedures that have been submitted and approved by our Local Authority Health & Safety Team. DASH are working very hard to provide safe, but fun After school Care. We have started our Breakfast Club this term, thanks to the support of our Breakfast Club volunteers. Again this is with the Risk assessment/Covid and Cleaning procedures in place. The club runs from 8.15am-8.55am,*

## **Rotary—Competitions**

*The local Rotary Club have asked us to promote their Young Photographer*



allowing those parents in need of the morning support to use the club. Procedures include sign in and any money should be in sealed envelopes. The cost of a breakfast is just 15p per item. We would be very grateful (if you have not already done so) 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. 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. 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 Reekie (Support for Learning) then please indicate this on the form. The school will then arrange for a phone call with you on the 23th/25th 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 has or is being done with pupils this term in school. This is part of our work on SHANARRI, which links to the wellbeing indicators. We respond to any concerns regarding well-being and work in partnership with parents to address these as soon as possible.



## **Cross Country Challenge**

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 being the race photographers and staff who helped co-ordinate the race in the absence of our normal parent contingent. With the current restrictions we were still unable to plan the event with parent helpers and had to be restricted to the shorter routes and class groupings. The pupils were fantastic and really did us proud! It was also so lovely that restrictions eased just in time to invite spectators to the event. It was lovely to see so many faces and the fine pieces and cuppas provided by the P6/7 Community café were a welcome treat. Hopefully next year we will be back to our usual P1-3 and P4-7 girls and boys format and will be able to enlist the help of parents to help run the event.



## **Tuesday Lunch Club & Football**

Active Schools will be providing a half hour session of games and activities for our P1-4 pupils starting on the 16th November. Initially these will be outside, but if weather turns we will try to clear the hall as quickly as we can. It will be lovely to see the return of a club for our younger pupils. Mr Tattersall will be continuing football for the moment for our P5-7's and we appreciate him giving up his time to do this.

## **School Improvement Plan Update: In-Service Training—18/19th 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 Curriculum focus of Writing practice, resources and taking

forward areas of our school improvement plan. Time will also be spent looking at outdoor learning and the mental Health and Wellbeing of pupils and staff, given the ongoing 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 takes place this term and we hope to welcome 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. The link for the AGM will be sent out to all. In this difficult time the GSP have already run a Ghostly Trail for Halloween, with a free goodie bag kindly donated by Auchenblae Surgery. They also plan to have a gin and whisky trail in the village shop. So far this year they have supported the P1-4 and P5-7 school trips and with costs and bus/petrol prices so this has been gratefully received.

### **School Pantomime**

This year we are able to visit the Pantomime at HMT, Aberdeen and a letter will come out shortly with all information.

### **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 rescheduled for later in the year. As ever, should there be changes I will let you know as soon as possible.



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

