

Glenbervie School Newsletter

Article 29

You have the right to education which develops your personality, Summer 2022

respect for other's rights and the environment



Dear Parents and pupils,

Welcome back to Term 4 ! I hope you have all managed to have a lovely Easter break . The world and school has looked very different but first of all I must say a huge thanks to the staff team here who have continuously adapted and changed to continue learning in these very uncertain times. They truly went above and beyond last term, supported children and families whilst having continued to provide high quality learning experiences by a digital method to support. As I said in term 3 has not been an easy time whilst juggling pupil and staff absence and navigating a pandemic with ever changing rules.

In terms of our Risk Assessments these are being updated weekly as Changes happen and an up to date versions can always be found on our website. The latest version allows for personal choice on Mask wearing, with exception in communal areas, and staff and pupils must do what they feel comfortable with.

Annual Reports and Parent Consultations

As indicated last term our Progress Reports, a short written progress report with levels will come out next week. These reports are just one way we share our learning over the year. They indicate current levels attained and current working levels. Please do not be alarmed if children are not where you expect, staff want to pack as much into Term 4 as possible and give children every possible chance to reach their own expected goals and benchmarks, but they all are developing at their own pace, have different gaps in knowledge and confidence which the staff team are working hard to meet the needs of all. We plan to have 10 minute Teams appointments on Tuesday 10th and in person appointments on Thursday 12th May to discuss how pupils have settled back to school life, current progress and next steps for the term.

Appointments will be available to book next week once we have gauged the demand for either option and then invites will be sent out. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wilson and Mrs Meston if they can assist with this in any way.

Our pupils have excelled with many lovely wider achievements last term as society returns to a new normal. Please continue to share this with us as it is lovely to see the variety of successes and experiences our pupils have.





Transition

For our Primary 7 pupils Mackie have already been in touch and set up a transition programme. I know there has already been evening sessions with Miss Moir and our pupils have access to transition sessions through google classrooms. Parents have been invited to have a walk round the school on an open Day on Monday 2nd May.

Our Mackie PSAT (Guidance Teachers) will come out to do face to face visits with the children on Friday 13th May at 11am. The pupils will complete 3 days in person transition on Monday 20th– Wednesday 22nd June .

For our Primary 1 we will be able to facilitate a Teddy Bears Picnic on Wednesday 4th May 9.30-11 am and 3 in person stay and play sessions on the 11th, 25th May and 1st June as well as a Meet the teacher on Monday 22nd June when we all move up to meet our new teachers. These are all from 1.30-2.30pm. On the 11th May-parents are very welcome to stay and have a cuppa and chat so you can meet fellow P1 parents and ask any questions you may still have. We will be sending home some learning packs. I will also share some information about Primary 1 and the school in an evening meeting on **Wednesday 4th May at 6pm**, as well as getting a seesaw group set up for the new primary 1's.



Dalguise

It is with great excitement that we are in the final stages of planning our trip to Dalguise for Monday 16th– Friday 20th May for our P6/7 pupils. We have confirmed our staffing, numbers, accommodation and activities. An information session for Parents and pupils will be held at the school on **Wednesday 4th May at 7pm**. Our kit list has already been handed out to help you plan ahead. We have 3 water based activities so plenty changes of clothes will be needed!

We would like to say a big Thanks to Drumaber, a local company , and one of our parents who have contributed generously to the cost of the bus and

Crannog Centre. This is of a great help when the normal P6/7 fundraising pursuits such as the Haggis Drive and Family ceilidh were unable to go ahead this year. I know the money boxes are also coming in and the support from families is greatly appreciated by all.



Sponsored Walk

Many thanks to all who supported this annual fundraising activity. The money is used to support learning and teaching within the school and we are delighted with the support shown





In this event. We currently have raised £650 which is a fantastic achievement for a small school. Please ensure that any sponsorship money is handed into school by **Friday 29th April**. Thank you. Our pupils were an absolute credit as they followed the guidelines and instructions of our landowners and we were very lucky to have the support of some of our parents who were able to walk the route with us and support the event. The weather was lovely and was a great end to the term.



Afternoon of Action & Community Café

Our P5/6 Pupils ended the term with a lovely Afternoon of Action, thinking about Article 6 and Article 24 of the UNCRIC and how they can make a difference to the local Community. This was followed by a lovely community Café which added a bit of joy to the school, seeing parents in person again for the first time in a while. The P5/6s did a fantastic job and raised £96 which, they put back into running community events for Drumlithie in the future, as well as sourcing some Recycle bins to promote this in the playground.

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.

GSP

A huge thank you for the continuing support from our GSP. Our group continue to work behind the scenes and have continued to fundraise with opportunities to seek grants, Raffles and partner with local businesses to ensure fundraising continues in a safe way. The quiz night was a great success for them and again we are grateful for all the support.

They are not just there to fundraise, but are the parent voice for the wider parent forum and have been part of many Covid meetings with



our Director of Education to help in the shaping of our school settings whilst managing the risks of Covid. Please feel free to contact our GSP group with any queries, concerns or issues you feel need to be raised. They have a direct email at glenberviesp@gmail.com

At the last meeting we discussed the school Facebook page and its privacy. We have made the decision to retain its use to promote community partnership and events, with only children who have permission being on the page. There was talk of a separate school page being set up, but as the photos and achievements/Goodnews are generally all shared to Seesaw, which is private, we felt this would double our workload. We will trial this approach to the end of term. Similarly we are still awaiting a move to the Seesaw for Schools App being set up through the procurement team, but continue with the current version. We will keep you updated and any permission forms yet to be returned for the new version would be appreciated so staff can plan their learning and assessments. For those opting out Assessments will be kept in a folder at school, to be viewed at parent events and consultations.

School Rabbit

Many thanks to the families who have been looking after Thumper over the years. It was a sad day on the last day of term when she passed away, but she was a very much loved and well cared for bunny. The support from Mrs Meston in organising and looking after Thumper was above and beyond and quite rightly so she is at rest in the woods near Mrs Meston's house.

School Football P5-7

Mr Tattersall has kindly agreed to take on football after school again here at Glenbervie for our P5-7 children Details have been sent out to the pupils involved, but please ensure all consent forms are filled in.



Lego Club

With many kind donations of Lego from Macphie of Glenbervie and East coast Viners who have funded new Lego sets in preparation for the return of our Lego Club.



More information to follow.

Health Week, Rights Respecting School Award, Sports and Jubilee Celebrations.– see Diary Dates

The school are holding a Health week on Monday 23rd-Friday 27th May, where many activities will be taking place. The school is being assessed for its RRSA on the 27th May in the morning so our annual sports event will take place in the afternoon from **1.15pm onwards**. This year it will be a Mini- Highland Games in our houses supported by one of our families and local Highland Games enthusiasts. Come and cheer all our children on. Traditional races will happen through the week and



will be shared on Seesaw.

Primary 1/2 are taking the lead on the Community Jubilee Garden party which will take place in the afternoon of Tuesday 31st May. Invites and info will follow, but it is a whole school celebration

Thank you for your continued support. I am truly proud and honoured to be part of such a fantastic team and community.

With Very Best wishes

Jenny Glennie

Head Teacher