

# Glenbervie School Newsletter

Winter 2022



## 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. We also have a few Support team members working with the school this session including Catriona Masson- Pupil Support Worker, Anne Wilson Education Psychologist, Christine Schoepfer/June Fair- Speech & Language, Lindsay Kelly and Elaine Crichton- Physio Team and Sarah Cormack- Occupational Therapy.*



## *Improved reporting Update- Seesaw & SHANARRI*

*A lovely morning was spent with pupils, families and members of staff with the children leading tours around their classrooms and discussing the rich variety of learning experiences taking place in the school. It was particularly nice to meet all the parents and have the opportunity to discuss and share progress.*



*We will be sending our Interim reports home shortly and would ask that you complete our online booking system when it opens to arrange your Parent & pupil Consultation with the teacher. We hope to do these meetings **online** to make it easier for our working parents, but should a Face to face be preferable please let the office know and we will try to accommodate. We look forward to meeting **both** parents and pupils at our*



Parents evenings on Tuesday 22nd November (5.00–6.30pm) and Thursday 24th November (4–5.30pm). Should you require any assistance with the online booking, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wilson/Mrs Meston at the school.

We hope you enjoyed our first Sharing in the learning session of the year. In response to parent consultation we opted for a morning session to accommodate parents at drop off. We have other sessions throughout the year in the afternoon and evenings. We hoped you enjoyed taking part in lessons with your children and are enjoying seeing the learning taking place through our See-saw profiling. We really appreciate those of you who take the time to comment back to your children. If you have not already signed up to this, then **please** do so as this is how our assessment and feedback will be shared.

The children will have completed a wellbeing survey. This is part of our work on SHANARRI, which we started prior to Covid after a whole school theatre performance. This 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. This was complimented in our recent Gold Right Respecting Award where pupils voice was very important and empowerment was high on the agenda. If we have concerns regarding well-being then we will work in partnership to address these as soon as possible.



### School Improvement Plan Update:

#### In-Service Training

The staff are participating in a wide range of worthwhile workshops, training activities and discussions during the November in-service training days. We will be engaging in our High quality Teaching & Learning workshop with the inspirational work of Mark Burns and Bruce Robertson. The work focuses on how children learn best and how teachers can use the concepts of quality feedback, the Learning Pit and Growth Mindset. As we are trying to raise attainment— getting this right underpins all our academic work within the school. Feedback and how it is shared with the children to help them improve their learning continues to be our main focus this session . We have been engaging with our “Roots for Learning” which helps the children use the characters to understand the way they are learning.



We will also be looking at our curriculum and how to best support writing, gaps in Numeracy, Improve digital skills and address the mental health and wellbeing needs of our pupils.

The Improvement plan can be found on the school website, alongside a child friendly version.

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

Our AGM takes place next week and I hope we continue to have an active group of parents on board. We are always looking for new members. Without their help in contributing to improvement planning and organising 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 Partnership 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. They are meeting next Thursday 10th November.



Details will be sent out along with a brief newsletter to share 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. As ever, should there be changes I will let you know as soon as possible.



### **School Pantomime Trip**

This year we are heading for Aberdeen to see Peter Pan on Tuesday 13th December. This is a whole-school trip and further details will follow.

### **Cross Country Championships and Community Café.**

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who supported the Cross Country Challenge, including our sponsor Barr Demolition Ltd and Active Schools.

We were fortunate to have the support of two former pupils too and I'm sure you will agree it was a fantastic afternoon. Our P3/4 class did a great job organising the Community Café and again we appreciate the support from MacPhie, Drumlithie Inn and some other generous donations.

It was lovely to see you all back in the school again and see our school become part of the community. It was much missed and the past few years have not been the same without

having parents, friends and the community join us. Your support is always appreciated .  
We value your feedback– If you have comments, compliments or concerns please let us know. We have an Open Door Policy and encourage you to come in and chat to the team.



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

