



Glenbervie Newsletter for Term 4 – May 2023

Welcome back!

I hope you all managed a good spring break and enjoyed some sunshine over the holidays. It is lovely to see the pupils back and they all seem far more rested and ready to take on another exciting term! I'm not quite ready to believe that our P7s are starting their final term...but there is so much to look forward to before we break for the summer holidays!

[Dates for your diary and the school menu are right at the bottom of this newsletter.](#)

Last Term...

The term running up to Easter was remarkably busy with so many opportunities for learning and events that helped us strengthen ties to our fantastic and supportive community. We had the chance to officially thank Laurencekirk Vehicle Parade Organisers for their very generous donation of £603 that was raised in December. A representative gave the pupils a cheque and we gave them a life sized "Thank You Tractor" that the artistic minds in P5/6 created.



Way back in January, we held the annual Scots Poetry competition to celebrate the Bard's birthday. We were so impressed by the standard of recital and we are very proud of our winners, and every child who took the time to learn a poem and find the confidence to share it in school – not an easy thing to do! Our Burns assembly was a celebration of Scotland with dancers, violins, singing, recitals and the presentation of awards.

We continued with the Scottish theme on our Burns Haggis Drive and Ceilidh which was organised and run by the Glenbervie School Partnership (GSP). What a brilliant night of food and entertainment! Definitely one of the highlights of the year so far!

With the lack of Seesaw, the school has been open more to try to give parents an opportunity to see their child's work and still feel part of their learning journey and the school itself. As our valued partners in learning, we are always keen to welcome you to school and we value your feedback on these occasions.

World Book Day was a huge success as the school was sprinkled with magic and make believe! The classes all looked at Peter Pan, by J. M. Barrie after seeing the Pantomime at Christmas. Thanks to the P1/2 for organising and running another well-attended community café. It was such a pleasure to welcome so many families into school and see the buzz around the Book Swap – we have spare books in school, particularly novels that would suit older children (Lemony Snicket series, Roald Dahl titles, Diary of a Wimpy Kid etc) so if you are looking for reading books, please make an enquiry and you can help yourself! The café raised a sum of £128.86.



The term ended on a high as the P4-7 led two performances of The Jungle Book at Drumlithie Village Hall. Anyone watching could see what a huge amount of work went into preparing for the show – the costumes, the scenery, the music, the props as well as the actual learning of lyrics and lines. It all came together beautifully and every single pupil contributed to the show in such a meaningful and individual way according to their unique strengths and preferences. Once again, I'd like to thank the parents, teachers and PSAs for all their support of the children as they worked towards the performances and a special thanks to everyone who came and packed the hall to watch – what a great atmosphere! The show tickets and raffle raised a phenomenal £705.42.

Our football team trained all term and had their efforts rewarded when they took part very successfully in a game at Laurencekirk – not even the rain could keep their spirits down! It's great to see this opportunity for pupils to play and I'd like to thank Mr Tattersall for his commitment to running such a fun and inclusive club. Active Sports were also in full swing last term with Mrs Glennie running a lunch time club, giving pupils of all ages a chance to try their hand at multisports.

A group of four brave primary sevens attended the rotary quiz and came second! Thanks for representing Glenbervie and doing us proud!

The end of term saw the pupils, staff and parent volunteers venture into the mist and tackle the hill at the back of Drumlithie for our sponsored walk. We were just delighted by how well every single pupil managed despite it being a long way on a dreich day. The snack in the barn certainly lifted spirits for the return journey and I'd like to thank the farmer for accommodating us and being so supportive – it really made our day! The walk has raised £545.50 so far!



Looking forward

Community Events

Plans for Gala Day are coming along and the school would be delighted to support this event – more details will be announced closer to the big day but we are really looking forward to it! It will take place in the park on Saturday 10th June and is shaping up to be a fun event for the whole family!

It was announced that schools will close to celebrate the coronation of the king. GSP are organising a community tea party in the Drumlithie Hall which is open to everyone so please spread the word! Tickets are available from the school office this week so please pop in to get your ticket.



Staffing

Starting this week (May 2nd 2023), the teachers will be rotating on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for four weeks, delivering blocks of high quality teaching and making use of their skills and strengths across the school.

We are delighted to share that Mrs Russon has now officially completed her probation year and is now fully qualified – we never doubted it for a second!

Transition

This term, our thoughts turn to transitions and supporting pupils as they get ready to take the next step on their learning journey. Nurture group is available for pupils needing a wee bit of extra time to talk over their worries – please let us know if you or your child have concerns so we can help in school. Talking things over really does help! We are also looking at welcoming our new P1s and we have arranged lots of exciting opportunities for them and their parents to visit this term – we can't wait to see them!

Information about new classes and staffing for next year will be distributed in due course once final information is handed down to us from the council.



Science – building electrical models in P3/4

Let's get moving!

Summer term is always filled with outdoor learning and chances to get moving! The P6 and P7 will be doing bikeability in and around Drumlithie. We are really glad to see the return of swimming lessons as this is a vital life skill and the P4 and P5 class have begun a block on a Monday. Football looks set to carry on and we are hoping to line up some training sessions/games with nearby local schools or football clubs!

| Gym Days | |
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| P1/2 | Thursday and Friday |
| P3/4 | Thursday |
| P5/6 | Friday |
| P6/7 | Monday and Thursday |

School Improvement

This term we will continue to focus on strengthening our awareness of our school values. These values of Responsibility, Respect, Care, Honesty and Fairness give everyone in school a shared language that helps us learn successfully and play happily. We often refer to these values and this allows everyone to understand the school expectations. We are putting up a display at the front door that the P5/6 have designed with characters representing each value as a way of visually sharing what we are all about at Glenbervie.

In their classes, pupils will be exploring the Wellbeing Indicators from GIRFEC and what these actually mean in practical terms, breaking each indicator down and finding appropriate language to help the children express themselves clearly and engage in meaningful discussion around their wellbeing needs.

We remain committed to supporting writing and mental maths as areas for improvement.

Assemblies will be led by Mrs Reekie on a Friday and this term we will be looking at our weekly UNCRC right as well as festivals from Islam, Judaism and we are also hoping to look at our school aims and elements of cyber safety.

Achievements

We were so pleased last term with the number and variety of achievements that were emailed in to the school – our Good News board looks fantastic! Please do continue to send in pictures and information about how your children are achieving and making progress across the various activities that they take part in. Again, don't limit achievements to sporting victories as we genuinely love to hear about any success that matters to your child – it may be small but if something matters to them, then it matters to us and we'd love to recognise what is important to them and celebrate with them. Please email – glenbervie.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Walk in Wednesday is planned for Wednesday 24th May, shortly after parents night and before the community café, giving you that extra opportunity to pop in if you'd like. There's no pressure to attend as it's just an informal opportunity to visit your child and join me in the hall for a cup of tea. This is just a chance to share any concerns, give us your suggestions or tell us what we are doing right! Please don't wait though – we are happy to talk any time so please do lift the phone or email for an appointment.

Please remember

A final plea from us at school – Can you find time to have a chat with your child about what they'd like for lunch each day please? We are seeing an awful lot of food wastage which leads me to think there might be hungry children in the afternoons! Some children also come not wanting any of the options which puts them in a bit of a pickle! Your help with this would be greatly appreciated. I've attached the menu at the end of this newsletter and the link below will take you to the menu for this term:

[Aberdeenshire Primary School Menus from April 2023](#)

Also, dig out that sunscreen and a sunhat to keep your children safe from burning at lunch time and playtime... I am absolutely sure that summer will be with us shortly!

With best wishes,



Jenny Glennie and Donna Reekie

Dates for your diary

Here is a list of important dates for your calendar on the run up to summer.

| Date | Event |
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| Bike ability P6 & 7s this term Swimming P4 & 5s | Thursday afternoons – exact dates to follow Monday mornings – last one is 15 th May |
| Monday 17 th April | New Term Begins |
| Friday 28 th April | Progress Report and Parents Evening appointments open |
| Monday 1 st May | May Day Holiday |
| Date TBC | Outdoor Learning Day – Whole school led by Mrs McConachie |
| Wednesday 3 rd May | New Primary 1 Induction meeting for parents with HT/CT 6pm |
| Saturday 6 th May | Tea party run by GSP in Drumlithie Hall |
| Monday 8 th May | Coronation Day Holiday |
| Tuesday 9 th May and Thursday 11 th May | Parent Consultations (pupils & parents) 4-5.30 online and 5.30-7pm in school |
| Friday 19 th May | Activity Day for P6/7 – Lochter Activity Centre! |
| Wednesday 24 th May | Walk in Wednesday |
| Monday 29 th May- Friday 2 nd June | HEALTH WEEK |
| Friday 2 nd June | Sports Event & Community Café- P6/7 |
| Monday 5 th June | Occasional Day Holiday |
| Saturday 10 th June | Gala Day |
| Monday 19 th – Wednesday 21 st June | P7 Transition Days at Mackie |
| Friday 30 th June | Celebration of Achievement & Party in the Playground |
| Friday 7 th July | End of Session |
| Tuesday 22 nd August | New Term |



Aberdeenshire Primary School Menus – From April 2023

Week 2 – 24th April, 15th May, 5th June, 26th June, 28th Aug, 18th Sept, 9th Oct 2023



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Lentil Soup V | Vegetable Soup V | Melon Wedge | Watermelon Wedge | Minestrone Soup V |
| Main Course | Main Course | Main Course | Main Course | Main Course |
| Homemade Chicken Pie Broccoli Florets Sliced Carrots Mashed Potatoes | Homemade Margherita Pizza V Side Salad Vegetable Sticks Garlic Bread | Breaded Haddock Garden Peas Baked Beans Chips | Steak Mince with a Yorkshire Pudding Sliced Carrots Broccoli Florets Mashed Potatoes | Beef Burger in a Bun Served with optional Tomato Ketchup Sweetcorn Grated Carrots |
| Stir Fried Vegetable Rice V Side Salad Broccoli Florets | Mild Beef Chilli served in a Baked Potato Side Salad Vegetable Sticks | Seasonal Cold Platter V with Homemade Bread served with a Dip | Vegetable Fajita Pocket V Side Salad Broccoli Florets | Tomato Pesto Pasta V Sweetcorn Grated Carrots |
| Soup & Sandwich Platter | Soup & Sandwich Platter | Soup & Sandwich Platter | Soup & Sandwich Platter | Soup & Sandwich Platter |
| Lentil Soup V Thinly Sliced Ham Sandwich served with Side Salad & Pineapple | Vegetable Soup V Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich served with Side Salad & Vegetable Sticks | Melon Wedge Cheddar Cheese in a Soft Roll V served with Side Salad & Grated Carrots | Melon Wedge V Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich served with Side Salad & Pepper Sticks | Minestrone Soup V Sliced Chicken Sandwich served with Side Salad & Grated Carrot |
| Dessert | Dessert | Dessert | Dessert | Dessert |
| Fresh Fruit Platter Or Raisins served with Cheese & Biscuits | Fresh Fruit of the Day or Raisins served with Oatie Biscuit and Milk | Raspberry Jelly served with Vanilla Ice Cream or Cheese Oatie Biscuit | Fresh Fruit of the Day or Chocolate Brownie served with Custard | Fresh Fruit of the Day with a Butterscotch Cookie and Milk |



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Week 3 – 1st May, 22nd May, 12th June, 3rd July, 4th Sept, 25th Sept 2023

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Carrot & Coriander Soup V | Watermelon Wedge | Melon Wedge | Lentil Soup V | Tomato Soup V |
| Main Course | Main Course | Main Course | Main Course | Main Course |
| Homemade Margherita Pizza V served with Garden Peas Carrot & Pepper Sticks Penne Pasta | Fish Fingers served with Baked Beans Sliced Beetroot Chips | Homemade Steak Pie Garden Peas Broccoli Florets Mashed Potatoes | Homemade Turkey Meatballs served in Tomato Sauce Broccoli Florets Sweetcorn Penne Pasta | Hot Dog in a Bun with optional Tomato Ketchup Side Salad Sweetcorn Potato Smiles |
| Chicken Curry with Long Grain Rice Garden Peas Carrot & Pepper Sticks | Macaroni Cheese V Baked Beans Sliced Beetroot Chips | Vegetarian Sausages V Garden Peas Broccoli Florets Mashed Potatoes | Cheese Panini V Side Salad Sweetcorn | Baked Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese V Side Salad Sweetcorn |
| Soup & Sandwich Platter | Soup & Sandwich Platter | Soup & Sandwich Platter | Soup & Sandwich Platter | Soup & Sandwich Platter |
| Carrot & Coriander Soup V Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich served with Side Salad Carrot & Pepper Sticks | Melon Wedge Cheddar Cheese Sandwich served with Side Salad & Beetroot | Melon Wedge Thinly Sliced Ham in a Soft Roll served with Side Salad Cucumber Sticks | Lentil Soup V Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich served with Side Salad Margherita Pizza Finger | Tomato Soup Thinly Sliced Chicken Sandwich served with Side Salad Sweetcorn |
| Dessert | Dessert | Dessert | Dessert | Dessert |
| Fresh Fruit of the Day or Raisins served with a Cheese Oatie Biscuit | Apple Cake served with Custard or Cheese & Biscuits | Sliced Peaches with Vanilla Ice Cream & Waffle | Fresh Fruit Salad or Raisins served with Optional Natural Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit of the Day or Raisins served with a Chocolate Cookie & Milk |



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Week 1 – 17th April, 8th May, 29th May, 19th June, 21st Aug, 11th Sept, 2nd Oct 2023



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| Carrot Soup V | Lentil Soup V | Melon Wedge | Chicken Noodle Soup | Tomato Soup V |
| Main Course | Main Course | Main Course | Main Course | Main Course |
| Breaded Haddock Garden Peas Sweetcorn Chips | Our Butchers Pork Sausages in Gravy served in a Yorkshire Pudding Sliced Carrots Broccoli Florets Mashed Potatoes | Macaroni Cheese V Garden Peas Sliced Beetroot Potato Wedges | Homemade Margherita Pizza V Side Salad Vegetable Sticks Penne Pasta | Spaghetti Bolognese Side Salad Sweetcorn Garlic Bread |
| Penne Pasta & Tomato Sauce V Garden Peas Sweetcorn | Baked Potato topped with Baked Beans V Side salad Grated Carrots | Chicken Goujons served with Tomato Ketchup Garden Peas Sliced Beetroot Potato Wedges | Pulled Pork in a Bun Side Salad Vegetable Sticks | Cheddar Cheese Panini V served with Side Salad & Sweetcorn |
| Soup & Sandwich Platter | Soup & Sandwich Platter | Soup & Sandwich Platter | Soup & Sandwich Platter | Sandwich Platter |
| Carrot Soup V Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich served with Side Salad & Cucumber Sticks | Lentil Soup V Cheddar Cheese Soft Roll Served with Side Salad & Grated Carrots | Melon Wedge Hot Mini Meatball Sub served with Side Salad & Pepper Sticks | Chicken Noodle Soup Ham Sandwich Served with Side Salad & Vegetable Sticks | Tomato Soup V Thinly Sliced Chicken Sandwich served with Side Salad & Pizza Finger |
| Dessert | Dessert | Dessert | Dessert | Dessert |
| Fresh Fruit of the Day or Raisins served with Chocolate Yoghurt Cake | Fresh Fruit of the Day or Raisins served with a Shortbread Biscuit and Milk | Fresh Fruit of the Day or Raisins served with Cheese & Biscuits | Mandarins in Juice served with Vanilla Ice Cream or Fresh fruit of the day with Vanilla Ice Cream | Fresh Fruit of the Day served with a Vanilla Cookie and Milk |