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# Glenurquhart Primary News

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We hope all had a relaxing and enjoyable October break and are refreshed and looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the term ahead.

HT Open Forum The next forum will take place on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in the portacabin. Please join us once you've dropped your children off for a cuppa and a chat. Younger children's toys are available also so please bring them along.

CLASS EVENTS Please follow the class blogs on the school website for more information and regular updates.

P6/7 Swimming Swimming for P6s will continue until 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Feis Rois Gaelic singing and music sessions will continue for a further four week block next term looking at instruments rather than singing for these sessions.

P1-2 Poggle with Barrowlands Ballet - The P1-2 children have been invited to a contemporary dance production of 'Poggle' on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at Craigmonie Centre. This is a funny, sensory dance theatre piece with live music, clapping rhythms and bubbles!



WWI Exhibition - All the children have been invited to the WWI Exhibition and local display at Blairbeg Hall on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November.

RSPB Visit - The RSPB will hold an assembly on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November to inform the children about their Explorer membership and their work and activities in the local area.

Transition - Both P7 and Nursery-P1 transition activities start this term. The P7 children will join the High School and other P7 children from Balnain and Cannich Bridge on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> for a basketball activity while the nursery transition programme will begin with nursery children and staff visiting Primary 1 for soft start and story time on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Book Week Scotland and Road Safety Week - These both take place the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> November. Various activities will be completed in class and throughout the school as well as, issuing the Read, Write, Count bags from Scottish Book Trust to all P2 and P3 children.



Children in Need - This takes place on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. The Charities and Celebrations Committee have agreed come in dressed in spots for a £1 donation as well as to hold a bake sale on the day. Any home baking would be gratefully received. This will sell for 20p at break on the Friday.

Shoogalie - Dick Whittington Pantomime - Last year's performance of Beauty and the Beast was a huge hit with all the children and we have re-booked the theatre group to join us on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November for a production of Dick Whittington in our school hall.

### **TARTAN SPONSORED WALK**

This has become an annual tradition to celebrate St. Andrew's Day and raise money for school fund where money is used to fund school trips and transport for swimming etc. All children will take part in the sponsored walk with P1-3 walking around the lower walk at Craigmonie Forest while the P4-7 children will walk to the top of Mary's Rock in Craigmonie Forest. All are encouraged to wear some form of tartan. Sponsor forms will be issued closer to the time and we thank you in anticipation for your support.



### **POPPY APPEAL**



We will have poppies available in the school throughout next week for children to donate to the British Legion for the Armed Forces community. The P7's will pass the collection around the classes in the school each day.

### **CITIZENSHIP GROUPS** <http://www.glenurquhartprimary.org.uk/citizenship-groups/>

All children are now members of one of our Citizenship groups - Learning Detectives, Eco Committee, Digital Leaders, Rights Respecting Schools/ Global Citizenship, Celebrations and Charities or Wellbeing. These groups will meet one a month to take forward various aspects of our school improvement targets. Regular updates will be posted on the sections in the school website - above.

### **PARENT COUNCIL** <http://www.glenurquhartprimary.org.uk/for-parents/parent-council/>

Our next Parent Council takes place on **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm** in the school portacabin. All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. Next year, we will require a new secretary and the parent council are very keen to have new parents attend. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about what is involved, please get in touch with Lynn Milton through the email: [glenurquhartprimarypc@gmail.com](mailto:glenurquhartprimarypc@gmail.com)

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT** <http://www.glenurquhartprimary.org.uk/our-school/improvement-plan/>

Thank you to all who signed up to support various aspects of school improvement at our parent meetings last term. We continue to take forward both action plans related to **STEAM** and **Sustainability**. The posters explaining these are on the website at the above address.

All classes are now well on their way with their outdoor learning projects looking towards John Muir Awards (P4-7) or Woodland Trust/RSPB ones (P1-3.)

We also hope to hold a parent open afternoon on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November to show the work being completed in class towards aspects of school improvement. More information on this will follow.

## **DRESS DOWN DAY**

This is an excellent way of raising funds for our school. It takes place the last Friday of every month. Pupils wishing to 'dress down' pay £1 and can come in to school in casual clothes. We continue to ask that no football colours are worn as part of this and also remind parents that this is ***optional***. The next dress down date is therefore, **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November** and then **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November** to coincide with our Tartan Sponsor Walk.



## **SCHOOL CLOSURES**

To check for information on schools closures or other details out with school hours, telephone the schools information line to access the latest pre-recorded message(s) from the Head Teacher.

The number is **0800 564 2272 + the school's PIN 04 2130**. Information is also posted on the website: <https://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolclosures> and is regularly updated on local radio station MFR.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Dress Down Day
<b>Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	P1-2 Poggle with Barrowlands Ballet P7s Transition activity at High School
<b>Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	P4s and P5s Feis Rois 9am HT Open Forum
<b>Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	P6s Swimming (last session) 6.30pm Parent Council
<b>Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	WWI Exhibition in Blairbeg Hall for all Nursery transition - Nursery staff to visit P1
<b>Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	RSPB assembly
<b>Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	P4s and P5s Feis Rois Nursery visiting P1 for soft start
<b>Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need
<b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Book Week Scotland Road Safety Week
<b>Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Dick Whittington pantomime in school
<b>Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Drum Christmas Fayre - Courtyard
<b>Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	2pm Parent Open Afternoon
<b>Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Tartan Sponsor Walk



**Advanced Dates:** Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December - Flu Immunisations

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December - NSPCC visit

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Nativity in the church 10am

Christmas Parties - P4-7 Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, P1-3 Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December - afternoon

**Term Dates 2017/18** A downloadable calendar can be found here:- [Downloadable Calendar](#)

<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October - for all	Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January - for all	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> February - staff only	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February - for all	Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April - for all	Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July

**INSET DAYS** - Staff training

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

**MAY DAY HOLIDAY** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2019