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I'm sure like me, you are wondering where the last term has gone! We've been very busy but, having lots of fun. We continue to keep at a busy pace as we head towards Christmas with dates indicated in the diary below. I have also added a **Google calendar page** <http://www.glenurquhartprimary.org.uk/calendar/> to our school website home page which will hopefully be a support in trying to keep up with all that is going on. You can click in the events listed and see what is happening on any particular day.

If you haven't already, please can I advise that you follow our school news page so that you get email updates of new posts <https://1819glenunews.wordpress.com/> The follow button can be found at the bottom of the page. With budgets set only for essential spend it is just not possible to send out over 100 notes/reminders. Thank you for your understanding.

Can I also ask everyone to take note of the winter weather arrangements at the end of the newsletter. I always try to leave a message at the latest by 8am on the Council phone line. This is the most accurate and up-to-date information. Hopefully, it won't be required too soon!

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

Enterprise and DYW Week - During the week beginning 3rd December all classes will focus on an enterprise/financial education with P6-7 complete a Developing the Young Workforce Week and researching key skills involved in jobs related to STEAM careers. Many of our local community, partners and parents have kindly volunteered to be interviewed as part of this and we look forward to seeing some of the presentations created from this work.

Kodaly - P3 children will again receive a 3 week block of singing and music Kodaly sessions starting Monday, 3rd December.

GUHS Production P4-7 - We have again been invited to watch the Glen Urquhart High School production of Oliver Twist this year on Tuesday, 4th December.



NSPCC Visit - The NSPCC will join us on Friday, 14th December to deliver their 'Speak Out. Stay Safe' programme to all the children. The programme provides child-friendly, interactive assemblies and

workshops delivered by specially trained staff to help children. Further information on this will be sent out in a separate email/ letter.

HT Writing Challenge - We hope you are enjoying the various activities within this. The feedback from the children so far seems very positive. A reminder to take your 'books' in the week beginning Monday, 17th December to share with your classes.

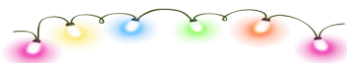
Christmas Parties - These will take place in the final week with P4-7 on Monday, 17th afternoon and P1-3 on Tuesday, 18th in the afternoon.

Christmas Lunch - This will take place on Wednesday, 19th December. Please could children indicate on the Monday if they would like a Christmas lunch and P4-7 children bring in payment then. We encourage the children to wear a Christmas jumper on the day if they wish.

Christmas Nativity - P1-2 will perform their Nativity 'The Donkey Seller' on Friday, 21st December at 10am in the church. All classes will also have a festive performance. You are warmly invited to join us.

TARTAN SPONSORED WALK

Our sponsored walk took place this morning with another successful and enjoyable day. Please can we ask that all monies raised are passed in to the school before **Monday, 17th December** so that they can be banked prior to the Christmas break. Many thanks for your ongoing support. This money can then be used for school trips, transport and to allow productions such as the recent pantomime to come to school.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

All families are invited to join us on The Green to turn the Christmas lights on on Tuesday, 4th December - 6.15 for a 6.30pm turn on.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The annual flu immunisations will take place on the morning of Wednesday, 5th December.

ILLNESS

As the term has gone on, we have had various different illnesses amongst the children and staff. Please can I remind all parents of the necessity to remain off for **48 hours from the last case of vomiting or diarrhoea**. Whilst your child may appear better, it is important that we try not to spread these bugs.



The winter vomiting bug

If you catch it, stay at home for at least 48 hours after your symptoms stop.

Keep it to yourself.

To find out more about the winter vomiting bug (norovirus), visit www.nhsinform.co.uk/norovirus or call 0800 22 44 88.



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

The **Celebrations and Charities** committee led a very successful Children in Need day on the 18th, raising £143.18 for the charity. Thank you for your support with this. This committee are now focussing on rejuvenating our Houses system.



FESTIVE FRIDAYS

Rather than Christmas Jumper Day this year, the Celebrations Committee have agreed to have Festive Fridays instead of a fundraising day. All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper each Friday in December as well as for our Christmas lunch on Wednesday, 14th December, with no donation necessary. Join us in a bit of fun!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Many thanks to all who ordered Christmas cards this year. This has raised £142.60 towards school funds.

FUNDRAISING

A huge thank you to the McWhirr family who have recently raised over £165 towards school funds from helping at events such as the Baxters Race.

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

Our next Parent Council takes place on **Thursday, 7th February 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

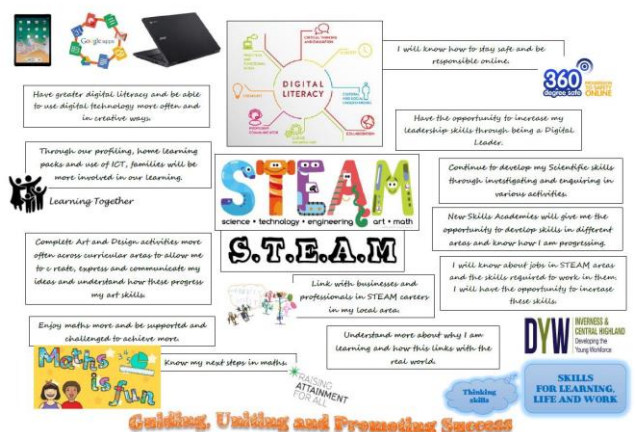
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

<http://www.glenurquhartprimary.org.uk/our-school/improvement-plan/>

We hope you all enjoyed our open afternoon demonstrating some of the learning taking place in areas around STEAM.

We are now looking towards enhancing our Digital Literacy approaches as we head towards the Chromebook rollout for P6 and 7 children. As part of this we hope to hold a workshop next term on Digital Citizenship and E-Safety where we will endeavour to answer any questions you have around the use of Chromebooks and ICT equipment in the school. Please keep forwarding these to myself: kerrie.laird@highland.gov.uk so that we can collate them and create a FAQ page.

Also, next term we hope to be able to present the P4-7 children with their John Muir awards and the P1-3 children with their Woodland Trust/RSPB participation certificates also.



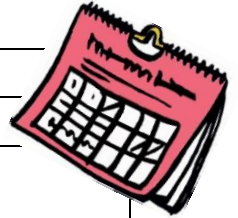


SCHOOL CLOSURES

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 <http://www.glenurquhartprimary.org.uk/calendar/>



Week beginning 3rd December	Enterprise and DYW Week
Monday, 3rd December	P3s Kodaly
Tuesday, 4th December	P4-7 GUHS Production - pm Christmas Lights Switch On
Wednesday, 5th December	Flu Immunisations
Monday, 10th December	P3s Kodaly
Friday, 14th December	NSPCC Visit
Monday, 17th December	P3s Kodaly P4-7 Christmas Party - pm <i>Reminder to take in your HT Writing Challenge books to share in school</i>
Tuesday, 18th December	P1-2s watching Nursery Nativity - am P1-3 Christmas Party - pm
Wednesday, 19th December	P1 Dress Rehearsal Christmas Lunch
Friday, 21st December	10am Christmas Nativity and Performance in Church Schools close at normal times for Christmas break
Monday, 7th January	School reopens for all at normal times

Term Dates 2018/19 A downloadable calendar can be found here:- [Downloadable Calendar](#)

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

INSET DAYS - Staff training

Wednesday, 20th February 2019

Monday, 3rd June 2019

MAY DAY HOLIDAY - Monday 6th May, 2019