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# Glenurquhart Primary News

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This has been a super term with all children enjoying their work towards Sustainability in the local community. We hope to be able to present awards in relation to this early next term so watch this space!

We have a number of children joining our school in January (at least one in every class) and I know that we will extend our very warm Glenurquhart welcome to them; highlighting our school value of 'Friendship' and our 'Relationships' aim.

I'd like to again extend our heartfelt thanks to all our families and community members for their on-going support in various ways this year and wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year from all at Glenurquhart Primary.



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



## Health and Wellbeing Week (7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> January)

We start the year with our, now annual, Health and Wellbeing week. During the week beginning the 7<sup>th</sup>, all the children will look at various aspects of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum, incorporating work on the wellbeing indicators that all children have a right to be - safe, health achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included. There will be **free breakfast** from 8.30am in the school hall for this week, for all who wish to join us and try some different things for breakfast each day. On Monday,

we will have an assembly introducing our **kindness elves** and where all the children will feedback their work on **anti-bullying** and 'Choose Respect.' Live N' Learn will visit again to encourage a **growth mindset** with a whole school assembly followed by workshops for P4-7. On Thursday (**changed to Tuesday, 8th**) parents and family members are invited to join us

for breakfast for the **HT Open forum** in the hall. We will then end the week with Jammin' Fitness looking at **dance around the world** workshops with P1-4 children. We hope this will be a fantastic week, enjoyed by all.

Kodaly P3 will have their final session of Kodaly on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January.

HT Homework Writing Challenge We hope that the children are continuing to enjoy their writing and creating their books. These are due to be handed in finally on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January. The sheets with information around this can be found on the newsletter section of the website.

AfRIS Astronomy - We are delighted to welcome the Astrophysics Research Institute to complete workshops with the whole school on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January. We are lucky to be one of 40 schools in the UK who were successful in securing these visits and hope that Balnain and Cannich Bridge may be able to join us for these visits.



### CHRISTMAS CARDS

As part of the Sustainability project that the P1-2 class are completing with Woodland Trust, we will be collecting Christmas cards to recycle after the holidays. Please don't throw these out but, bring them into school.

### TARTAN SPONSORED WALK

A reminder to have all sponsor money in to school by **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Many thanks.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

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

As we go into next term, we will turn our focus towards the Global Citizenship of our Sustainability aims. We will be taking part in Fairtrade Fortnight and each class will look at a different right of the child, linking these with our school's vision, values and aims. This will complement our ongoing work around Equality and Diversity.

Unfortunately, there has been a delay in our network upgrade for digital literacy however, we will continue to work towards the implementation of this with a focus on E-safety.

### 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.



**STAY AT HOME**

**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](http://www.nhsinform.co.uk/norovirus) or call 0800 22 44 88.



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

Our next Parent Council takes place on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:glenurquhartprimarypc@gmail.com)



**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/>

<b>Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School reopens for all at normal times Health and Wellbeing Week Kodaly for P3s
<b>Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>HT Open Forum from 8.30am in the hall</b>
<b>Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	P4-7 Live N Learn Growth Mindset workshops
<del><b>Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January</b></del>	<del>9am HT Open Forum</del>
<b>Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	P1-4 Jammin' Fitness workshops
<b>Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Nursery join P1 for soft start and story
<b>Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	HT Homework Writing Challenge due in
<b>Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	AfRIS Astronomy visit



**Term Dates 2018/19** 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