



# Glenurquhart Primary

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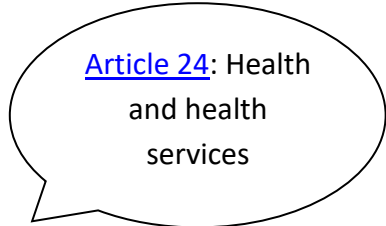
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A warm welcome back following the October break. We hope you all enjoyed a relaxed break. It was super welcoming the children back at the start of this week. Although, we still have much uncertainty going into this term, we are now well settled into our classes and all the children continue to do tremendously under the new restrictions and routines. We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding with this.

Next week we welcome a teaching student, Ms Shirley Brown, to the school for a block of placement in P6/7 until 4<sup>th</sup> December. Ms Brown is from our local community and as such has not had any campus contact. She has all our risk assessments and will follow all guidelines around Covid to maintain the safety of all. We look forward to her time with us.

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

Anti-bullying week ~ Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November ~ We will again be refreshing our work toward positive relationships and anti-bullying throughout anti-bullying week. Although nationally this is the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November, due to other events taking place in these weeks, we have chosen to bring it forward by a week. This will include a whole school virtual assembly and individual work in classes around conflict resolutions and the roles we all play in demonstrating our school values of friendship, respect, trust and empathy.



Children in Need ~ Children are invited to come wearing spots for Children in Need this year and bring a donation to school. We will have events in classes also.

Road Safety Week ~ Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November ~ Also this week the Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) will lead us in reminding us of road safety as we come into the darker weather.

Book Week Scotland ~ Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November ~ As part of this annual celebration of books and reading, the P1-3 children will receive their book bags with various activities included in them.

### **HOMEWORK**

<https://sites.google.com/glenurquharthigh.org.uk/family-learning-gups/home>

We have chosen to continue our use of our Family Learning website for homework this session. Following the same pattern as last year, each month we will focus on a different area of the curriculum and ideas for these at different stages will be posted on the relevant page on our Family Learning site – link above. This will include games and activities that parents can use to support learning in that months' curricular area.

November home learning focus: **READING**

Week beginning :- 2<sup>nd</sup> November – all children to login to their Google Classroom and answer the question set there.

Week beginning:- 9<sup>th</sup> November – For the month of November our homework focus will be on reading. Weekly activities will be set on a Friday for the following week. If you check-in with the Literacy page in the Family Learning website (linked from the homepage) you will find these activities for you. If you have any trouble with the site, please email the Head Teacher; [kerrie.laird@highland.gov.uk](mailto:kerrie.laird@highland.gov.uk)

### **BUILDING WORKS**

The building works are now almost complete, we are just awaiting furniture and ICT equipment. The older classes, P5/6 and P6/7, will begin their move into this unit towards the end of November. This will allow P3/4 to move into the current P5/6 classroom and have more space with their expanding numbers. Preparations can then



also begin to look towards moving the Gaelic nursery into the current P3/4 classroom. There will be no disruptions to classes as part of these moves.

### **OUTDOOR CLOTHING**

We will continue to complete lessons outdoors weekly in all weathers and would reiterate the need for children to come appropriately dressed and always with a waterproof jacket and suitable shoes/wellies. They will go out at break and lunch no matter the weather. Through PEF, we have ordered waterproof tops and bottoms for the P1 class to ensure equity for their outdoor garden which they have access to at all times. We have also ordered 20 spare sets for older children in case they are required in school. We are looking to order wellies too.

### **POPPY APPEAL**



Many of the volunteers that normally take round poppies continue to shield or are vulnerable this year. We will therefore continue to have poppies available for selling in school to support this cause. Unfortunately, we cannot have the children take these round the classes therefore if you do wish to purchase poppies or donate to this fund, please send money in a clearly marked envelope with how much is included and for how many poppies to the school.

### **PARENT COUNCIL/ COMHAIRLE NAM PARANT**

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

Our next meeting Parent Council meeting will take place online on **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6.45pm**. Minutes for previous meetings and upcoming agendas can be found on the link above. If you would like to attend, have any questions or would like to find out more about what is involved, please get in touch with our Chairperson, Jenny Neill through the email: [glenurquhartprimarypc@gmail.com](mailto:glenurquhartprimarypc@gmail.com)

[Article 5](#): The rights and responsibilities of parents and carers.

### **PARENT ENGAGEMENT**

As explained in the previous newsletter, we have Parent meetings scheduled for the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November. We are awaiting further updates from Highland Council about how we can do this under current risk assessments and I will be back in touch as soon as these are confirmed.

If you have not yet returned your child's learning profile (red folder and jotter for P1-4) then please can you do this ASAP. We hope you enjoyed looking through these. P5-7 can be found online if you speak with your child.

Article 24: The right to the best possible health.

**ILLNESS/ TINNEAS**

It is important that you contact the school by 9.15 each morning to inform us if your child will not be attending. We also need to record a reason for this.

**COVID-19**

Various information has been added to the school News page to support parents and keep them up to date with any changes. This also included Frequently Asked Question which I know many have found supportive. Advice can be sought from NHS Inform on 111.

**SICKNESS OR DIARRHOEA**

Children experiencing sickness or diarrhoea should be kept at home and remain off school until 48 hours from the last case of vomiting or diarrhoea.

**DRESS DOWN DAY** The last Friday of each month we normally do a 'dress down' day. Pupils wishing to 'dress down' pay £1 towards school funds and can come in to school in casual clothes. We continue to ask that no team colours/kits are worn as part of this and also remind parents that this is optional. The next dress down date will be **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November**.

**SCHOOL CLOSURES/ SGOIL A' DUNADH**

To check for information on school closures or other details you can contact the schools information number for a 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/ LEABHAR-LATHA**

A reminder that these are regularly updated on the Google Calendar on the website:

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



Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying focus week
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Week beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Week Book Week Scotland
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Council meeting online 6.45pm
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Dress Down Day

**Term Dates 2020/21** A downloadable calendar can be found here:- [Downloadable Calendar](#)

Open	Close
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October – for all	Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> December
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January – for all	Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February – staff only	Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February – for all	
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April – for all	Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June

**INSET DAYS** – Staff training - Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021, Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**MAY DAY HOLIDAY** – Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021