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Wishing all our families a wonderful Christmas break and best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year. It has been a very different start to this session but, we've remained flexible and resilient and come together as a school community. Our continued thanks to all for making Glenurquhart Primary the best it can be ~ Guiding, Uniting and Promoting Success!



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



Health and Wellbeing Week 6th-8th January

We will continue to start the year with our annual Health and Wellbeing focus. This year is a shorter first week and we will not have the free breakfast each morning. We would still encourage the children to be thinking about lessons learnt in previous years around healthy eating, drinking plenty water, sleep and relaxation. This year we will focus on the wellbeing indicators of safe, healthy and achieving.

- Each class will look at the resources recently developed by Highland Council and linked with the Science Skills Academy, 'Build Back Better.' These simple, memorable and fun experiments explore why we wash our hands, wear face

coverings and where/why social distancing is needed. They will incorporate many areas of the curriculum and each class will look to complete a key assessment task from these.

- P5-7 will also have a half hour online session on Friday, 8th January with Andy McKechnie looking at health, wellbeing and resilience.
- The P3/4 Wellbeing Committee will also present the work they have been doing around mascots for wellbeing to the school at our online assembly, linking this with children's rights.
- Resilience Alphabet – we will continue looking at the resilience alphabet and set new targets each week.

[Article 24](#): The right to the best possible health.

[Article 31](#): The right to leisure, play and culture.

Feis Rois Highlife Highland are delighted to be able to offer online sessions with vibrant music and cultural experiences for pupils including, musical activities, storytelling, performances, rhythmic challenges, video footage, song writing and sound exploration for the children in P5-7. These take place in 2 blocks of 4 weeks commencing Wednesday, 13th January. P5/6 pupils in Gaelic medium will join P6/7 for this so as to remain in their designated bubble.

HOMEWORK/ OBAIR DACHAIGH

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

Our family learning focus for January will look at Writing with various challenges being set each week.

January home learning focus: **Writing**

If you have any trouble with the site, please email the Head Teacher; kerrie.laird@highland.gov.uk

MODULAR UNITS AND GAELIC NURSERY

The pupil chairs for this have now been delivered and we await the connection of internet and wifi capabilities. As soon as these are complete, we will begin our transition to new learning areas as detailed in the previous newsletter.



An application for registering the Gaelic Nursery, Sgoil-àraich Ghlinn Urchadain with Care Inspectorate has also been sent and this process will now continue over the coming months.

PARKING

Thank you to all for working with us to reduce disruption to our neighbours by not parking on the St. Drostan's side of the school but instead parking at the park and walking up. Children continue to be reminded to walk out of the gates and walk bikes to the nearest pavements to help ensure safety in these pick up areas.



No
parking

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

We continue to ask parents to consider sending children with waterproof jackets (and trousers if necessary) and wellies if possible, dependent on the weather. Our trial of using round the front of the schools has gone well and play resources have been added to this area. We will continue to use this until dryer weather follows.

PARENT COUNCIL/ COMHAIRLE NAM PARANT

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

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place online on **Thursday, 11th February 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

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

[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. 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.

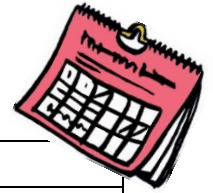
SCHOOL CLOSURES/ SGOIL A' DUNADH

Updated guidance was added to the school website this week. To check for information on school closures or other details you can contact the school 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/>



Wednesday, 6 th January	School opens for all at normal times
Week beginning 6 th January	Health and Wellbeing focus week
Friday, 8 th January	P5-7 Andy McKechnie sessions
Wednesday, 13 th 20 th , 27 th January and 3 rd February	P5/6 Feis Rois
Thursday, 14 th , 21 st , 28 th January and 4 th February	P6/7 Feis Rois
Friday, 29 th January	Dress Down Day

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

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

INSET DAYS – Staff training - Wednesday, 17th February 2021, Thursday, 6th May 2021

MAY DAY HOLIDAY – Monday, 3rd May 2021