



Glenurquhart Primary

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Guiding, Uniting and Promoting Success

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All the children now seem to have settled into their classes really well and it is super to be able to visit them again and have everyone mix more freely. We have been looking at our school values alongside the wellbeing indicators – Safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, respected, responsible, active and included in our weekly assemblies and in our work in class. All the children have also been considering class charters related to children’s rights that help everyone work together to ensure these are upheld.

Over the next week, we will be voting for our citizenship groups and skills academies. The staff and P7 children will also vote for this year’s prefects who will support the school’s vision of ‘Guiding, Uniting and Promoting Success.’

Class Events/ Tachartasan

Please follow the class blogs and our News page on the school website for more information and regular updates.



Feis Rois - P3/4/5 and P5/6 will have Feis Rois traditional music sessions online each Friday morning for a block of 4 starting, Friday, 3rd September.

Kodaly – P3 children are all receiving a block of three Kodaly music sessions this term each Monday morning until 6th September.

Swimming – P7 children will have a 7 week block of swimming each Thursday afternoon starting Thursday, 2nd September. Letters were issued to P7s last week detailing arrangements.

School photos – Tempest will join us on Wednesday, 15th September to take individual and class photos.

School Improvement/ Plana Leasachaidh na Sgoil

During the September training days staff will look at our planning, learning and assessment across subjects in Interdisciplinary Learning, review our curriculum rationale and consider our new digital strategy.

[Article 31](#): Right to leisure, play and culture

[Article 29](#): Goals of Education

[Article 42](#): Knowledge of rights.

September home learning focus: **Rights of the Child**

Family Learning/Homework

<https://sites.google.com/glenurquharthigh.org.uk/familylearninggups2122/home>

Home learning for September will focus on the Rights of the Child. Each week we will concentrate on a new right and what it means for our school. Home learning activities will be placed on the Family Learning site. We will have our assessment visit in early November for our Gold Rights Respecting Schools award and would encourage families to engage with this so that we can look to support a better understanding of it.

Parent Council/ Comhairle nam Parant

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

Our Parent Council was held last night and we were able to appoint our new office bearers;

Chairperson; Kath Fraser

Secretary; Anna Lound

Treasurer; Katie Hickson

Our next Parent Council meeting takes place through Google Meet on **Tuesday, 9th November at 6.45pm.**

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/gbg-ytam-wks> This can also be accessed through our Google calendar on the school website. We hope that more people will be able to join us and support the school.

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 Kath Fraser through the email: Glenurquhart.Primary@HighlandPC.co.uk

[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 – 01456 450458. We also need to record a reason for this.

COVID-19

Advice can be sought from NHS Inform <https://www.nhsinform.scot/> or on 111. No one should attend school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms. These are: a new continuous cough; fever/high temperature; a change in/or loss of taste or smell. Risk assessments to support safe practices within the school have been posted on the News page. The main changes for the school for the initial first six weeks are that we no longer require ‘bubbles’ and we are now allowed to sing. All other restrictions remain in place including the wearing of face coverings, distancing of adults (now 1m) and hand washing. Parents are also reminded that wearing face coverings and keeping distanced when collecting children remains the advice.

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

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.

Dress Down Day

The last Friday of each month we normally do a ‘dress down’ day. Pupils wishing to ‘dress down’ are asked to contribute £1 towards school funds where possible 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, 24th September**.

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/>



Thursday, 2 nd September	P1s photo for the paper
Friday, 3 rd September	P3/4/5 and P5/6 Feis Rois
Monday, 6 th September	P3s Kodaly
Thursday, 9 th September	P7 swimming
Friday, 10 th September	P3/4/5 and P5/6 Feis Rois
Monday, 13 th – Tuesday, 14 th September	School closed to all pupil for staff training
Wednesday, 15 th September	Tempest Individual and Class photos
Thursday, 16 th September	P7 swimming
Friday, 17 th September	P3/4/5 and P5/6 Feis Rois
Thursday, 23 rd September	P7 swimming
Friday, 24 th September	P3/4/5 and P5/6 Feis Rois Dress down day
Thursday, 30 th September	P7 swimming
Friday, 1 st October	P3/4/5 and P5/6 Feis Rois

Term Dates 2021/22 A downloadable calendar can be found here:- [Downloadable Calendar](#)

Open	Close
Monday, 16 th August (staff only) Tuesday, 17 th August – for all	Friday, 8 th October
Monday, 25 th October – for all	Wednesday, 22 nd December
Thursday, 6 th January – for all	Friday, 18 th February
Wednesday, 23 rd February – staff only Thursday 24 th February – for all	Friday, 1 st April
Tuesday, 19 th April – for all	Thursday, 30 th June

Inset Days – Staff training

Monday 13th and Tuesday, 14th September,
Wednesday, 23rd February,
Thursday, 5th May

May Day Holiday – Monday, 2nd May