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Welcome back to all following what we hope was an enjoyable Easter break. As we move into our final term this session, all classes will be continuing their 'Journey through Time' focus for the first part of the term before moving on to look at topics associated with outdoor learning and sustainability.

We hope to hear more on the changes to Covid restrictions this week and will update you on these in our next newsletter at the end of April. It does however look like we will be allowed visitors back to the school and we therefore wish to give some notice that we hope to hold an open afternoon **between 2 and 3pm on Tuesday, 10th May**. We hope you will be able to join us to see round our school and your child's classroom as well as, share some of the work they have been doing.

Class Events/ Tachartasan

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

Gaelic Cup Draw – Friday, 22nd April – On Friday this week, we have been invited to host the third round draw of the MacTavish Cup. As part of this, a group of children will play a short shinty game against BSGI and all P4-7 children will be invited to watch. BBC Alba and Managing Directors from the sponsors will be in attendance. This will then be followed by the cup draw.



Gaelic Edinburgh trip – Wednesday, 27th – Friday, 29th April – The P6 and P7 children will take part in the annual Gaelic trip to Edinburgh this year with details and arrangements shared with their families. This is a great opportunity for them to learn about Gaelic out with the school environment.



Ukraine Appeal Many thanks to all for your donations to the Ukraine appeal. A total of £178 was raised.



P6s Newton Room (Advanced Notice) We have organised a trip for the P6 children to visit the STEM Hub at UHI on Wednesday, 4th May. Thank you to the Science Skills Academy for funding to support transport for this. More information on this will follow.

Inter-school Sports (Advanced Notice) Entries are now being asked for the Inter-school Sports. These are for P6 and 7 children and take place on Saturday, 28th May, running from 9.45-4.30pm. To take part we will require parents to arrange transport for their child to and from the event and we will also require at least two parents to help with events on the day and further to help with supervision. This can be shared between morning and afternoon sessions. Trials will be taking place in school over the coming weeks and we will be in touch with parents to look for support following this.

School Improvement/ Plana Leasachaidh na Sgoil

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

This term we will be looking to evaluate this year's actions and plan our continued improved priorities with parents, children, staff and community members.





Family Learning/Homework / Obair Dachaigh

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

We will continue with our reading focus for the last week in April. Various activities and challenges will be posted weekly on the Family Learning site. This is also detailed in our weekly News blog.



Gaelic Nursery/ Sgoil-àraich

Our Gaelic nursery is now fully up and running and we are delighted with the uptake. We hope to have an official opening as soon as Covid restrictions allow families to return to the school building.

Parent Council/ Comhairle nam Parant

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

Our next Parent Council meeting takes place through Google Meet on **Tuesday, 26th April at 6.30pm**. Video call link; <https://meet.google.com/fqo-gqtd-itm> 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, our Parent Council chairperson, through the email: Glenurquhart.Primary@HighlandPC.co.uk



Illness/ Tinneas

Children who are unwell for any reason should not attend school. 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.

Head Lice

We have had a few outbreaks of head lice recently in different classes. Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, ask your local pharmacist, school nurse, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment.

COVID-19

Up to date advice can be sought from NHS Inform <https://www.nhsinform.scot/> or on 119.

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

During incremental weather, we try to get information to parents as early as possible once we are aware of conditions, transport and staff availability. 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 / Latha as aonais aodach sgoile

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, 29th April**.

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/>



Friday, 22 nd April	Gaelic Cup Draw P4-7
Tuesday, 26 th April	Parent Council 6.30pm
Wednesday, 27 th – Friday, 29 th April	P6&7 Gaelic in Edinburgh
Friday, 29 th April	Dress Down Day
Monday, 2 nd May	School closed to all for May holiday
Wednesday, 4 th May	P6s to Newton Room at UHI
Thursday, 5 th May	School closed to pupils for Inset training and election
Tuesday, 10 th May	2-3pm Open Afternoon
Saturday, 28 th May	Inter-school Sports – volunteers required

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

Open	Close
Tuesday, 19 th April – for all	Thursday, 30 th June

***Additional closure day** – June 3rd as part of Jubilee*

Inset Days – Staff training

Thursday, 5th May

May Day Holiday – Monday, 2nd May