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It is hard to believe that I am now issuing the final newsletter of this session! It has been a very busy term and please note the fun activities we have over the coming month. It is wonderful to again be able to have more planned events that we can engage fully with parents and the communities. Thank you for your support again this year and wishing all our families a wonderful Summer break when it comes!

Class Events/ Tachartasan

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



Outdoor Learning Each of the classes continues with their focus on outdoor learning over the remainder of this term. We hope by the end of term that most will have achieved their outdoor learning awards. Letters have been issued with details for parents if these activities are taking children out of the school grounds.

Education Scotland Awards – Wednesday, 8th June – Mrs Laird, Mrs MacPhee and eight P7 representatives will travel to Glasgow next Wednesday to take part in the award ceremony for the Education Scotland Awards. We are finalists with just 2 other schools in each category – in Family Engagement and Gaelic Education. A massive achievement already!

Fairburn P7s – Monday, 13th June – The second activity day for the P7s will take place on the 13th June where the children will get a chance to complete four further activities. The first session was enjoyed by all and I am sure this will provide further fun.



Fairtrade Picnic Lunch – Wednesday, 15th June – We will shortly apply for our Fair Achiever Award. This is the highest award that a Primary School can achieve towards Fair Trade and comes following a commitment to supporting, using and promoting Fairtrade. In celebration of this, we would like **to invite all parents to join us for a picnic lunch** (weather dependent)

on Wednesday, 15th June at 12.45pm. Parents can bring their own packed lunch and a travel blanket and join their child(ren) in the playground to have lunch. School lunches will be served as normal to the children but, they will take them outside. All families are requested to try to take one Fairtrade produce with them to have that day and we have linked with the



local Coop who will support this event.

P1-4 School Trip – We are aware that the P1-4 children have not managed to get a school trip this year and as such have been trying to organise something that ties in with learning in the classes. Transport is also our biggest issue. We are just waiting to finalise dates and are hopeful to organise a trip to Urquhart Castle. More information to follow ASAP.



Sports Day – 17th June We are delighted to be able to invite parents and families to again watch Sports. These have been arranged for Friday, 17th June from 9.15-12pm, using the High School playing field. Children will be given their house team in school next week and they will be asked to wear a top with that colour where possible.

Transition – 21st June – 24th June – The Primary 7 children will attend the High School for transition these days which parents have already received information on. During these days we are going to take the opportunity to bring whole year groups together for activities where possible.

New P1 families were emailed out information recently regarding transition activities with both Gaelic and English teachers completing weekly events to get to know the children and so the children can get to know the school. We will also have a P1 Information evening on Tuesday, 28th June from 6-7pm for those who will be P1 in August.

Leavers' Assembly Thursday 30th 11am – We will have our leavers' assembly this year in the Craigmonie Theatre. We would like to invite P7 parents to attend. Unfortunately, due to limited seating we will not be able to have other parents.

School will then close following this for all pupils and staff at **12pm**.

Staffing/ Luchd-Obrach

I have not had my staffing for next session confirmed and therefore will be unable to say classes until this has come through. However, Mrs MacPhee will retire this Summer after working for over 10 years in the school mainly as Additional Support Needs Teacher but, also as Acting Head Teacher for two periods in that time. We'd like to wish her our very best and thank her for all the support she has given to many pupils throughout her time here.

School Improvement/ Plana Leasachaidh na Sgoil

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

A link to a parent survey was emailed to all parents recently -

<https://forms.gle/96aaoLQPB4AaVW478> We have only had 5 responses so far and I would really appreciate your opinions to support us to make decisions and focus priorities correctly for the coming year.

As we look towards next session we are aiming to look at creating a consistent approach to teaching Writing with staff completing training with other Highland Schools on this. We will also be looking to raise attainment in Numeracy and Mathematics through considering maths anxiety which has been recognised since the impact of Covid.

The children have chosen to lead an improvement project looking at Play and the Parent Council will lead improvements around Family Learning and Engagement.

Our annual Standards and Quality Report along with our School Improvement Plan for next year will be published early in August.

June home learning focus: **Outdoor Learning**



Family Learning/Homework / Obair Dachaigh

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

To tie in with the focus in classes and with the hopefully, increasingly nice weather, our final month of Family Learning will focus on outdoor learning. Various activities and challenges will be posted weekly on the Family Learning site. This is also detailed in our weekly News blog.



Parent Council/ Comhairle nam Parant

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

Our final Parent Council will take place on Google Meet on **Monday, 13th June at 6.45pm**. Video call link; <https://meet.google.com/ozm-xapw-mzh> This can also be accessed through our Google calendar on the school website. The Parent Council have agreed to lead the development of **Family Learning** next session and this meeting will look to plan this as well as, to plan **fundraising** events over the coming year. 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 inclement 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, 24th June**.

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, 1 st June	School closed for Jubilee
Wednesday, 8 th June	Education Scotland Awards presentation in Glasgow
Monday, 13 th June	P7s at Fairburn Parent Council 6:45 – 8:00pm Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/ozm-xapw-mzh
Wednesday, 15 th June	Fairtrade Picnic 12.45-1.30 (Weather dependent) – Parents/carers invited to attend
Friday, 17 th June	9.15-12.15 Sports Day
Tuesday, 21 st – Friday, 24 th	P7 transition to High School Year groups working together in school for different activities
Friday, 24 th June	Dress Down Day
Tuesday, 28 th June	New P1 Information evening – Gaelic and English
Thursday, 30 th June	Leavers' Assembly 11-12pm School closes for Summer break for all 12pm
Monday, 15 th August	INSET training – staff only
Tuesday, 16 th August	School returns for all at usual times

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*

Are you or someone you know who is over the age of 16 looking for a job? Perhaps some part-time hours to earn some money over the holidays. If so, pop in to the Scotmid who are looking for staff.

We're hiring!

Full & part time positions available.

Scotmid coop

recruitment@scotmid.co.uk
scotmid.coop/careers/job-search