



**Glenurquhart Primary School**  
**Session 2015-2016**  
**April Newsletter**



**Dates for the Diary** There are a number of dates for parents and carers to be aware of this term :-

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| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April                        | P4 Class Trip to Abriachan  |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April                         | P3 Woodland Walk<br>Parent Council Meeting at 7.00  |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April                           | Dress Down Day  |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May                              | May Holiday   |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May                            | P7 – Safe Highlanders   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May                          | OPEN AFTERNOON 2- 3.00pm  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May                            | P7 Transition visit to Glenurquhart High School   |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May                             | Dress Down Day  |
| Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May                           | Inter School Sports at Bught Park   |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                           | SPORTS DAY  |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June                             | INSET day – school closed to pupils   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June                            | Summer Fair and Family Barbeque<br>6- 8.00 pm   |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June | P7 Transition to Glenurquhart High School   |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                            | Dress Down Day  |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                             | End of Session Service at Glen Urquhart and<br>Glenmoriston Church of Scotland at 10.00<br>am |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                             | End of Session School closes at 12.00   |

**Open Afternoon** all parents and carers are invited to attend an open afternoon when they can observe their children in the class situation and view some of the work undertaken this session. However, please note that this is not a time for discussing individual children or their progress.

**Sports Day** – it is planned to have a full day of Sports activities on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. The morning – from 10.00 -12.00 will be spent participating in “Potted Sports” activities, followed by an early lunch from 12.00-1.00 and class races in the afternoon at 1.30- 3.00. It is planned to have the “Potted Sports” on the field behind Glen Urquhart High School and the races on the Astroturf. These plans are, of course, weather permitting!

**Swimming** – P6/7 start their swimming lessons at Inverness Aquadome on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Cross Country** – A number of pupils took part in the **McRobert Cup, Cross Country** event on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Although they were not fortunate enough to be placed, all who participated did very well. **Alex Knotts, Jacob Adjei, Grace Montague, Iona McGunnigle, Evie MacLeod, Mairead MacLeod, Sarah**

**Fountain, Renee Upton, Ross Milton, Sarah MacPherson, George Ballantyne, Deklan Phinn, Joseph Tree, Max Gordon, John Cameron and Constanza Sale** all took part. Some of these pupils were competing in their first cross country event. The competition involved 43 schools and 900 competitors. So **“Well done”** to all our runners!

**Parent Council** – the next meeting of the Parent Council is planned for **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm** in the school.

**Indoor Shoes** - pupils are all asked to bring a pair of indoor shoes to wear in class. This is particularly important during times when the playground is wet and muddy as changing from outdoor to indoor shoes helps keep the school floors clean. Pupils are asked to take their indoor shoes home at the end of every term so that parents and carers are able to replace these shoes as and when necessary. It is noted that a number of senior pupils do not have indoor shoes at present. Please check that your child has indoor shoes and that they are not needing to be replaced.

**Lateness** – Although there has been a general improvement in pupils arriving in school on time, there are a small number of pupils who are still persistently late. Please note that the name of pupils who arrive late is noted, along with their arrival time and the reason for lateness in the school “Late Book”. Parents are asked to make an effort to ensure that their children arrive in school on time as late arrivals are disruptive to learning and teaching in classes.

**Absences** - Apart from illness, absence from school should be kept to a minimum and parents/carers should not take a child away from school for holidays or social purposes. Any unnecessary absences should be avoided. When a pupil’s attendance record falls below **80%**, it is considered a cause for concern. It may be necessary to inform parents of pupils whose attendance is at this level so that they are aware that their child’s absence record is a cause for concern. All parents are asked to telephone the school office before **9.00am** on each day of absence, to notify us of the reason for absence

**Achievement Tree** - Parents and carers are encouraged to share pupils’ out of school achievements with the whole school community by completing slips for displaying on the Achievement Tree in the school hall.

Pupil Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_