

# Glenlivet Primary School

## SUCCESS FOR ALL OF US

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Dear Parents

I really don't think I can remember when we've had such a busy start to a school year. As well as being great fun, it's all provided very good learning experiences for the children.

### The Sports

We were finally lucky enough with the weather to complete our school sports. It was only about ten weeks late but worth the wait for the good competition and good company of pupils and parents from Tomintoul School.

### Listen Well Scotland

The ability to listen well is a life skill that can be learned and developed and, with the help of Listen Well Scotland Primary 6 – 7 made an excellent start with this. It's about caring for and valuing other people and allowing them the time and space to say what they have to say without judging. Definitely a skill worth developing.

### Bikeability

Our children are very much enjoying taking part in Bikeability and are making good progress. All non-riders have quickly mastered the art of riding a bike and are very pleased with their achievements. Most children are working either on a Bikeability 1 or Bikeability 2 qualification.

Bikeability 1 covers basic cycling skills and children should be able to control their bikes in a non-traffic situation. It is important that children and parents understand that a Bikeability 1 certificate should not be taken as a licence to ride unsupervised on the road.

Bikeability 2 checks all the level 1 skills and progresses onto road work. Children and parents should understand that the training is carried out under close supervision by highly skilled trainers and the level 2 certificate should not be seen as a licence to cycle unsupervised on busy roads.

### Glenlivet Garden Afternoon

Many thanks and well done to all parents, pupils and staff who made the Garden Afternoon on 13<sup>th</sup> September such a success. Our next Garden Afternoon is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November when we will be planting bulbs. If you are able, please come along and join in with the fun.

### Hens and Bees

Our hens, Penny, Toffee and Goldie have returned and are doing well. Every Friday Mr Lettey comes to school to teach us how to look after the bees. Earlier this term we had a very exciting afternoon when we took the frames from the hives into school and extracted the honey. We worked together really well as a team and extracted a bucket and a half of honey. This week Mr Lettey is going to help us put the honey into jars. We will design our own labels for the jars.

### The Honesty Box

Joshua and Tyler designed an honesty box and Mr Ross has helped them to build it. The boys painted it and Mrs Durno and some of the children have decorated it. The honesty box is at the end of the school driveway and will hopefully soon be full of our school produce – eggs and honey. We are very excited about this.

## Dates for the Diary

### September

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Information Evening for parents of P6/7 children interested in the Lagganlia residential trip

Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Mystery Trip???

### October

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Fluoride varnishing

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Library Van

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Tomintoul School Bingo – 6.30pm in The Memorial Hall, Tomintoul

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 1

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Term 2 starts

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Drum Fun  
Flu immunisations

Thu 31<sup>st</sup> Hallowe'en Party

### November

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Readathon

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher meetings, 2.30pm – 6.00pm

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Drum Fun

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Our children training all of Moray Councils Newly Qualified Teachers

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Garden Afternoon

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> in-service  
Tue 12<sup>th</sup> in-service

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Drum Fun

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Parents curricular information evening, 6pm

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> NSPCC Visit

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair

### December

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Nativity

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Pantomime at Eden Court

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 2

### January

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> First day of Term 3

### Spirit of Moray Book Festival

Our younger children enjoyed a fun filled and active session with author Emily Dodd. They may never view squirrels the same way ever again! The older children, under guidance from the National Library of Scotland, learned how to become History Detectives. What a fantastic opportunity to learn research skills that will stand them in good stead back in the classroom.

### Challenges

This year, as part of our school improvement plan, we are challenging the children to be resilient, resourceful and responsible. To encourage this we will set the children regular challenges. One challenge this term is to gain seashells to fill a jar and gain a mystery trip by displaying these behaviours. The jar is almost full and excitement is mounting. Tomorrow (Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September) the children will open the envelope and find out either what they could have gained or where they are going. The second challenge is for the Glenlivet Go Getters to work independently to organise a Hallowe'en Party. They have time each week to work on this. After a slow start things are starting to come together.

### In-service and Staff Training

We had two busy in-service training days that allowed us to focus on planning and general school business as well as learning about British Sign Language, Emotions Coaching and Tracking Pupil Progress within Curriculum for Excellence. Added to this Mrs Woodcock has been on training courses about GLOW and this has very quickly resulted in the children being introduced to this in a very productive way.

### Dates for Your Diary

As you can see from the diary dates we also have lots of learning planned for the future and we will send home more details nearer the time.



Thank you for your continued support of our school.

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