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## WORKING TOGETHER LEARNING TOGETHER

Dear All

I hope this letter continues to find you all well and safe and you and your children are continuing to manage the current situation as best you all can. The return of the sunny weather this week has helped us all. Please remember you are doing a brilliant job and thank you to everyone who has sent in photos of home learning. There is another powerpoint ready to be shared with you all with more photographs of your home learning. We hope you are enjoying watching these. Please keep sending the photos in of home learning and we still have more photos waiting to be used. Send them straight to Mrs Boardman – [gw16boardmanaimee@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw16boardmanaimee@ea.dumgal.sch.uk). Thank you to Mrs Boardman for doing this for us. Photos about kindness can still be sent in as well to either the school office or to Mrs Boardman too. Thanks for those who have done so already and there have been so many great acts of kindness taking place. Even although Mental Health Awareness week is over, our mental health still continues to be a priority, so please keep remembering at this time, kindness to others and yourself is crucial.

This week's updates

- I am happy to take phone calls from any parent wishing to have a chat about anything. My next shifts in the hub are Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June until 1pm then Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 1pm.
- Next week there will be another check in questionnaire sent to all children. It would be great if you could find time for your child to complete it. The link is on your team's page and some teachers will also email the link too. This helps us support you and your child as best we can. Thank you to all those who are able to complete this.

We know individual teachers have different ways to stay in touch with you and your child. Please keep staying in touch as directed by your teacher as this is so important but could we ask that everyone at least tries to check in once a week by email so we have a regular chance to communicate and support you and to help with any concerns you may have. It would be also helpful if pupils could check their Glow emails too and send a reply to their teacher so they know they have read the emails. Thank you.

- Letters have been issued about buddies to both P1 and P6 children and parents. We look forward to seeing your videos. Videos to be sent to the office email address [gw08officecargenbrid@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw08officecargenbrid@ea.dumgal.sch.uk) There is now a Teams Buddy group for P6 pupils to use to communicate with each other and for us to share information with you.
- **Remember this is happening next week.....** This term we would have been having all our outdoor events such as sports day. We have been asked to take part in a Regional Themed Sports Week 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June. More information about this has been put on facebook/email/blog. During next week some work will be linked to this and families are encouraged to get involved by creating a sports day at home, in the house or garden (be careful what activities you pick for suitable spaces!!) Active Schools would like to encourage pupils to wear their school t-shirt or jumper so they can identify which school they are from. They would love to see banners with school name or any words of support. Photographs of what you have done should be sent into the school office and we will forward these and a video montage of the virtual regional sports week will be collated to celebrate and share by Active Schools. These photos need to be with Active Schools by 8<sup>th</sup> June so we would need them in to us by **4<sup>th</sup> June** as we have to choose 5 photos to send in. Send to [gw08officecargenbrid@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw08officecargenbrid@ea.dumgal.sch.uk) We hope this is something you will all take part in and have lots of fun.

- **Also during next week we plan to have our own virtual sports day too. Thanks to Mrs Law for organising this. It will be based around potted sports. Information about this will be shared with you by your teacher either via teams or email. Everyone during our own sports day can earn points for their house and we will present the house sports cup to the winning house. Go Abbey, Go Solway, Go Cluden... Who will win this year? Good luck all of you. There has been a separate teams for sports week created where you can all chat to each other. Our potted sports activities can also be used for the activities for the Regional Sports Week.**
- The annual D&G Environment Fair celebrating the best of Dumfries and Galloway's environment will be going virtual on **31<sup>st</sup> May** with a live stream event. More information about this can be found on our school facebook and blog.
- Issue 3 of the newsletter from Education Scotland is now online. We hope you find it useful and informative as it gives other ideas for activities to do at home and how to support your child at home. Here is the link to where you can find all of these newsletters  
<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/scotland-learns/a-weekly-newsletter-for-parents-and-carers/>
- Unfortunately, we don't have any update in relation to the school reopening yet. I have been asked to take part in a risk assessment of the school next week which will help us move forward with our plans. More information when it becomes available.
- Here is a link to information about transitions during this time for parents  
<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/covid19/transitions/>
- As we move in to June we would normally be doing a lot of different activities with the children and many of these outdoors. So for June the learning grids may change slightly with some more family activities to do and activities related to other areas of learning such as The Highland Show and transition. This will be a nice change for you all.
- We are not in the position yet to share information about classes for next year but this will be shared with you as soon as we can.
- We would normally by now have given you information about ordering school uniforms. We are in communication with School Trends but we think that what will have to happen this year is for everyone to order on line on the website and your uniform will be delivered to your home. To order on line go to [www.Schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.Schooltrends.co.uk), it is very easy to navigate. By typing in the School Name and/or postcode this will bring up the Nursery and School. Once you click in there it shows all our uniform with prices etc. Any queries contact the office email address.
- Just a reminder - As you know we are open as a childcare hub for key workers, this is for child care only and there is no formal learning taking place, so it is not school. The hub is getting even busier and is nearing capacity so please remember that this is only for those key workers who have no other alternative child care provision. It is lovely to see some familiar faces in the hub.

We will continue to communicate with you in lots of ways through teams, facebook, email, text and via phone calls and through a weekly letter. If there is anything we can do to help at all please let us know.

Thank you for your ongoing support during this time. Take care everyone and stay safe. Remember you are all doing an incredible job. Be kind to yourselves.

Regards

Mrs E Watson  
Head Teacher