



5/6/20

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. I hope you have all managed to catch up with some of your friends and family now that we can do so outside. Please remember you are doing a brilliant job and thank you to everyone who has sent in photos of home learning. 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. We hope you and your family enjoyed watching the latest one which has just been shared. 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. It has been lovely to see some sports week photos coming in too. You have all had great fun.

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 15th June until 1pm then Wed 17th June from 1pm.
- 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.
- If you have not sent in your Buddy video then please can you do so as soon as possible. Videos to be sent to the office email address 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. The videos received so far are so good and it is lovely to see all the children. Well done all of you. This is a great way to start to build relationships between them when this can't happen face to face.
- We hope that your sports week has gone well and I have seen some fab photos of what you have been up to. Some are very creative. Send in some of these photos as soon as you can so we can submit some to Active Schools and include them in our home learning slideshows. Let your teacher know what you have been doing so you can get some house points towards the sports cup.
- Issue 4 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/>

Here is a link to information about transitions during this time for parents

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/covid19/transitions/>

- In relation to preparing for re opening schools in August we have had our Risk Assessment and this was to ensure it was safe for staff to return to the building in June. Obviously our school is currently being used as a hub so this makes things a little more challenging for us. We are starting to work with the authority on capacity figures for the school and that will feed into making decisions about the children and staff returning in August. There is now a local recovery plan for schools re opening and this will be followed step by step. More information on all of this will be shared when we are able to.
- Can I now confirm that school uniforms should be purchased on line as detailed in last week's newsletter. Any queries contact the office email address.

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 as new information about re opening needs to be shared. 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