



12/6/20

## 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](mailto:gw16boardmanaimee@ea.dumgal.sch.uk). **It has been lovely to see some sports week photos and videos coming in too. You have all had great fun and a particular well done to those children who have organised sport day for their neighbours.**

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 15<sup>th</sup> June until 1pm then Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June from 1pm.
- There will be another Health and Wellbeing pupil questionnaire next week for pupils to complete. This will be on their learning grid or emailed to you. We hope your child can find the time to complete it. We will probably send one more out after this and this may focus on finding out how you and your child are feeling about returning to school. This will help us support you and your child as best we can.
- We are pleased that our **Education Scotland Inspection Report** – letter and summarised inspection findings will be published on **16<sup>th</sup> June**. We will send you a link for you to access this via facebook or email. As the start of next school year will be all about transition and recovery back into school, the school improvement plan's priorities from this year (19/20) will carry on into next year (20/21) along with next steps from the inspection. More information on this will be distributed to you at a much later date.
- 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.
- We have 3 weeks left so we have decided the home learning for these weeks will be based on the following – Highland Show, then Transition then celebrations. There is a new Sumdog contest which will run from 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June. All classes have been registered for this so hopefully you will all take part.
- We are also planning how we can celebrate our current P7 pupils at this time before they leave us to move onto Secondary School. Our CPA agreed to very kindly fund a leaver's hoodie for all the P7s as a keepsake for them of their time in P7. Thank you so much for doing this. More info to come.

- 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](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. 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. I think parents have enjoyed looking at these as much as the children.
- Congratulations to Mrs Elliott who had a baby girl, Mirren Agnes Elliott last week. Mum and baby are both doing well. We look forward to Mrs Elliott and Mirren visiting us when we are back in school.
- Anyone who still has information to share about what they did for their sports day or points they received please can they do so by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June so we can total the points up to see who has won the house sports cup. Thanks.
- Issue 5 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, as you can imagine there are lots of discussions taking place in school and as an authority to decide on the best model. As you can imagine things are changing so quickly and may change right up until August as the picture changes across D and G and Scotland. What is clear at the moment is not all children will be in school at the same time or for the full week when schools return in August. Arrangements for next year and details of classes will unfortunately be given to you quite late in this term. Following the authority approach we will endeavour to ensure the arrangements try to meet our context as best we can. The authority will send further communication to you next week. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.
- Can I now confirm again that school uniforms should be purchased on line as detailed in a previous 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