

19/6/20 **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. 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).Mrs Bposted the sports week slideshow at the beginning of the week and it was great to see all of your sporting pursuits. Well done again, great fun was had by you all.

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 29th June until 1pm then Wed 1stth July from 1pm.
* I am pleased to announce that the winning house for the sports week is **CLUDEN**, well done to you all. A virtual high five to you all.
* Next week will be our final Health and Wellbeing pupil questionnaire 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. The focus this time is finding out how you and your child are feeling about returning to school in August. So there is a pupil one and an adult one next week. This will help us support you and your child as best we can. In order to help you as best as we can it would be good if **everyone** can complete this one. Thank you.
* I am sure you were pleased with our **Education Scotland Inspection Report**. Watch out soon for a link to a video from me to you all and in particular for our pupils as we would normally have celebrated this with the pupils in class and at assembly. When you get it either on facebook or by email, please can you show your child this, as they all need a huge well deserved congratulations as they were a credit to you during the inspection. It is lovely to see our pupils get the praise and recognition they all deserve in the report. Well done everyone. #proud.
* As we come to the very end of the term it is still important you keep in touch with us. 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 are aware as this very strange term comes to an end that everyone is tired and running out of steam, pupils, staff and parents that is. We would normally be doing less formal learning at this time anyway so please don’t feel your child needs to do as much as they have previously doing. Therefore with only 2 weeks left, home learning for these weeks will be based on transition then celebrations. This term ends on Thursday 2nd July.
* Miss Mawer is busy working on how we can celebrate our P7s after the holidays when things go back to normal. In the meantime we feel we can’t let them leave at the end of term without doing something so we are planning on having a short drive through celebration in the car park on the last day of term on Thursday 2nd July. Time to be confirmed. So P7 parents please keep this day free and more details will be shared with you when we have it.
* On Wed 24th June we will hold a virtual Parent Council meeting via skype. This will be to discuss our inspection report and the schools reopening in August. Due to restrictions in numbers unfortunately this will only be for Committee members but if you have any queries you would like raised then please pass these to Fiona Martin and she will raise them on your behalf. Many Thanks.
* This year we were asked to take part in a **National STEM pilot awards scheme**. I am pleased to let you know we have been successful and we have gained an award in the Employability and Enterprise Section and the Leadership Section. Well done to everyone and this is another positive acknowledgement for all our brilliant partnership working with Dupont and all the work we do with STEM. Our work with our partners was also greatly acknowledged in our Inspection report too.
* Issue 6 and 7 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/>

* This week you all received a letter from the authority explaining the current thinking on schools reopening in August. As you will have read at the moment the authority approach is a 2 day model, with Monday and Tuesday in school for Group A and Wednesday and Thursday in school for Group B, with Friday being a flexible learning day not in school for everyone. On this day the school will signpost learning which can be done at home. The other 2 days when your child is not in school, the school will provide learning for these days too. We understand that this time is very difficult for you all and not having definite information is causing stress for you in relation to planning child care as your children are only at school 2 days each week. Even although this is an authority model we will do our very best to meet the needs of our context and families when working out what the 2 day model looks like at Cargenbridge. We will inform you which class your children will be going into when schools go back to normal working and we will also inform you of which 2 days your children will be in from August. We will do this as soon as we can as I am sure you will understand things are changing all the time and at times very quickly. As I have previously said there are more questions than answers at the moment. Some of you have been asking about uniforms. We **will** be expecting children to wear uniforms when they return on **12th August**. We will also provide you with information on what the first week back will look like as not everyone can have their 2 days in school this week. There will also be information shared with you about safety procedures, procedures for drop off, collection, breaks and lunches. So please if you have any questions please go through the correct channels and email the school and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as I can. Many Thanks
* If you have not sent in your Buddy video then please can you do so immediately as there are some children desperate to receive them. Videos to be sent to the office email address [gw08officecargenbrid@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw08officecargenbrid@ea.dumgal.sch.uk)
* 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