

Glengowan Primary School



Newsletter - October 2020



Dear Parent/Carer

I have a number of new initiatives and news items to share with you. I will continue to make updates available via our school app.



Rising Stars Reading Planet

We have invested in a subscription to Reading Planet. This online resource will give the children access to a wider range of texts. Parents/carers of our P1-4 children will be familiar with Glengowan's use of decodable texts as part of our approach to teaching reading and this resource provides over 100 new titles to complement this. However, the extensive library includes titles for the whole school. In total, we will have approximately 550 books available online.

Class teachers will assign books to groups and individual children.

All of the children will receive details about how to access Reading Planet at home over the next few weeks. Some classes have been given the log in details already. The classes and children I have already spoken to have been encouraged to let their teacher know about any difficulties with access.

As with all new initiatives, I expect that we will have some challenges. I ask for your understanding and hopefully we will have all children accessing Reading Planet by the middle of November.

Reading Challenge

We have registered to take part in a Reading Challenge. P4-7 children will keep a record of titles read through the use of a Reading Passport. Books read at home, online or in class can be included. P1-3 classes will keep a record in a slightly different format.



Nursery Class Update

At long last, our Nursery Class has opened. A huge amount of work has gone into preparing this new provision. It should be noted that our new Early Years' Workers have only been at Glengowan for just over 1 week. What they have managed to achieve is outstanding. The post of Team Leader has now been advertised and I hope to interview candidates soon. Mrs Inglis is our Nursery Teacher. She has now been joined by Mrs Whitelaw (Blue Group), Mrs Duncan/Miss Gardner (Red Group), Mrs Kane (Green Group) and Mrs Aitken (Yellow Group).

Our provision begins at 9.10am and ends at 3.10pm. Please be aware that the P1-7 children who travel by bus will leave via the hall doors. I ask that Nursery parent/carers do not gather too early at these doors, taking into account that a group of children need to have a clear path to the buses.

Nursery Class Requests

If anyone is able to help with these requests, please contact the school office. The items we are looking for are listed below.

- *Lego*
- *Duplo*
- *Mobilo*
- *3– 5 year old clothing (including socks)*



Reporting on Progress

As I shared on the 9th October, schools are not permitted to hold large gatherings at the moment. Due to the cancellation of Parents' Evening, your child will be given an Interim Report. This will allow your child's teacher to communicate the information that would have been shared with you at the Parents' Evening.



The annual Harvest Assembly at Glengowan Primary School had to be cancelled this year. However, the children, with support from their families, continued the tradition of gathering donations for the Clyde, Avon and Nethan Foodbank. The response from the school community was amazing. Thank you.

IT Access

Current restrictions mean that we have had to reduce the flow of paper between home and school. This means that more learning has had to move online and books/paper tasks need to be quarantined upon return. If you need assistance with devices to access online learning, such as a Chromebook, or don't have internet access, please contact me on 01698 882208.

Important Date

Monday 16th November—School Closed to children (In-Service)

Yours faithfully,

G Murray

Head Teacher