



# Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



## Newsletter - May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of May, life at school, although very different, continues to be busy. I hope that the information in this newsletter is useful.



### **SUMDOG Success in the South Lanarkshire Contest**

*I don't think I could be more proud of the Glengowan children.*

*177 classes from across South Lanarkshire and 1457 children took part.*

*9 of the Top 10 children were from Glengowan.*

*16 children from Glengowan finished in the Top 20.*

*44% of the Top 50 children were from Glengowan.*

*Furthermore, 5 of our classes finished on the Top 10 class leaderboard.*

*Thank you for encouraging your child to participate. This was another amazing result for our school.*



## Pupil Reports

Your child's annual report will be issued before the end of term. Many parents have maintained contact with the class teacher throughout this session via email and telephone. This has been encouraged and has helped to address any concerns promptly. Class teachers were very keen to provide a lengthy report to parents/carers by the end of June, but the system has changed. All South Lanarkshire schools now use a reporting system with a reduced word count. Unfortunately, all of our teachers had to reduce the length of their comments about your child's progress significantly. I thought it appropriate to inform you about this now, so that you are aware of the changes to the new reporting format.

Inside the report, you will find a description of your child's progress between the Curriculum for Excellence levels of Early, First and Second. There will be a comment about the level achieved and the progress towards achieving the next level. This could be expressed as:

*Achievement Level: 01– Achieved First Level*

*Progress between Levels: Beginning of Pathway to next level*

**or**

*Achievement Level: E – Achieved Early Level*

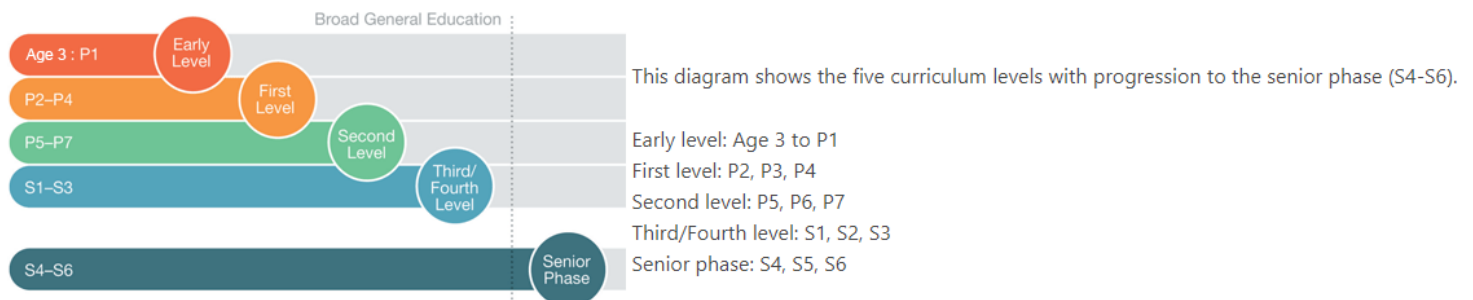
*Progress between Levels: Final Stage of Pathway to next level*

*This is a slight change to the wording used previously.*

*Included below is a screenshot from Education Scotland's website about curriculum levels.*

## Curriculum levels

There are five curriculum levels - Early, First, Second, Third and Fourth - in the **broad general education** (from early years to the end of S3).



The **senior phase** is for young people aged 15-18 and is designed to build on the experiences and outcomes of the broad general education, and to allow young people to take qualifications and courses that suit their ability and interests.

Note: This is a general guide. Learners will progress at their own pace through the curriculum levels - the framework is designed to be flexible to permit careful planning for those with **additional support needs**, including those who have a learning difficulty and those who are particularly **able or talented**.



*When dropping off and collecting your children from school, please maintain appropriate distancing from others. Adults should be wearing a face covering.*

*The safety of the children near our car park is paramount. Please drive responsibly if you need to travel to Glengowan by car.*



### **P7 Visits to Larkhall Academy**

*Provisionally, the children have been invited to visit Larkhall Academy on either the 9th or 10th of June. This will be for a short time rather than a whole day visit. Details about travel arrangements will be shared with you soon. Please check the school app for updates.*

### **Uniform in August**

*Red sweatshirts, jumpers and cardigans do not have to show a 'GPS' logo. These do not have to be purchased from uniform shops, as many supermarkets sell similar items at a much lower price. Skirts and trousers can be black or grey. We always have a supply of nearly new items that can be given to families at no cost. If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.*



### **Dates for your diary**

***Friday 28th May—School Closed***

***Monday 31st May—School Closed***

***Wednesday 9th June—Room 13 to Larkhall Academy (1.30-2.30)***

***Thursday 10th June—Room 14 to Larkhall Academy (9.15-10.15)***

***Thursday 17th June—Nursery Graduation***

***Tuesday 22nd June—Nursery Fun Day***

***Thursday 24th June—School Closes at 1pm***

*Yours faithfully,*

*G Murray*

*Head Teacher*