



# Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



## Newsletter - March 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

First of all, thank you for your patience and understanding during a very challenging time for us all.

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.



### In-Service Day

The school will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 6th May**. Please note that Glengowan will be used as a Polling Station for the Scottish Parliamentary Election.



### Parent Group

The Glengowan Parent Group will be gifting a chocolate egg to the children on Thursday.

Thank you for supporting all their fundraising efforts.

### Thursday 1st April

The school will close earlier in the day on the last day of term. Please note the alternative leaving times.

<b>2.20pm</b>	<b>Primary 5-7 (Rooms 10-14)</b>
<b>2.25pm</b>	<b>Primary 1-3</b> <b>Room 8 (P4) and Room 9 (P4)</b>
<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Nursery Class</b>

## Remote Learning

Thank you for your support during the period of remote learning. I am very aware of the challenges to family life during this time. Please see the table below which summarises the feedback received.

<b>w/b</b>	<b>Too much (%)</b>	<b>Too little (%)</b>	<b>Just right (%)</b>
11th Jan	8	18	74
18th Jan	17	9	74
25th Jan	18	10	72
1st Feb	15	5	77
15th Feb	15	9	76
22nd Feb	9	11	80
1st Mar	19	5	76

## News from The Nursery Class

Our recent focus has been learning all about Spring. The role-play area has been transformed into a barn where children can dress as farm animals. Through this play and a variety of other activities, children have been learning new vocabulary associated with Spring. Furthermore, a flower shop 'selling' real flowers was opened. Children had lots of fun making flower arrangements for the shop and learning the names of the different parts of a flower. They then used a variety of leaves, stems and petals to create their own artwork. Children have had the opportunity to plant their own sunflower seed and learned about caring for plants. They have had lots of fun learning about all of the changes that Spring brings.





### **Dates for our diary**

**Thursday 1st April**—School closes at 2.30pm. Staggered exit from 2.20pm.

**Monday 19th April**—School opens. Breakfast club starts today. 8.15am

**Friday 30th April**—Recycling Bags to be returned.

**Monday 3rd May**—School Closed

**Thursday 6th May**—School Closed (In-Service and Election)

### **Return to the school building**

*As much as Remote Learning was designed to provide continuity, there was still disruption for all of the children. This has and will continue to be taken into account as we plan learning for the rest of the session. I am very grateful to the staff at Glengowan for all their work during a challenging period and to our parents/carers who supported the learning that moved from the classroom to home. Most of all, I am very pleased with how well the children have settled back in to life at Glengowan. A supply janitor, who was here for a few weeks, commented on the good manners displayed by the children at the school gate. I felt very proud when I heard this and realised that I often take this for granted. I feel very privileged to be the Head Teacher of a school where the children take the time to say ‘Good morning’ and ‘Thank you.’*

### **Easter/Spring Break**

*For those of you who will be celebrating during this season, I wish you a Happy Easter.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*G Murray*

*Head Teacher*