



Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class Newsletter - October 2023



Dear Parent/Carer



Special Visitors

Last week, we were visited by the Executive Director of Education Resources, Carole McKenzie and Lead Officer for Curriculum, Leigh Miller. Both requested to visit Glengowan following our improvements in the teaching of Reading and Writing. A group of Primary 7 children delivered a presentation on our 'Writing Revolution' and answered questions about literacy learning at the school. Four of our teachers taught lessons to their classes in front of our guests and Mrs Field & Mr Urquhart gave a short presentation on how learners receive additional support when needed. I had an opportunity to explain our improvement journey, which was made possible by our staff's commitment to professional learning and how this has led to higher-quality teaching. Once again, I was delighted to share about the support received from the school community in the purchasing of thousands of books for the children. The feedback from this visit has been simply incredible and far more positive than I expected.

Parents Portal

All parents/carers of P1-7 children must register with parentsportal.scot as soon as possible.

To access parentsportal.scot go to <https://parentsportal.scot/home/>



Happy Birthday!

A former teacher at Glengowan celebrated her 100th birthday recently. Mrs Scott was a teacher in a few Larkhall schools, with ten years spent at Glengowan during the 1960s. We had a special card made for her, signed by some of our older pupils.

Owls

As part of the book study 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark', Primary 3 children participated in a workshop by Avon Valley Falconry within our school assembly hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting Ellis, the Barn Owl and Mrs McBride was thrilled to be able to hold her.

Calum from Avon Valley Falconry was very impressed by our P3s knowledge about owls and complemented the pupils on their positive attitude to learning.



Harvest

On Friday 13th October, Primary 4 presented their Harvest Assembly. It was a brilliant performance. Thank you to Mrs McMillan for her planning and organisation. Due to the donations from the Glengowan community, we were able to provide hundreds of items to the local food bank. The Glengowan Parent Group has also made a monetary donation towards the work of the food bank.

Football Festival



On Wednesday 12th October, a group of Primary 7 pupils represented the school at the second Larkhall Football Festival of the session. The Festival took place at Larkhall Academy's outdoor pitches.

The team played 7 matches and ended the Festival with a mixture of wins, draws and losses. The positive attitude and excellent behaviour of the team was, yet again, noticed and commented on. Thanks to parents, carers and relatives who came to support the children.

The next Football Festival will take place on Wednesday 8th November.



Girls' Football Festival



On Thursday 12th October, a group of Primary 7 pupils represented the school at the first Girls' Larkhall/Hamilton Football Festival of the session. The team played 6 matches and ended the Festival with some very strong performances.

All of the children demonstrated enthusiasm, commitment and such positive attitudes on the day, despite picking up a few injuries! Thanks to parents, carers and relatives who came to support the children.

The next Girl's Football Festival will take place on Thursday 9th November.



Sports Hall Athletics



On Thursday 26th October, a group of Primary 7 pupils represented the school at the second Larkhall Sports Hall Athletics event of the session. The event took place in the games hall at Larkhall Academy. All pupils took part in a variety of both track and field events against another four schools from the Larkhall area.

The children's behaviour, sportsmanship and enthusiasm was exemplary. A final Sports Hall event will take place in November before the Larkhall Final, which Glengowan won last year, takes place in January.



Clubs Update

There is now an after-school club on every day of the week.

Mr Broadhurst takes the P6/7 Netball Club on Mondays and Miss Stewart has started a P3 Dance Club on Wednesdays.

Multi-Sports, Football and Athletics Clubs all continue in term 2.

Continue to check the school app for updates regarding after-school clubs.

Halloween Disco



Thank you to the Glengowan Parent Group for organising this event on Thursday 26th October.



Our Amazing Nursery Class

The nursery children have been out doing their best to 'Beat the Street' to help keep Glengowan top of the leaderboard.

Stay and play sessions are coming up in November 7th 9.30-10.30am and the 9th November between 1.30-2.30pm. A Google Form has been sent out for parents to select a day they can come.

Parents/carers can access more information about what's happening in the Nursery Class via Learning Journals.



Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents/carers for supporting the completion of homework. The home learning we provide allows you to see the progress being made by your child and gives you the opportunity to work in partnership with us.

Yours faithfully,

G Murray
Head Teacher