



# Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



## Newsletter - February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer



### **The Treble Clef Project**

*We have made a start to what could be our most ambitious project to date. 'The Treble Clef Project' was conceived with one question: Would it be possible to teach all Glengowan pupils to read music by the time they finished Primary 7? Judging by the response from children at recent assemblies, it may be achievable.*

*This will not be a short-term initiative and it could be a few years before we see a significant impact. Furthermore, the extent of this project will depend on the success of a grant application as musical instruments are expensive.*

*As with our development work in literacy and numeracy, educational research will have a central role in the decision making process. I have little interest in vague references to 'improving skills' and I seek quality evidence before embarking on something new. If you wish to know more, I encourage you to have a google search of 'benefits of music education'. A headline in an educational magazine a number of years ago read 'Music boosts attainment - and transforms communities'. If this is indeed the case, why wouldn't we explore this further?*

*I will keep you updated in the months ahead and will hopefully have some good news to share about funding later in the session.*

<https://www.tes.com/magazine/archive/music-boost-s-attainment-and-transforms-communities>

*On Thursday 1st February, 2024, a group of Primary 7 pupils represented the school at the Larkhall Sports Hall Athletics Final. 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 performance in all events was excellent. After a very energetic and challenging afternoon of competition, Glengowan finished in 2nd place.*

*The 2nd place finish at the Larkhall Final meant that Glengowan qualified for the South Lanarkshire Final. This event took place on Friday 9th February at John Wright Sports Centre, East Kilbride. Again, the children performed superbly well and were an absolute credit to the school.*

*Thank you to the parents/carers and relatives who were able to come to support the children on the day.*





## **Football Festival**



*On Wednesday 7th February, 2024, a group of Primary 7 pupils represented the school at the fourth Larkhall Football Festival of the session. The Festival took place at Larkhall Academy's outdoor pitches.*

*The team played 7 matches against some strong opposition. The children all performed very well, demonstrating enthusiasm, commitment and excellent sportsmanship in each game.*

*Thanks to parents, carers and relatives who came to support the children. The next Football Festival will take place on Wednesday 6th March, 2024.*





## Girls' Football Festival



*On Thursday 22nd February, 2024, a group of Primary 7 pupils represented the school at the third Girls' Larkhall/Hamilton Football Festival of the session.*

*The team played 7 matches and ended the Festival with a remarkable 100% winning record of 7 wins, scoring some excellent goals in each of the games.*

*All of the children demonstrated superb passing, shooting and defending. Thanks to parents, carers and relatives who came to support the children on the day.*

*The next Girls' Football Festival will take place on Thursday 21st March, 2024.*





## Primary 1 and Primary 2 Judo Taster Sessions



*On Tuesday 20th February, we welcomed local judo coach, Andy Malone, to Glengowan.*

*The children in Primary 1 and 2 took part in 30 minute judo taster sessions. Andy taught the children some basic judo concepts and finished with a fun game.*

*The children thoroughly enjoyed Andy's input and they were complimented on their wonderful manners and respectful attitudes.*





# HIBARI KAN JUDO CLUB



<b>Larkhall Academy</b> Monday &/or Thursday 5 - 8yrs (6:10pm - 7pm) 9 - 14yrs (7pm - 7:55pm) 15yrs+ (8pm - 8:55pm)	<b>Lanark</b> St Nicholas Church Hall Tuesday 5 - 8yrs (5:30pm - 6:25pm) 9 - 16yrs (6:30pm - 7:25pm)	<b>Carlisle</b> High School Wednesday 5 - 8yrs (5:30pm - 6:25pm) 9 - 16yrs (6:30pm - 7:25pm)	<b>Blackwood Community Wing</b> Friday 5 - 8yrs (5pm - 5:55pm) 9 - 14yrs (6pm - 6:55pm) 15yrs+ (7pm - 7:55pm)
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**Call or email today to book your place.**

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**TEAM HK**

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## **Texthelp Read & Write Ambassadors**



*Our ambassadors have completed a short training programme equipping them with the knowledge and skills to use the Read & Write Digital platform on the Chromebooks. Now that they have completed their training, the ambassadors will support other children and staff across the school to use this technology in a range of ways across the curriculum. By using this technology, learners will be able to access learning in a way that supports their needs.*



## **Leavers' Hoodies**

*Thank you for the fundraising efforts. All of our P7 children now have a Leavers' Hoodie.*



## Lunar New Year Celebrations



*Our nursery children have been exploring traditions and foods associated with the Lunar New Year in China. 2024 marks the Year of the Dragon, so the children constructed a large model and brought it to life with their own special dance and percussion instruments. They also enjoyed making lucky money envelopes and tasting some traditional Chinese foods.*

***“ Kung Hei Fat Choi!”***



## **Nursery Stay and Play**

*This month, we held two **stay and play** sessions within our nursery setting.*

*These sessions give parents the chance to get involved in activities and have fun alongside their children.*

*Feedback from those who attended has been extremely positive and the gym hall session proved to be a firm favourite with everyone.*



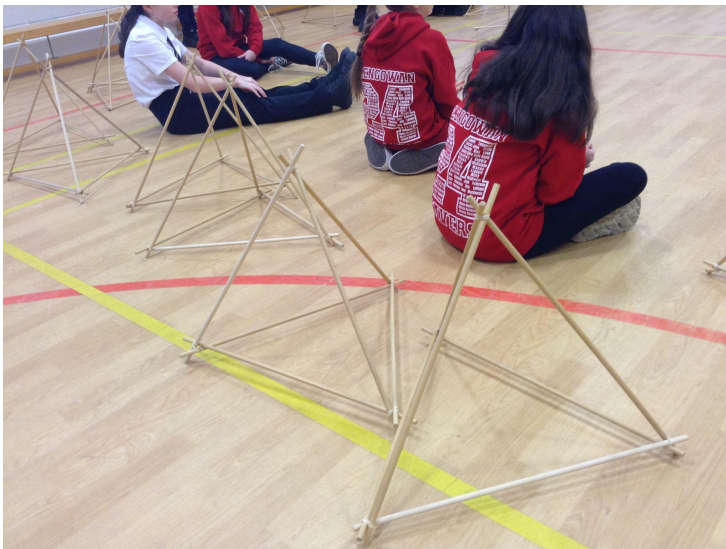


### **Improvement Priority Two**

*Develop our curriculum offer with a focus on Technologies and Art & Design.*

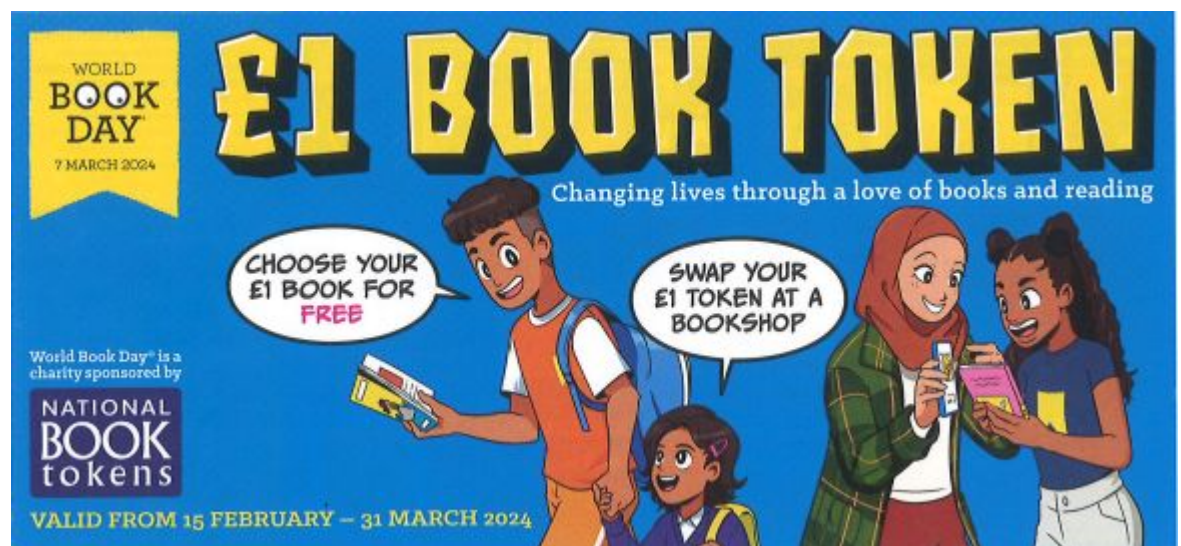
### **Giant Tetrahedron Challenge**

*Earlier this month, our P6 and P7 children worked with some STEM Ambassadors on the Giant Tetrahedron Challenge. This event linked so well with one of this year's improvement priorities and also created an opportunity for the children to speak to engineering students and graduates.*



### **Book Token**

*Please check your child's bag. Children were given a book token just over a week ago.*





### **World Book Day**

Our staff team will plan to mark this occasion on Thursday 7th March. We may have two authors visiting on that day. This will be a non-uniform day. No charge. Costumes/fancy dress are not required.

On Friday 8th March, Emma Davis, an author from Ireland, will be visiting Glengowan. She has books for sale at £10 each. If your child wishes to purchase one of her books, a flyer about her visit is included with this newsletter.

### **P1-7 Parents' Evenings**

The next Parents' Evenings take place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March. Information about booking an appointment will be shared on **Parents Portal**.

### **P1-7 Trip**

We have booked a visit for all P1-7 children to IMAX on Wednesday 24th April to see 'Under the Sea - 3D'. This trip will also include a short visit to the Science Centre. Details have been shared on **Parents Portal**.

Due to a donation from the Glengowan Parent Group of £1100, we are able to offer a reduced price of £9 per child.

No spending money is needed as we will not be visiting the gift shop.

A packed lunch should be brought to school. Juice or water should be included. Those entitled to a free lunch will be able to place an order with the school canteen. Please note that milk is not included in these lunches.

All children should wear a red sweatshirt/cardigan. This does not need to have the GPS badge. Any child without this item of clothing will be given one from our school supply. School trousers/skirts do not need to be worn. Jeans, leggings, tracksuit trousers are acceptable. Comfortable shoes, such as trainers should be worn.

This will probably be our last whole-school trip for a while as most venues are unable to accommodate such a large group.

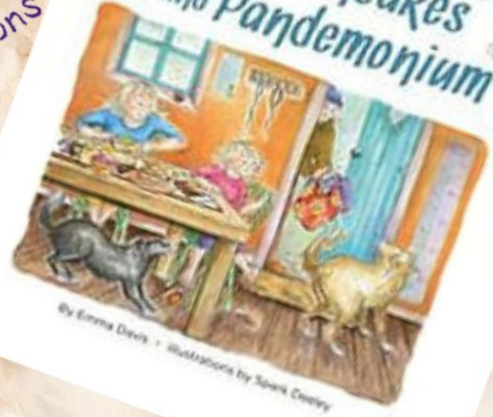


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# Pups, Pancakes and Pandemonium



## Visiting Author Emma Davis

Emma Davis is delighted to visit Glengowan Primary on Friday 8th March for World Book Day 2024. Emma will read her children's books to some of our classes.

There is an opportunity to purchase a signed copy of either of her books for £10. If you wish your child to buy a signed copy, please send £10 in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on Friday 8th March.



Books are £10 on the day or  
Scan code to buy direct  
from Emma's website





## Important dates



Thursday 7th March	World Book Day. Non-uniform Day. Author visit.
Friday 8th March	Author visit
Thursday 14th March	P5 Swimming begins
Thursday 14th March	7pm Family Bingo Night
Wednesday 20th March	P1-7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 21st March	P1-7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 21st March	Orthoptist visiting Nursery Class
Wednesday 27th March	6.30pm Lochgoilhead Meeting for parents/carers
Thursday 28th March	9.30 P5 and P6 Easter Assembly. Information to follow.
Thursday 28th March	<b><u>Early Close</u></b> P6-7 2.20pm P4-5 2.25pm P1-3 2.30pm Nursery Class 2.30pm
Friday 29th March	Holiday
Monday 15th April	School re-opens
Thursday 18th April	Nursery Parents' Evening  7pm Parent Group meeting
Wednesday 24th April	P1-7 to IMAX/Science Centre
Friday 26th April	P1-7 Open Morning

Yours faithfully,

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