

Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



Newsletter - March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I begin this newsletter with an announcement that I have not looked forward to sharing with you. After almost 23 years at Glengowan, Mrs Duff will retire in June. It would be an understatement to say that the place will not be the same without her. Mrs Duff came to teaching later than many, but found a career very suited to her caring nature. Although she enters her final term in April, I can guarantee that Mrs Duff's commitment to the children of Glengowan will not waiver. Nearer the time, we will mark this special occasion appropriately.



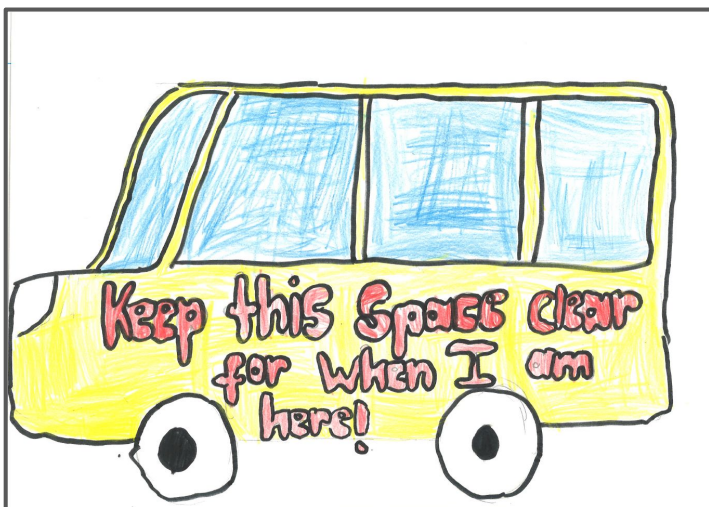
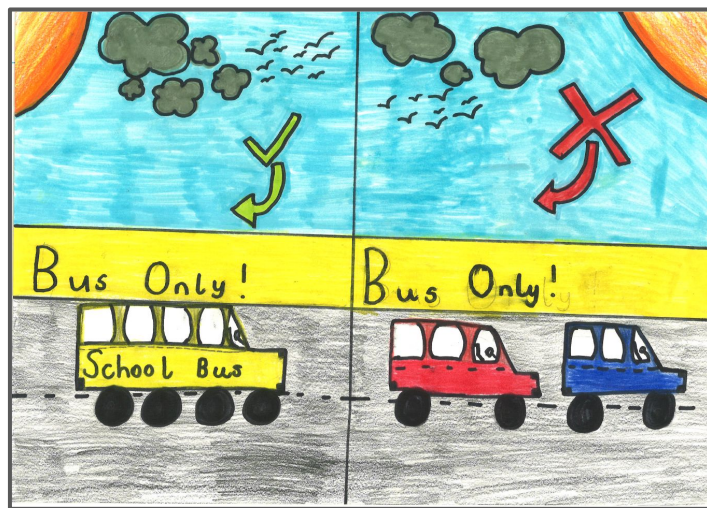
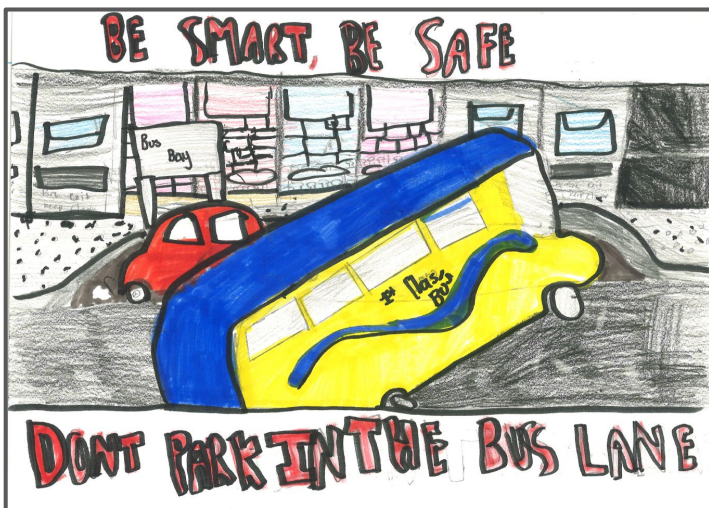
Spring planting

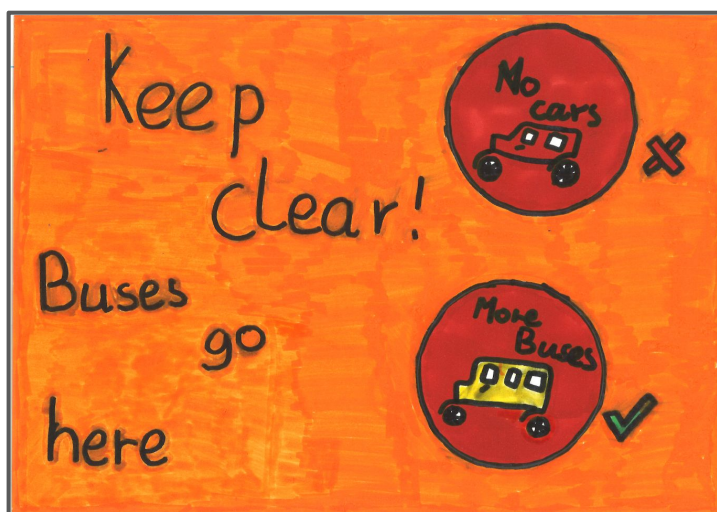
Mr Hannah (Tom to most) worked with our Primary 1 classes last week to plant a variety of seeds. This was met with much enthusiasm and we look forward to seeing what happens over the next few months.



Parking in the Bus Bay

Our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) have selected the top 10 entries in our competition to design a banner about parking in the bus bay. These are included below.





Engineering Competition

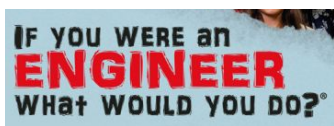
Improvement Priority Two

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

All Primary 4-7 children have entered an Engineering Competition. Morgan Swan, an engineer who works for Howden (and also daughter of Mrs Swan), spoke to the children at a recent assembly.

Morgan inspired the children by telling them about her 'journey' to becoming an engineer and spoke about some of the interesting projects that she has been part of - including designing a wind tunnel for the Red Bull Formula 1 team.

Morgan challenged the children to become young engineers by creating an invention that would make life easier for people. Some of the children's inventions have been incredibly creative. The entries have all been sent away and will now be judged by real-life engineers. We look forward to finding out how the children have done later in the year.

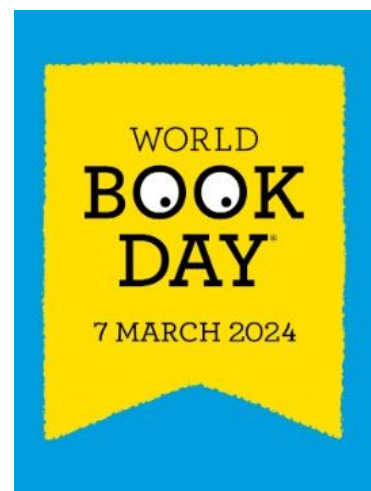


World Book Day 2024

Throughout week beginning 4th March, we celebrated World Book Day. Classes took part in a number of activities including live online author sessions and reading for pleasure activities with their teachers.

As a whole school we embarked on The Story Train challenge. The nursery began by choosing a character for our story and he (Cupcake the Trexaphant) travelled all the way up to Primary 7, one class at a time, gaining exciting twists and turns to his story as he went. The finished story was read to the whole school at assembly and is now available to read in the library.

On World Book Day itself, we welcomed author Joan Haig back to Glengowan for some exciting workshops about her latest book, 'Great Minds', as well as her award winning 'Tiger Skin Rug'. Some of the younger children were even lucky enough to have another author, Emma Davis, visit on Friday too.



Cupcake's Catastrophe!

Written by the children of Glengowan Primary School






JOIN US FOR OUR
**STRAWBERRY
FAYRE**

Saturday 8th June
10am to 1pm



ADULTS £2.50
(TEA / COFFEE AND STRAWBERRY TART INCLUDED)
ACCOMPANIED KIDS GO FREE!

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN INCLUDING

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- giant slide •
 - beat the goalie •
 - market stalls •
 - hot dogs •
 - police •
 - bouncy castle •
 - hook-a-duck •
 - tea & coffee •
 - raffles •
 - fire engine •
 - nerf shootout •
 - glitter tattoos •
 - home baking •
 - tombola •
 - ice cream van •

and much much more!



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Information for Primary 6 and 7 Parents/Carers

If your child is between 10 and 13 years of age then there is an exciting opportunity for their experience to form part of new research looking at children and young people's experiences of using social media and how this affects their health.

What is involved: Your child will be invited to an interview in their school and I will ask them some questions about their experience of using social media. I will ask them to bring 2 pictures to the interview that illustrate what being healthy means to them. This is a link to a short clip where I am describing the study: <https://youtu.be/uwtQEmxXn2o>

Who is the Researcher: I am Emma MacDonald and I am a registered children's nurse. I have been a registered nurse since 2001 and I am currently a lecturer at Glasgow Caledonian University in the Department of Nursing and Community Health.

For further information please contact me at emacdo201@caledonian.ac.uk and if you would prefer I will be happy to arrange a time to meet with you or have a chat over the phone to discuss this research.

The Glengowan Parent Group

Thank you to everyone who has supported the work of our Parent Group during this term. A lot has been raised for the school.

Edinburgh Zoo 100 Square- £200

Easter Raffle- £526

Family Bingo Night- £670

All the money raised goes towards new resources or reducing the cost of trips/events for the children. £800 was given to our Nursery Class this week towards their trip. More information about this will follow.

Twitter/X

If you would like to follow us on this platform, please make a request on our page and then complete a form. We need to match follower requests to the completed forms. These are available from the office.

Important dates

<i>Monday 15th April</i>	<i>School re-opens</i>
<i>Thursday 18th April</i>	<i>Nursery Parents' Evening 7pm Parent Group meeting</i>
<i>Wednesday 24th April</i>	<i>P1-7 IMAX/Science Centre Trip</i>
<i>Friday 26th April</i>	<i>P1-7 Open Morning. Details to follow.</i>
<i>Thursday 2nd May</i>	<i>In-Service Day</i>
<i>Monday 6th May</i>	<i>Holiday</i>
<i>Tuesday 7th May</i>	<i>P7 Lochgoilhead Trip and Activity Week</i>
<i>Thursday 16th May</i>	<i>P1-7 Disco</i>
<i>Thursday 23rd May</i>	<i>Dress Down Day. Tombola donations.</i>
<i>Friday 24th May</i>	<i>HOLIDAY</i>
<i>Monday 27th May</i>	<i>HOLIDAY</i>



I continue to be amazed at the response from the children as more of them learn about musical notation. Many Nursery and P1 children are now able to identify a 'Treble Clef' and use other musical language. A large number of our older children are now able to name notes learned over the past month at our Friday assemblies. We hope to have some guest musicians visit the school in May and June.

*Yours faithfully,
G Murray
Head Teacher*

***Have a great holiday. We re-open on
the 15th of April.***