



Glengowan Primary School

Newsletter - January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

STEM

Our annual STEM week is running from 12th-16th March. We are looking for parents/relatives/carers who work in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) related areas either to carry out a small workshop or give a class talk to pupils about their work. Your help would enrich our STEM Week, giving pupils a flavour of the way learning in this area relates to real-life. Please phone the school office and leave a message for Mrs Gardiner if you are able to help.

IDL and Improving Reading

We continue to develop our Reading for Success initiative at Glengowan. A piece of software called IDL has been introduced to further support a group of pupils. A number of parents have been contacted about their children using this programme. The programme was designed to support children and adults with an identified literacy difficulty, but we are using this more widely. We see the value in this software being used with as many children as possible. At present, Mrs Inglis is working on a timetable to provide an opportunity for regular use by a group of children. Depending on how quickly we can establish a routine, we hope to increase the access for pupils in the coming months.

Sports Hall Athletics

Due the weather, the team were unable to compete in the final last week. A new date of Wednesday 31st January has been set and I know the team are looking forward to the competition.



Nativity

As stated in the previous newsletter, I wanted the Pupil Council to make the decision about the donation of the ticket money raised at our Nativity performances. They chose to send this to the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity and we have already received a thank you letter.



Finance Fortnight

We are currently in the middle of finance fortnight. All classes are learning about money in a variety of ways. A big thank you to Claire McCartney from HMRC who came to talk to P5-7 and delivered a presentation called 'Junior Tax Facts'.

Burns' Supper

The annual celebration took place on Thursday 25th January and was attended by almost all of our P7 pupils and a large number of staff. Mr Urquhart and Miss McConaghy took the lead in organising this event. My thanks to the significant number of staff who chose to attend.



Clothes Recycling

Bags have been sent home for our next collection which will take place on Friday 9th February. Please start gathering items that could be part of this collection. My thanks to the Parent Group for organising this once again.

Bag Packing—Saturday 17th February

The Parent Group has organised bag packing at the Co-op on Saturday 17th February. If you and/or your P6/7 child could help with this, permission forms are available from the school office.



Following consultation with our Parents/Carers, House Captains, Vice Captains and staff, I can announce our new Vision and Aims.

Vision

At Glengowan, we want our pupils to become independent learners who reach their full potential.

Aims

- To make learning relevant, active, challenging and enjoyable within a safe, nurturing environment.*
- To enable our pupils to become motivated learners who are confident in their own ability to achieve.*
- To encourage pupils to act responsibly, display initiative, be considerate and respect themselves and others.*

Website and Photos

Please check our website for updates about our school.

www.glengowan-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Teachers will include photos of the activities that are taking place.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 31st January—Parent Group Meeting

Friday 9th February—Recycling bags returned to school.

Monday 12th February— HOLIDAY

Tuesday 13th February— HOLIDAY

Wednesday 14th February—In-Service Day (School Closed to Pupils)

Thursday 15th February—P1 and P7 Dental Inspections

Yours faithfully,

G Murray

Head Teacher