



Glengowan Primary School Newsletter - February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Disco

A large number of pupils attended the disco on Tuesday 8th February. My thanks to the parent group and the large number of teachers who supervised this event.

Sports Hall Athletics

I'm delighted to inform you that our team won the Larkhall Sports Hall Athletics final on Wednesday 31st January. The team scored 392 out of 400. The shield is currently being engraved and will be displayed at the school entrance next week.

The team also earned a very respectable 6th place at the South Lanarkshire finals in East Kilbride. Well done, everyone!

World Book Day—Thursday 1st March

Teachers are currently planning activities to mark World Book Day. Each pupil will be given a £1 book token to be exchanged at a local bookseller. Your child may dress up as a character from a book, but this is not a requirement.

Football

As our usual players were on a trip to Edinburgh, Mrs Ireland put together a P6 team on Wednesday 21st February to compete against other schools in the area. She commented that their performance was excellent.

Science Resources

Seventeen new electronics kits have been purchased by the Parent Group. This will allow us to provide a better experience for the pupils as they learn about electricity.



Clothes Recycling

Thank you to the Parent Group for organising the clothes recycling on Friday 9th February and to everyone who supported this. Another £500 worth of items was donated.

Bag Packing—Saturday 17th February

A group of parents and pupils gave up their time to take part in bag packing. An amazing total of £507 was raised. However, the support of the Co-op didn't end there. I was invited to take some pupils along to the store to receive a donation towards books for the school. We were surprised (and delighted) to receive a cheque for £637 and six boxes of books.

Books

As you will be aware from previous communications, we have made significant investments in reading resources over the past year. This has been possible due to the support of our school community. We simply could not have purchased resources on this scale for the children without your help. I would request that you encourage your child to look after books that are sent home.

Lunches

I have a few requests to help us have a smooth lunchtime.

- Please make sure your child knows what has to be ordered from the canteen and is happy with this choice.*
- If your child brings a packed lunch, please make sure it includes items that can be easily opened. For example, we don't have scissors lying in the dining hall to open yoghurt pouches.*

*Please note that **all P1-3 children** are able to have a free lunch everyday. I encourage you to take up this offer. We have had some pupils try school lunches for the first time recently and they have been pleasantly surprised.*



Science (STEM) Week

Our annual Science Week runs from 12-16 March. The children will have the opportunity to experience a range of hands-on workshops, carried out by experienced industry professionals and STEM Ambassadors. The workshops will cover various concepts from the fields of Science, Technology and Engineering. Class teachers will also be planning lots of exciting activities throughout the week.

Keep to the Beat

We will have a visit from Wishaw General staff on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th February. This is part of a campaign to train people in life saving skills. **The children in Rooms 1-6 should bring a soft toy (a teddy bear) with them on Monday.** Older children will be using the mannequins provided. The staff, who work in the emergency department and coronary care, are doing this voluntarily. We are grateful for this opportunity and to them for giving up their own time.

Dates for your diary

Monday 26th February- 'Keep to the Beat' **Rooms 1-6 children need to bring a soft toy.**

Tuesday 27th February- 'Keep to the Beat'

Wednesday 28th February—P5 Inter-House Basketball tournament

Thursday 1st March—World Book Day

Thursday 8th March—Room 11 Showcase at 2pm (Details to follow)

Wednesday 14th March –Animal Man visiting Rooms 5-7

Thursday 15th March—Room 13 Showcase at 9.30 (Details to follow)

Thursday 15th March—Beetle Drive. Parent and child event.

Friday 16th March—Primary 1 Visit to Kittochside (Details to follow)

Friday 16th March—Cross Country Event

Tuesday 20th March –P5 swimming begins

Tuesday 20th March –P1 Showcase (Details to follow)

Wednesday 21st March—Room 7 at Amazonia (Details to follow)

Thursday 22nd March– Room 7 Showcase (Details to follow)

Friday 23rd March—Room 5 and Room 10 Showcase at 9.30 (Details to follow)

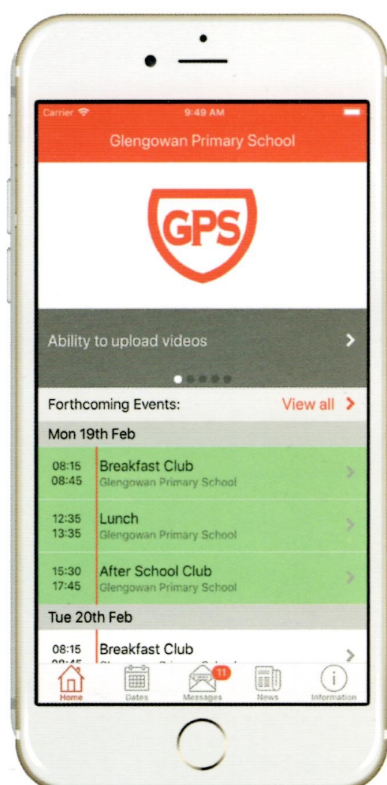
Thursday 29th March– Easter Assembly led by Primaries 5 and 6

The Glengowan App

Please follow the instructions below to download our school app. Parents/carers will receive details about a username and PIN by letter. It is hoped that through our website, newsletters and now our app, we can keep you as up to date as possible with what's happening at Glengowan.

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Yours faithfully,

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