

Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



Newsletter - November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

GLENGOWAN PARENT GROUP

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

FROM 6PM TO 8PM

INCLUDES

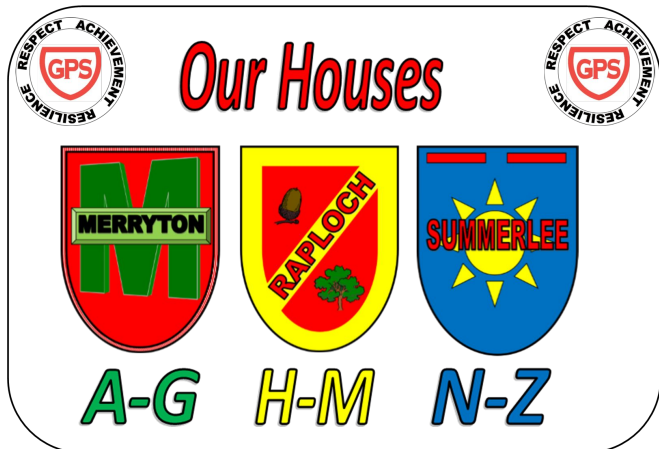
Santa's Grotto - Raffle - Tombola
Inflatables - Hot Chocolate
Hot Dogs - Home Baking - External Stalls
and much much more!

TICKETS

Adult entry costs **£2.50** and includes
tea or coffee and a festive treat!

**HO-HO-HOPE
TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**GLENGOWAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUMMERLEE ROAD
LARKHALL**



House System

All P1-7 children are placed in a House according to their surname. Children gain house points through curriculum certificates, competitions and our Sports Day.



Sharing good practice

I was able to deliver a presentation at the University of Glasgow earlier this month. Following this, student teachers were invited to Glengowan to learn more about Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP). 17 students volunteered to visit the school, take part in training, observe lessons and then commit to working with groups of children in the coming months. All of this is in addition to their core initial teacher education. It is hoped that these student teachers will have increased knowledge about supporting children with reading difficulties as they begin their careers. It is commendable that they have chosen to participate in this partnership project in their own time.

My thanks to Mrs McMillan for coordinating the visits over the next few months. Thank you to Mrs Inglis and Mrs Semple for providing demonstration lessons to our visitors.

Parking

It has probably been a few years since I issued a reminder about Summerlee House (the white building). This small car park is not for use by visitors to the school. Parents/carers should not park there.

Nursery News

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our most recent 'stay and play' sessions. Please remember to check Learning Journals regularly for updates about our Nursery Class.

Sports Hall Athletics

On Wednesday 20th November, another Glengowan team competed in the Larkhall Schools Sports Hall Athletics event. All children represented the school excellently and they are very excited to be taking part in the Larkhall finals in January.

Good luck everyone!



Football Festival

On Tuesday 26th November, Mr Hannah took a team of 8 to take part in the Larkhall Football Festival. The team played games against 9 other schools, winning and drawing in some of them.

Well done to everyone who took part.



P2-7 Christmas Parties

As the P2-7 Christmas Parties take place in the afternoon, some parents prefer to take their children home at lunchtime to change clothing. Your child may be collected from the main entrance from 12 noon on the day of the party. However, children are welcome to bring a change of clothing and get dressed at lunchtime if this would be more convenient.

Family Bingo Night

On Thursday 14th November, the Glengowan Parent Group organised a Family Bingo Night. £494 was raised. Thank you to everyone involved in organising this event.

Clothes Recycling

Thank you to everyone who took part in our latest clothing collection. All items will be recycled in some way. A total of £113 was raised.



School Improvement

As part of our work to improve the school, priorities have been created for 2024/25.

- 1. Further improve learning & teaching in P1-7 through consistent use of the 'Feedback' section of the SLC Pedagogy Palette.*
- 2. Develop our curriculum with a focus on Sciences, Music and improving the teaching of spelling in the upper school.*
- 3. Create a new policy for Promoting Positive Relationships*
- 4. Develop a Nursery Class 'Learning at Home' Literacy programme for parents/carers and children.*
- 5. Develop the school community's understanding of the UNCRC.*

<i>Dates for your diary</i>	
<i>Friday 29th November</i>	<i>Christmas Fayre 6-8pm</i>
<i>Monday 9th December</i>	<i>Christmas Lunch</i>
<i>Tuesday 10th December</i>	<i>P7 to Larkhall Academy Pantomime</i>
<i>Thursday 12th December</i>	<i>P7 Party (pm)</i>
<i>Friday 13th December</i>	<i>Nursery Sing along (am) P6 Party (pm)</i>
<i>Monday 16th December</i>	<i>Pantomime visiting Glengowan (am) P5 Party (pm)</i>
<i>Tuesday 17th December</i>	<i>9.30 P1-3 Nativity P4 Party (pm)</i>
<i>Wednesday 18th December</i>	<i>9.30 P1-3 Nativity P3 Party (pm)</i>
<i>Thursday 19th December</i>	<i>9.30 P1-3 Nativity P2 Party (pm) Nursery Party (pm)</i>
<i>Friday 20th December</i>	<i>P1 Party (am) Early close at 2.30pm</i>