

Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



Newsletter - January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

We said 'Goodbye' to Mrs Grant this week. Mrs Grant has been a member of our support staff team for almost 20 years. By the time this newsletter reaches you, the children will have said their own goodbyes through some specially written songs. We wish Mrs Grant all the very best for the future and thank her for her service to both South Lanarkshire Council and Glengowan.



Homework

Class teachers assign homework on weekly Home Learning Task Maps. These can be found on the homepage of our school website. <https://www.glengowan-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/>
The assigned tasks are selected to support the learning that has taken place in class. We do enjoy a high level of support from parents/carers when it comes to supporting learning at home, and this is both appreciated and helpful with your child's learning journey. Especially with our youngest learners, it is important that the phonemes (sounds) are practised at home regularly using the pages provided and the books allocated to your child. We know from experience that parental engagement has a very positive effect on children's progress. Thank you for your continued support.

At Glengowan, we are proud to be an Attachment Informed School. This year, we will be applying for our first Attachment Accreditation pledge. We follow the SLC Attachment Strategy (please see our website for more information). A Wellbeing Ambassador has been appointed in every class to help us on our journey.

Every fortnight, we will keep you informed of the A-Z Attachment Strategies.

Our first focus is A, which is for Attachment Theory. The Wellbeing Ambassadors explained what this means to the wider school.

Certificates will be given out to children who are seen to be working hard on our current focus.



Our Wellbeing Ambassadors



Our Houses



A-G



H-M



N-Z

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.

Nursery Rhyme Week

The children in our nursery class had great fun learning new rhymes and taking part in various activities linked to these.

Can you work out which rhymes the children liked most?





Reading Leadership Group

Our Reading Leadership Group members have all now received their 'Reading Ambassador' badges. The reading leadership group has been helping organise reading for pleasure activities across the school including Scottish Book Week at the end of last year and they are now focussing on 'Random Acts of Kindness' in February to promote kindness through reading.

Partnership with the University of Glasgow

A group of students who wanted to learn more about how children learn to read and spell started voluntary, additional placements at Glengowan last week. This group will work one-to-one with children who would benefit from extra practice, and work with groups in classes during literacy lessons. Introductory training was provided to them in November. So far their feedback has been very positive about the children's attitude to learning, the children's manners and the high expectations we have for the children. This is a true partnership because our children are receiving additional support and the student teachers are getting practical experience that will prepare them to provide quality teaching to many more children in the future.



Football

Children in Rooms 1,2,3 and 4 are taking part in football sessions provided by Larkhall Thistle Community Football Club.

Our thanks to one of our former pupils, Chris for coaching the children.

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.*

Bikes and Scooters

Children are welcome to bring scooters and bikes to school. In the interest of everyone's safety, children should not ride these within school grounds. Please encourage your child to dismount at the school gate in the morning. Bikes and scooters should be ridden once children reach the school gate.

<i>Dates for your diary</i>	
<i>Monday 3rd February</i>	<i>P6/7 Netball Club begins</i>
<i>Monday 17th February</i>	<i>Holiday</i>
<i>Tuesday 18th February</i>	<i>Holiday</i>
<i>Wednesday 19th February</i>	<i>In-Service Day (School closed to children)</i>
<i>Tuesday 25th February</i>	<i>Nursery Stay and Play (pm)</i>
<i>Thursday 27th February</i>	<i>Nursery Stay and Play (am)</i>

*Yours faithfully,
Graeme Murray, Head Teacher*



Our Vision



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