

Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



Newsletter - February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I have not looked forward to sharing this piece of information with you, but the time has come. After over 30 years at Glengowan, our very own Mrs Field has decided to retire at the end of June. Selfishly, I wish this was not the case as she has been my 'right hand' for the past 8 years. A much better tribute than this one will be made nearer the time as we acknowledge and celebrate her commitment to Glengowan since 1989. I share this now because the process of appointing a new Depute Head Teacher will begin soon and I wanted our school community to know before an advert appears.

Athletics

I am delighted to share the news that our Athletics team finished in 2nd place in the Larkhall area final. At the South Lanarkshire finals, the team finished 11th. Considering there are 125 primary schools in South Lanarkshire, this is still quite an achievement.



Rugby

Thank you to Hamilton Rugby Club for providing taster sessions to our senior pupils.

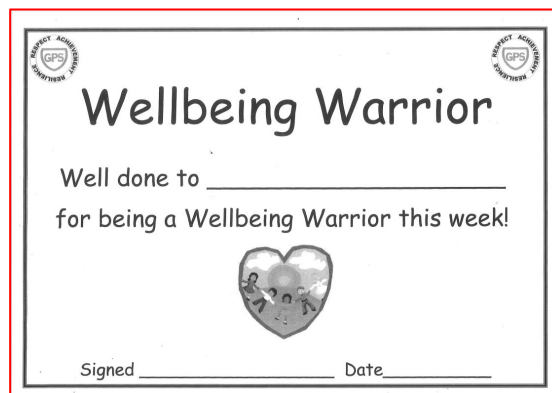


Wellbeing Ambassador update

On Friday 14th February, our Wellbeing Ambassadors shared the next focus at our assembly. Parents/carers are reminded that information about the 'A to Z of attachment-informed practice' can be viewed on our school website:

<https://www.glengowan-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/>

Certificates are presented to our Wellbeing Warriors every fortnight at our assembly.



Reading Buddies

A group of Primary 6 children work one-to-one with younger children to support them on their reading journey. These children are taking their role very seriously. Thank you to Mrs Kyle for preparing the children for this important task.

P7 Hoodies

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising effort. Our P7 children have all been gifted a leavers' hoodie.



House System

All P1-7 children are placed in a House according to their surname.

Our Curriculum



There are 8 subjects within Curriculum for Excellence. Every session we aim to refresh at least one of these. This involves improving planning, introducing new resources and implementing changes. The table below shows the areas we have developed over the past 8 sessions. The name of the subject area does not always fully explain the extent of the content. For example: Literacy and English includes Reading, Writing and Listening & Talking. Expressive Arts includes Music, Art & Design, Dance and Drama. We have achieved a lot over the past number of years, but curriculum refreshment is an ongoing process.

As you can see, Religious and Moral Education (RME) still requires an update. Later this session, there will be a consultation with both children and parents/carers about our next steps.

**SSP= Systematic Synthetic Phonics. Older children refer to The Writing Revolution as TWR.*

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Literacy & English		Introduction of SSP*	The Writing Revolution*					Spelling
Numeracy & Mathematics		Introduction of Big Maths						
Health and Wellbeing								
Social Studies								
Sciences								
Religious & Moral Education								
Technologies								
Expressive Arts							Art & Design	Music

Netball

Our P6 and P7 Netball Club meets on a Monday at 3pm. Thank you to Mrs Craig who offered to work with a group of children for a 6-week block.



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>Thursday 27th February</i>	<i>Nursery Stay and Play (am)</i>
<i>Thursday 27th February</i>	<i>Parent Group Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday 13th March</i>	<i>7pm Family Bingo Night</i>
<i>Wednesday 19th March</i>	<i>P1-7 Parents' Evening</i>
<i>Thursday 20th March</i>	<i>P1-7 Parents' Evening</i>
<i>Thursday 27th March</i>	<i>Nursery Parents' Evening</i>
<i>Friday 4th April</i>	<i>P5 and P6 Easter Assembly (9.30)</i>

*Yours faithfully,
Graeme Murray, Head Teacher*



Our Vision



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