

Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



Newsletter - May/June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Nursery Trip

Thanks to funding received from our Glengowan Parent Group, the Nursery class travelled to Almond Valley in Livingston at a much reduced cost. Children, parents and staff had a fantastic time and hope to visit again soon.



Track and Field Success

A group of our P6 and P7 children represented Glengowan at the South Lanarkshire Track and Field events on Thursday 15th May. The children enjoyed much success, including medals and qualifying for the finals on the 11th of June. My thanks to the staff and volunteers who accompanied the children.



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Lochgoilhead and the P7 Activity Week

From the 6th to the 9th of May, our Primary 7 children participated in either a residential trip to Lochgoilhead or an activity week planned by Mrs Field. My thanks to all of the staff involved in supporting these two events. This includes the very enthusiastic Miss Richardson, Mrs Swan and Mrs McMillan, who accompanied the children on the residential trip. Commendably, the excellent conduct of our children at Lochgoilhead was noted by the instructors.



P5 and P6 parents are reminded that a deposit for next year's residential should be paid before the end of this session.



Skateboarding and rugby during our activity week.



Sports Day

On Monday 2nd June, we had our annual Sports Day for P1-7. We decided to try a more traditional model, and the feedback has been positive. A special mention to our canteen staff for providing some entertainment during the '5-legged' race.



Strawberry Fayre

Our annual Strawberry Fayre took place on Saturday 14th June. Although a rainy day, the turnout was amazing. I particularly enjoyed welcoming some of our new entrants, who will join us in August, and catching up with some of our former pupils. The level of organisation that was needed for this event cannot be understated. I am so grateful to our Glengowan Parent Group, our staff (including some of their own families) and many other volunteers who contributed to this great event. The level of support we enjoy from our Glengowan community is incredible. The £4200 raised is invested right back into the work of the school, including many of the resources used by the children every day.

Wellbeing Ambassadors



This year, we've focused on becoming an **Attachment Informed Trauma Sensitive School**. Our working party and Wellbeing Ambassadors have dedicated their efforts to sharing information about the **A-Z of Attachment**, emphasising the importance of maintaining positive relationships throughout the school. To support this initiative, we've introduced **Playground Pals** to assist younger children during playtime and established **friendship stops** in both playgrounds. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors have also created and displayed posters around the school, effectively communicating our goals to both pupils and staff. We are proud to announce that these collective efforts have resulted in us successfully achieving our first pledge award for '**Act to Make a Difference**'.



Buddy Conference

On the 29th and 30th of May Rooms 14 and 15 completed a buddying course. This helped them to improve their communication skills for working with our new Primary One children next session. The children showed that they were kind, responsible and caring individuals who will be an asset in this role. The highlight was wearing their new buddy caps and teaching the children playground games.



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New Primary 1 Induction

We welcomed 44 new entrants over the course of two days in May. Children enjoyed various activities centred around their favourite teddies and ended the visit with a The Teddy Bears' picnic prepared by Janice, our school cook and her wonderful team.



Bikeability

P6 children took part in a 6 week Bikeability course to improve their skills in cycling. The children enjoyed a range of games to improve their balance, signalling and braking skills. All children passed with flying colours and the bonus was that the sun shone every Wednesday for them. Thank you to Mrs Kyle for leading this group.



Football update

On Friday 13th June, a team from our school competed in the Robert Wilson tournament at Larkhall Academy. Although the team was a little disappointed, we are all very proud of them for receiving silver medals.



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Dance Club



The Primary 6 Dance Club attended the Active Schools 'Dance Festival in May. They performed in front of a large audience at Hamilton Townhouse and showcased a fabulous routine that they had created and practised for weeks before. Mrs Potter was very proud of her talented pupils!

Wizard of Oz

M & M Theatrical Productions came to our school on the 29th of May and took our children on an enchanting trip down the yellow brick road to the Land of Oz. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the superb performance and cannot wait for the group's return visit in December.

New appointments

We will be joined by new members of staff next session.

Mrs Lorna Kilgallon - Depute Head Teacher

Mrs Nicola Allison - Principal Teacher

Miss Susan Wilson - Class Teacher, sharing a class with Mrs Craig.

Wednesday 25th June - Dismissal Times

<i>Nursery Class</i>	<i>12.45pm</i>
<i>Rooms 9-15 (P4-6)</i>	<i>12.50pm</i>
<i>Rooms 1-8 (P1-3)</i>	<i>12.55pm</i>
<i>Room 16 - Primary 7</i>	<i>1pm</i>
<i>Nursery to P6 parents/carers are asked to leave the school grounds as quickly as possible. The school will be busier than usual due to the Primary 7 'send off'.</i>	

I want to take this opportunity to thank our parents/carers for all their support this session. Our janitor, Tom often says that every time Glengowan has an event, it's always well-attended. Evidence of this can be seen at events such as Nativity performances, special assemblies, parents' evenings, bingo nights and of course our Christmas and Strawberry Fayres. Your support is not taken for granted.

To our Primary 7 children, I wish you every success in the future.

To my staff team, you never cease to amaze me when it comes to your commitment to Glengowan Primary.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Potter and Miss Welsh at the end of the session. I would like to thank them both for all their work. Miss Welsh came for a few months in September and I'm very grateful that she stayed for the rest of the session. Mrs Potter made Room 9 her home over the past 2 sessions and we will really miss her.

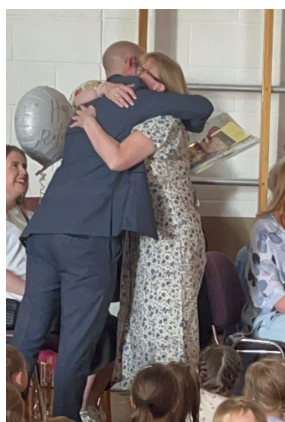
The Newsletter is not finished....not quite yet!



On Thursday the 19th June, the whole school, plus some invited guests, met in the assembly hall to say goodbye to Mrs Field. She knew something was going on when I confined her to her office at lunchtime. The question, "What are you up to?" was asked many times. The truth is, I was up to very little, but the staff and children had been preparing for weeks.



Live from our Assembly Hall, 'Summerlee Radio' broadcasted a tribute to Mrs Field. New song lyrics accompanied by some well known tunes were performed during a fun-filled and emotional event.



Mr Urquhart came back to visit and for a hug.



Mrs Field has been at Glengowan since 1989. Many of our parents remember her as Miss Bridges. As she has dedicated so much of her life to the children of this school, it seems fitting that she have such a great send off. As retirement is just around the corner, I would like to thank her on behalf of the Glengowan community for all her work over the past 36 years. To say I will miss her is an understatement. When I spoke to the candidates who applied for her post, I made it clear that I was appointing a new Depute Head, not replacing Mrs Field.

On a happier note, she has agreed to update some paperwork and return to volunteer at the school next year. Although this will be strange, she will, of course, be made most welcome.

Mrs Field, thank you for letting me escort you to the assembly hall one last time.

Yours faithfully,

*Graeme Murray
Head Teacher*

