

# Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



# Newsletter - December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As I shared in the November Newsletter, our annual Christmas Fayre, held on Friday the 28th November, was a great success. £4100 was raised. Once again 'Thank you' to all involved in organising the event, and all those who attended.

## Christmas Parties

From Thursday 11th to the last day of term, we had at least one party every day. Primary 1 and our Nursery Class also had a special visitor.



## Pantomime

On Monday the 15th of December, the whole school was treated to a performance of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. To say the children were excited would be an understatement. Due to the fundraising efforts of our Parent Group, this pantomime was provided free of charge.



## Mrs Kilgallon's Update

*I cannot believe we are already approaching the end of Term 2. What a wonderful way to round it off with this year's Nativity – Lights, Camel, Action! Who would have thought the traditional Nativity story could be cleverly woven into a Strictly-style extravaganza? The children were absolutely amazing, embracing their roles with confidence, enthusiasm and a real sense of fun. Their performances, from the dancing to the acting and everything in between, were a joy to watch and a credit to all their hard work. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all staff for allowing their lessons – and indeed their week – to be interrupted for rehearsals. Your support helped to create a memorable experience for all the parents and families who were able to attend the final show. A particular thank you goes to Mrs McBride for leading the production with such skill and enthusiasm. Her technical expertise with the sound and lighting equipment was invaluable and a great support throughout the process.*

*Our Young Leaders of Learning have also been working incredibly hard this term. They are currently developing a guided tour of the school, both inside and out, which will support our partner schools at Wiston and Libberton as well as any new pupils who may be joining Glengowan or moving into the local area. Alongside this, the group has began to explore the How Good is OUR School? document, reflecting thoughtfully on what they would like to investigate further in order to help make Glengowan an even better place to learn. Their enthusiasm, leadership and commitment to improvement have been inspiring to see, and we look forward to sharing their progress with you.*

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!*

## **Meet the Team**



## **Thank you!**

*A huge thank you to Mr. Reilly, one of our fantastic P1 parents, who kindly answered our call from the last newsletter and captured some amazing drone footage of the school!*

*Keep an eye out – we'll be sharing these impressive aerial views very soon!*





## Mrs Allison's Update

*It's We can hardly believe we've already reached the end of Term 2 – in the blink of an eye we are in the festive spirit! This term has been filled with lots of sporting successes, and we are so proud of all our pupils.*

*A huge thank you to Tom for giving up his time to take both the girls' and boys' football teams, to our coaches and Nikki for running the Friday Athletics clubs, and to our Active Schools Co-ordinator for leading our multisports sessions.*

*Looking ahead to the new year, we have much to be excited about. Netball and football will continue, and if anyone would like to join, letters will be sent out in January. We are also delighted to have secured another block of multisports for P3 and P4, so those who did not gain a place this term will have another opportunity.*

*Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received. I wish you all a joyful festive break with family and friends, and I look forward to seeing you in the new year*

## Sumdog Success

*After one year off, Glengowan returned to participating in Sumdog contests. 9 of our children finished in the Top 20, with 4 in the Top 10. The overall winner was a Glengowan pupil. In the 'Daily Winner' category, 5 of the 7 days were won by a Glengowan class. These results are exceptional. We received a phone call from Sumdog HQ last week to congratulate us. Due to the high level of participation, the Sumdog mascot will be visiting us on the 20th of January.*



## Important dates

Friday 19th December	2.30pm Close
Monday 5th January	School reopens



*The money collected for nativity tickets will be donated to the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. Many attendees also made a further donation. Thank you for this support. I will share the total raised in the new year.*



### **Tesco Stronger Starts**

*We are delighted to let you know that our application for Tesco Stronger Starts has been successfully selected for the customer vote in Motherwell Tesco Express. Voting will commence in store from mid-January 2026 until the end of March 2026. We will remind you in the new year to get voting!*

*For those of you who will be celebrating during this festive season, I wish you a Merry Christmas.*

*Yours faithfully,  
Graeme Murray  
Head Teacher*

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