

# Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



## Newsletter - February 2026

*Dear Parent/Carer*

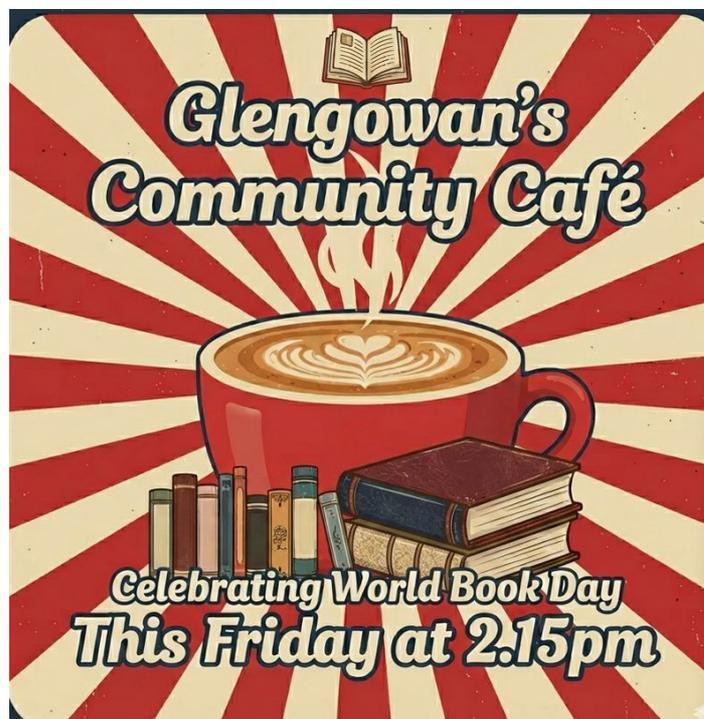
*A common statement made in the last week was: "I can't believe it's nearly March!". By the time you read this, it probably will be.*

*Despite many staffing challenges, I try to walk through the whole school building at least once a day. Is it a busy place, with a team of staff trying to do the best job they can.*

*Mrs Kilgallon and Mrs Allison have provided a taste of what's been happening this month in their updates. My request is that, especially for our younger pupils, you read regularly with your child as we approach World Book Day. It may seem simple or even insignificant, but the lasting impact on your child's understanding of a text and the vocabulary gained cannot be underestimated. I have yet to be convinced that a phone or tablet can replace this experience.*

*We will be hosting a special Community Cafe on Friday 6th March at 2.15pm.*

*Parents/carers and wider family and friends are, once again, welcome to attend. A selection of pre-loved children's books will be available for you to take, free of charge. Please take as many as you want and consider passing them on to someone else at some point in the future.*



## Mrs Kilgallon's Update



### **Young Leaders of Learning: Showcasing the Glengowan Spirit**

We were absolutely delighted to host a special visit recently from the Young Leaders of Learning at Wiston and Libberton Primary schools. The day was centered around a very important theme from the *How Good is OUR School? (HGIOURS)* document: **Our Relationships**.

### **A Warm Glengowan Welcome**

Our Glengowan pupils took the lead from the moment our guests arrived. Our student guides did a fantastic job of leading a tour of the building, proving that nobody knows our school—or speaks more passionately about it—than the children themselves.

The highlights of the day included:

- **Nursery Adventures:** Our visitors headed to the Nursery, where the outdoor play area was a huge hit! It was wonderful to see our youngest learners in their element.
- **Friendship in Focus:** Primary 3/4 opened their doors for a collaborative lesson on "What Makes a Good Friend," sparking some truly thoughtful discussions.
- **Leadership in Action:** Our P7 House Captains and Wellbeing Ambassadors shared insight into their vital roles. They spoke about how they mentor younger pupils and work hard to ensure every child feels supported and included.
- **The Power of Buddies:** After lunch, the visitors observed our P7 and P1 buddy session. There is nothing quite like hearing a P1 pupil enthusiastically explain all the fun things they've been doing with their "big" P7 buddy!

We had so much to see and do that we actually ran out of time for our final reflections! To ensure every voice is heard, we will look forward to reading the digital evaluations online this week. This will allow our Young Leaders to share their formal feedback on the visit and help us celebrate the many strengths of our school relationships.

A massive **well done** to all the pupils involved for being such incredible ambassadors for Glengowan!

A special mention must go to every child and staff member who went out of their way to offer a smile, hold a door, or welcome our guests into their workspace. Our visitors specifically commented on the polite and welcoming atmosphere across the building. It's one thing to talk about "Our Relationships" on paper, but it's another to see those values lived out so naturally by everyone at Glengowan.

### **Transition**

Our P1 transition journey has officially kicked off as we welcome our August starters—from both our own nursery and the wider community—for their very first tours. Starting this process early is all about trading "big school" nerves for pure excitement; it turns the unknown into the familiar, ensuring that when August arrives, our newest learners feel like they are coming home rather than starting from scratch.

## Mrs Allison's Update

### **Sporting Success Across Glengowan**



*It has been another fantastic month for sport at Glengowan. Our Athletics team represented the school at the Ally McCoist Centre in East Kilbride, securing a strong 9th place finish. Even more impressively, they were praised for their sportsmanship, fair play, manners, and kindness. They truly showed what it means to be a Glengowan pupil.*

*Our netballers also enjoyed a great outing at the Larkhall Academy Festival, playing with confidence, teamwork, and determination throughout the event.*



*Meanwhile, the girls' football team continue their incredible form this season — we've genuinely lost count of the number of goals they've scored. Their hard work and consistency are paying off in style.*

*We are extremely proud of all our pupils who represent the school so brilliantly, both on and off the pitch.*



## **Outdoor Learning Donations Request**

*We are developing our outdoor learning spaces and would be grateful for any donations of natural or reusable materials that can help our children explore, build, create, and play. If you have any of the following items at home, in your garden, or through work, we would love to give them a new life in our outdoor area:*

- *Natural materials such as logs, sticks, stones, large pebbles, pinecones, and tree stumps*
- *Sheets suitable for den-building (e.g. dust sheets)*
- *Crates and silicone buckets*
- *Wooden pallets*
- *Guttering strands*
- *Plastic pipes of any size (thin, wide, short, long — we do have some coming, but more are always welcome!)*
- *Bore pipes*
- *Pegs (plastic pegs and strong ground pegs)*
- *Rope, shock cord, or bungee cord*
- *Hooks, ball bungees, and shock-cord ties*
- *Karabiners*
- *Clotheslines or washing line*
- *Cable ties*
- *Garden canes*
- *Fake-grass off-cuts*
- *Scaffolding boards, decking, or sanded wooden off-cuts*
- *Cable reels (we have a few already, but they are brilliant for play)*
- *Tarpaulins*
- *Watering cans*
- *Bird feeders, bird boxes, or bee hotels*
- *Child-friendly gardening tools*
- *Paint brushes for water painting*
- *Sand and soil*

*Any contributions, big or small, will help us create a rich, hands-on outdoor learning environment for our pupils. Thank you so much for your support!*

## **Important dates**



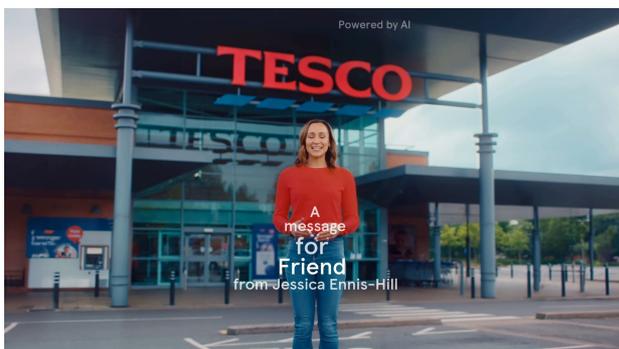
<i>Thursday 5th March</i>	<i>P6/7 team to cross country event</i>
<i>Friday 6th March</i>	<i>2.15 Community Cafe</i>
<i>Thursday 12th March</i>	<i>7pm Family Bingo Night</i>
<i>Wednesday 18th March</i>	<i>3.30pm P1-7 Parents' Evening</i>
<i>Thursday 19th March</i>	<i>3.30pm P1-7 Parents' Evening</i>
<i>Monday 23rd March</i>	<i>SUMDOG Contest begins.</i>
<i>Wednesday 24th March</i>	<i>3.30pm Nursery Parents' Evening</i>
<i>Wednesday 1st April</i>	<i>Nursery Daffodil Tea (am)</i>
<i>Thursday 2nd April</i>	<i>P5/6 Easter Assembly (am). 2.30pm Close for Easter/Spring Break.</i>

### ***Tesco Stronger Starts***

*We are delighted to let you know that our application for Tesco Stronger Starts has been selected for the customer vote in Motherwell Tesco Express. Voting has started. You can vote for Glengowan in the Bellshill and Carfin Express stores as well.*

*Here is a message from Jessica Ennis-Hill.*

*<https://strongerstarts.tesco.com/video/a0ee6207-90ad-4dcd-9fe0-6cd49b8a462e>*



*Yours faithfully,  
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