



# Giffnock Primary School



## Digital Learning

### *Information for Parents*

Working hard having fun, that's the way we get things done

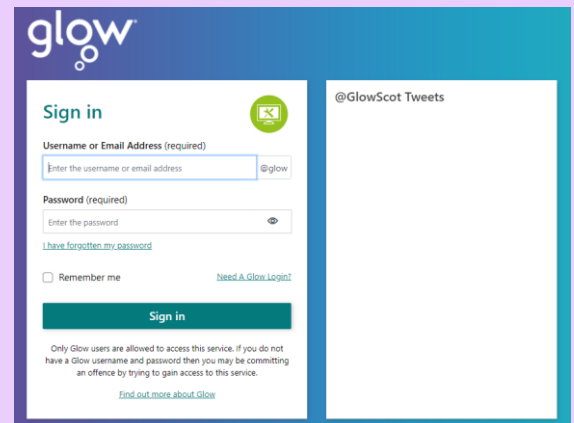
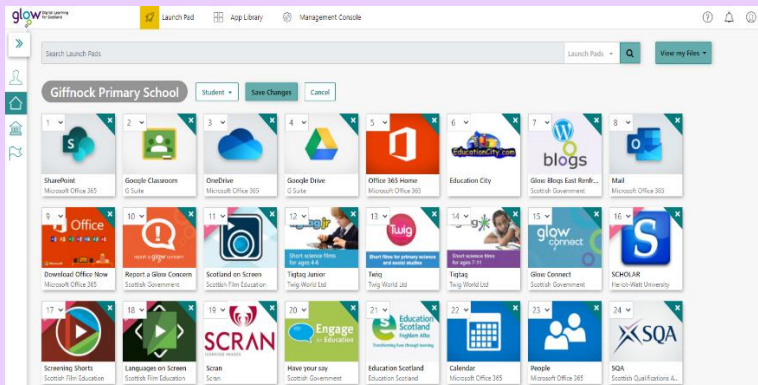
## Accessing Glow

You can log in to Glow from home simply by going to the Glow Sign In page.

<https://sts.platform.rmunify.com/Account/SignIn/glow>

The Glow username is always in this format:

gw00surnamefirstname



From the Launchpad you can navigate to all the other areas of Glow.

## Download Microsoft Office365

## Office 365

For all Glow users, it is possible for you to get copies of Microsoft Office 2016 to use on your home machines - PC, Mac, phones and tablets.

This will allow you to use a range of Microsoft products (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, OneNote etc.) on up to 15 home devices without cost (the 15 licences being split as 5 for PC/Macs, 5 for tablets and 5 for phones).

## To Download Office 2016 Apps

To do this from RM Unify, you will need to see this tile. It is on the Launchpad when you log into Glow.

To download the software to a PC or Mac then click on this tile and follow the instructions on the screen.

Please note that if you are downloading to an iPad or iPhone then the process is different. You need to download the apps from the App Store and then log in using your Glow username.



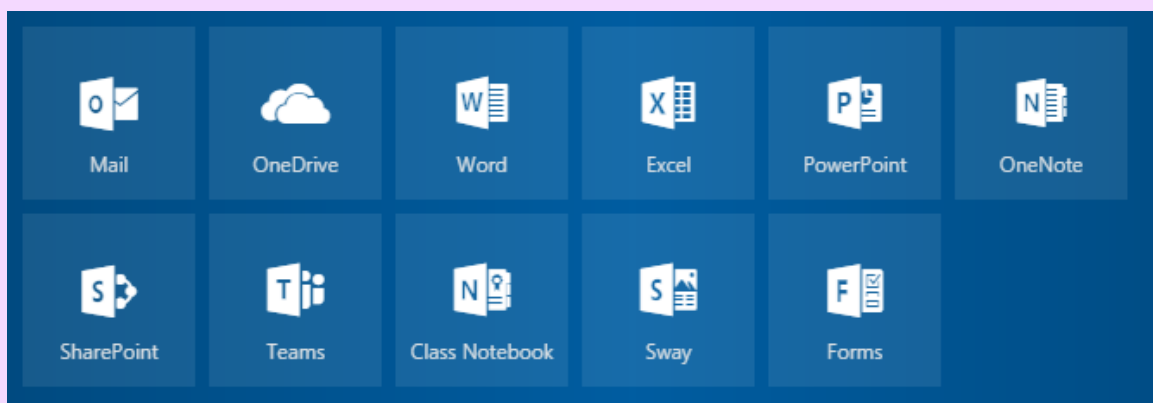
When logging in, you will be asked to enter your username. This is your Glow username plus the domain e.g. **gw15surnamefirstname@glow.sch.uk**

Once you do this, you will be transferred to the usual Glow login page. Once you enter your details, registration is complete.

The Glow username will only activate the software for as long as that account is active in Glow.

## Microsoft Office365 through Glow

Microsoft Office365 is available through the Glow Launchpad.

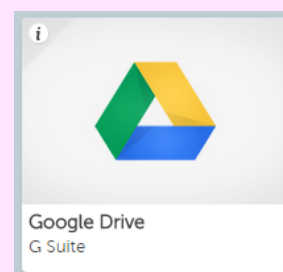
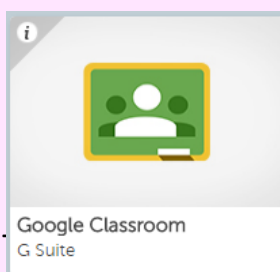


This includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Sway and Forms, which are the most commonly used software within our school. Work is automatically saved via the OneDrive facility, allowing easy collaboration in projects.

## G-Suite through Glow

Google's education resources are now available through Glow and can be located on the Glow Launchpad when you log in.

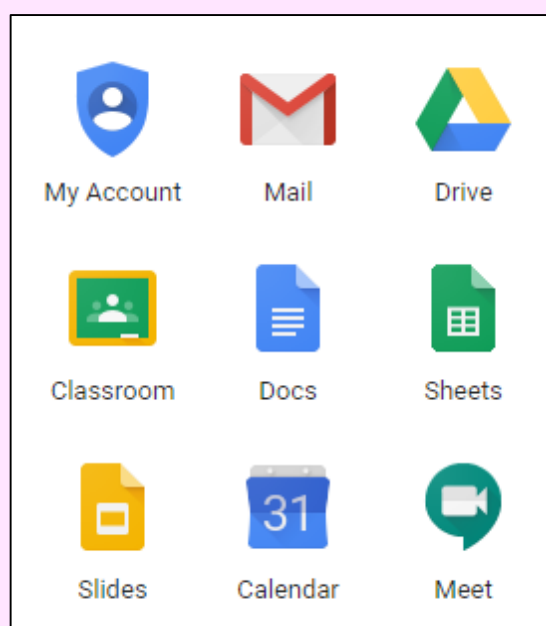
Through the Google Classroom tile, the range of G-Suite tools can be accessed. The username for this has a different domain - **gw15surnamefirstname@er.glow.scot**



Google Docs is a word processing feature. By clicking on Tools and selecting Voice Typing, Google Docs will automatically type anything you say. This Voice Typing feature can be helpful in removing potential barriers to learning.

Google Drive is a cloud-based storage facility. When used alongside Docs, Sheets and Slides, it allows for easy collaboration on projects.

Any work completed on Google Classroom will automatically save into the child's Google Drive.



## Internet Safety – Online Gaming & Social Media

We live in a world where access to the internet is increasingly common so it is really important that we educate and support our young people to harness technology effectively and also safely. We work closely with our Campus Police Officer, and we have gathered further information for you to highlight the importance of internet safety and keeping your child safe online.



**The following social media platforms require the user to be 13 years or older,**  
(and with parental control to access it up the age of 17 years)

Instagram Facebook Twitter Snapchat Houseparty TikTok



**The following social medial platform require the user to be 16 years or older,**  
WhatsApp

The **NSPCC** website gives detailed advice for staff, parents and pupils about a range of social media apps and ways to stay safe online.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

<https://esafetytraining.org/>

The body responsible for applying **UK PEGI ratings** is the **Games Rating Authority** (GRA). Games for computers are labelled as age appropriate e.g. **12, 16 and 18** years of age. These are legally enforceable meaning that they should not be supplied to persons below those respective age bars.



Games such as Assassin's Creed, Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto are intended for older players i.e. 18 years due to explicit violence or other inappropriate content.

**We use a wide range of resources to support learning, including:**

- ✓ [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) by CEOP
- ✓ Home Learning Packs created by ThinkUKnow <https://tinyurl.com/yxuza3p2>
- ✓ For Online Gaming advice go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p98emjt>
- ✓ Promoting Anti Bullying week and Safer Internet Day initiatives
- ✓ All children and families receive a Responsible User Agreement upon enrolling at Giffnock Primary.
- ✓ Workshops for pupils by Campus Police Office.
- ✓ Interactive games and drama
- ✓ Being Cool in School: programme supporting positive behavior and self confidence
- ✓ Bounce Back: supporting resilience and interpersonal skills



## Practical Tips and Guidance

- ✓ Talk to your child about what they are doing online – the NSPCC website has conversation starters
- ✓ Watch ThinkUKnow films and cartoons with your child
- ✓ Encourage your child to go online and explore!
- ✓ Keep up-to-date with your child's development online
- ✓ Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world
- ✓ Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space
- ✓ Know what connects to the internet and how
- ✓ Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones

## Useful Websites Literacy and Numeracy

Education City – literacy and numeracy games. Ask the school about paying £2 for home access  
<https://ec1.educationcity.com/>

ICT Games – a selection of games for Literacy and Numeracy  
<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

Spelling Game using “Look Cover Write Check”  
<http://amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/lookcover/lookcover.html>

Dolch Word – Lists and games for common words  
<http://www.dolchword.net/>

BookBox – features over 30 of the most popular authors, poets and illustrators  
<http://www.channel4learning.com/sites/bookbox/home.htm>

Roy the Zebra – reading website for emerging readers  
<https://www.roythezebra.com/>

The Literacy Shed – short films and animations  
<https://www.literacyshed.com/>

Storyline Online – listen to stories  
<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

Cool Math games  
<http://www.coolmath-games.com/>

Sumdog Maths – ask your teacher for your login details. Also available as an app.  
<https://www.sumdog.com/>

Hit the Button maths. Also available as an app.  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Tables Trees – multiplication games  
<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/mentalmaths/tabletrees.html>

## Useful Websites Other Curricular Areas

Internet Safety information and games  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Information from NSPCC and O2 for internet safety

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>  
NSPCC advice about Social Media and apps  
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

Dance Mat Typing – an introduction to touch typing for 7-10 year olds  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>

Originally Woodlands Junior – resources for many curricular areas  
<http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/>

BBC Bitesize – links to many curricular areas.  
Early/First Level  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zgckjxs>  
Second Level  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zr48q6f>

Topmarks – links to many curricular areas  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Coding websites  
<https://code.org/>  
<https://scratch.mit.edu/> Scratch (ages 7+)  
<https://www.scratchjr.org/> Scratch Jr (ages 5-7)  
<https://raspberrypi.org>

CBBC Newsround  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Crickweb – interactive resources for a variety of curricular areas  
<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>  
<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Key-Stage-1.html>  
<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Key-Stage-2.html>

BBC Primary French 1  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryfrench/index\\_flash.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryfrench/index_flash.shtml)

*Please note that many of these games require Adobe Flash Player. This will need to be enabled for the games to work correctly.*



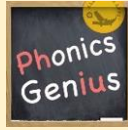
## Useful Apps – Literacy and Numeracy

### Fry Words



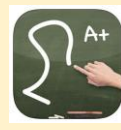
Flashcards based on the common word list we use

### Phonics Genius



Over 6000 words, group by phonics rules

### Chalk Pad



Draw on a chalkboard

### Jumbled Sentences



Interactive way to improve writing skills

### Dragon Dictation



Easy to use voice recognition app. Dyslexia friendly

### Collins Big Cat Readers



Set of 8 books. Read to me, read by myself, Story Creator

### CBeebies



Games and fun features to help your child learn as they play

### Bluster



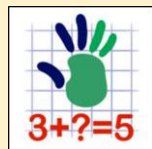
Rhymes, prefixes, suffixes, synonyms, homophones, adjectives and more

### Math is Fun



Series of apps to target increasingly harder maths calculations

### Math Kid



Aimed for ages 4-12, with a range of maths calculations and skills

### Teach Me



Series of 6 apps, for toddler to age 8. Mixture of literacy and numeracy

### Spelltower



Giant version of Boggle, find and spell words in an enormous letter grid.

For ages 9+.

### Marble Maths



Designed for ages 9+  
Marble mazes to help develop maths skills

### Sumdog



Multiplayer games for maths, reading and writing

### Hit the Button



Develop mental maths and calculation skills. Has 97 different game modes

### Comics Head



Retell stories and experiences through a visual format. Create comics and photo journals

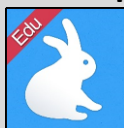
## Useful Apps – Other Curricular Areas

### Book Creator



Create your own books, with music, narration and video

### Shadow Puppet



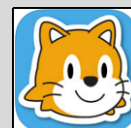
Create short video clips. Digital story telling

### Kodable



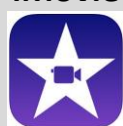
Progressive coding for younger children

### Scratch Jr



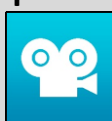
Children as young as 5-7 can enjoy coding with Scratch Jr.

### iMovie



Create movie trailers and short movies quickly and easily

### Stop Motion



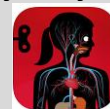
Create stop motion movies instantly, with themes and sound effects

### Science 360



Videos on a wide range of topics from the National Space Foundation

### The Human Body by Tinybop



Investigate the body and interact with the organs

### Sock Puppets



Hit the record button and the puppet will automatically lip-sync to your voice

### HP Reveal (previously known as Aurasma)



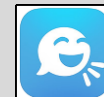
Bring everyday things to life! Create your own Augmented Reality

### Green Screen



Just like they use in the movies! Combine images from your camera and merge them onto a background

### Tellagami



Create a quick animated video called a Gami

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Giffnock/>

<https://twitter.com/giffnockprimary>

<https://twitter.com/GiffnockNursery>

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