



Bunsgoil Ghàidhlig Ghleann Dail Litir-naidheachd

An t-Sultain 2026

Bho dheasg a' Cheannaird.... From the Head Teacher's desk....

September is here and the Summer holidays are a distant memory. We have plenty going on...not to mention the Mòd which is fast approaching. It continues to be a lovely start to the year. I cannot commend our learners enough for their attitude and behaviour around the school.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our 'Meet the Teacher' event. I hope those who attended found it useful and worthwhile. I appreciate the time does not suit everyone but it is a very informal event with no major pieces of information given.

PE Policy—Jewellery

Something that has not been an issue in my time here until recently has been jewellery during spòrs. Glasgow City Council has a very clear policy that no jewellery is permitted during PE lessons. This includes any form of earrings. Earrings are also not permitted to be taped as tape can fall off and does not prevent compression injuries.

If children can remove earrings independently then they can take them out before their PE lesson. Staff cannot assist with this. Alternatively, earrings can be removed before coming to school on PE days.

If pupils are getting their ears pierced, the beginning of the summer holidays is always an ideal time to allow enough time for them to be in and established before training the children how to remove them.

I appreciate that the timing of this advice just after the summer holidays is hardly ideal. However, teachers will ensure any pupil with new piercings is actively engaged in the PE lesson, whether it is helping organising, refereeing or some other meaningful role (quality PE is so much more than mere physical activity).

I will update this advice on the school website and I will make a habit of including this on the first and last newsletters of the year. As this has not cropped up as an issue in my time at BSGGD I have not felt the need to share this information. However, this is an oversight on my part and I will ensure this information is more visibly shared in future. Duilich!

Achievements

Please remember as the year goes on to let us know of any out-of-school achievements. We always like to make a fuss and celebrate children's extra-curricular achievements as assemblies and school displays.

Jamie McCusker Acting Head Teacher

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS
EVERY DAY**



School Improvement Priorities 2026-2027

Leasachadh

Already our school improvement plan is underway. Staff are engaging with the new Glasgow City Council numeracy planners which have been positively received. As a staff we will review these at the end of Term 1.

At a recent staffing meeting, our school improvement plan was discussed with some immediate action points highlighted.

From a leadership perspective, already this year I have seen an improvement in:

- Targeted learning support
- Classroom displays and visual timetables
- Consistency of long-term planning



Communication



For anyone seeking to get in touch, I am available for any parent/carer wishing to pass on information via the below email address:

headteacher@glendalegaelic-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

You are, of course, welcome to contact us by phone but please bear in mind at certain times the office may not be staffed.

0141 429 3183

Our School Instagram page proved popular last session. Please follow us at @glendalegaelic

If you send us a follow request you must **email the school** office to let us know that it is you. We have around 20 pending requests but these will not be processed until we have received an email asking to be accepted.

Bus List

For any end of day routine changes please email **both** the HT and school office as per established routines:
nmitchell@glendalegaelic-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

Medical information / Allergies

If, over the summer, there have been any changes to your child's medical and/or allergy information, guidance or medication could you please inform the school ASAP.

We cannot administer medicines without the correct paperwork completed by parents/carers.



Saor-làithean ri thighinn

An t-Sultain

Friday 25th–Monday 28th—Sept weekend

An Dàmhair

Friday 9th—In-service day



Pupil Voice

I have spoken previously about our strive to promote pupil voice throughout the school. As parents, that may seem a little ambiguous in terms of the purpose and how this looks.

The reason we have a running, chess and reading club is down to pupil voice. And some wonderful suggestions left in our pupil suggestion box. Last session we trialled a pupil voice survey which gave a great insight into teaching environments from a pupil perspective. This is used to shape our classroom and teaching practices.

We don't ever wish 'Pupil Voice' to be tokenistic which it easily can be but we want to demonstrate that we listen to, value and where appropriate, act upon the view of pupils. It all adds up to a wonderfully nurturing and productive learning environment.

We will hopefully have a school newspaper to show off soon as well—entirely pupil led! More information about that soon.

And in a slightly silly example...and I am not quite sure what the pupils are trying to tell me...but in an effort to increase my daily steps, some of the primary 5s have with some wonderful imagination (and a little AI help) created me a very original HT walking desk.



I am not sure I am fully sold on the look of the 'Deskpack' but I love the creativity. And most importantly, I love the innocent, funny and imaginative conversations that has led to this very original creation! That's what pupil voice is all about.

Dè tha a' tachairt?

Every Monday (3-4pm)	Running Club with Mgr McCusker
Every Tuesday (Term 1)	C5/4 & C6/5 Rugby Coach
Every Wednesday (lunchtime)	Chess Club (P4-5) / Reading Club (p5-7)
Every Thursday (Term 1)	Mòd academy coaching
Wednesday 16th September	Professional Athlete Visit
Week Beginning 21st September	Maths Week
Tuesday 29th September	Gaelic Cartoonist Workshops
Thursday 1st October	Harvest Assembly (TBC)

Mòd

The Mòd is fast approaching as are the 40th anniversary celebrations of GME in Glasgow. There will be a number of events happening throughout the city in October.

Pupils who have entered the Mòd are continuing to receive support from the Mòd academy. There are some other musical / filming opportunities coming up soon. Information about this will be shared as and when required.

House T-shirts

Some parents have been asking where to purchase the House T-shirts.

The company website is <https://www.directprinting.uk/> and there are contact methods here.

Contacting Greg at Direct Printing on 07775 870443, referencing Michelle Walker - Glendale Gaelic PS and by stating colour and size needed. All of the text details for the t-shirts are already held by the company and they will match this accordingly on order being placed.

Keeping Safe at Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghleann Dail

Healthy Snacks: In an effort to keep everyone safe we continually echo Glasgow's policy of "Nut Free" establishments. Please be vigilant not to send your child with nut products in their snacks.

We encourage children not to share snacks at break times to ensure there are no accidental instances of allergens consumed by pupils.

This is referred at weekly assemblies to ensure a consistent and clear message is being delivered.

Contact us:

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Comhairle nam Pàrant

I am incredibly thankful to all of our parents who are active within the Parent Council. You do so much to help and promote our wonderful school.

If any parent would like to join any of the Parent Council meetings or offer any support in Parental Council activities your assistance would be most welcome.

If you wish to join our Parent Council please get in touch via the following email address:

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