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GLEBE PRIMARY

March 2023 Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We can hardly believe it's been a month since the last newsletter, it's been a very quick month especially with our visit from the Education Scotland Team. I am pleased to let you know that although I am not yet able to share the results of our visit, the feedback was very positive and we are all very proud of our pupils and our staff. We look forward to sharing the official findings in due course when the report is published.

Over the last month our pupils have enjoyed participating in a variety of sports tournaments including netball, cross-country and football. Other pupils have enjoyed success at the Ayrshire Music festival and the Scottish Burns Poetry competition. Our P3s enjoyed a special trip to meet some owls and our P6s planned a brilliant World Book day that we all enjoyed. Our PTA/PC March Madness Spring Disco was also a great success and we thank the parents/carers who supported this great event.

This week our Sports Committee are putting the finishing touches to the presentation for Sports Scotland as we go for our School's Sports Scotland Gold award and our Rights Respecting Committee are gathering evidence for our Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award! We are delighted to see our brilliant work being recognised and thank the pupils and staff leading the work in these areas.

We hope to see our families join us in Church on the last day of term for our Easter Service. We hope you enjoy (although enjoy is perhaps the wrong adjective) helping your child design an Easter bonnet or decorate an egg for our school Easter competition. Read on for further information!

Lastly, we say Goodbye to Miss Boyd of P5B as she stops for her maternity leave. We will miss her greatly but wish her well in her new job working 24/7 365days a year for the rest of her life! We will share information about who will be teaching P5B for the last term, before we stop for the holidays.

We hope you all have a lovely time over the Easter holidays and the children return to better weather for an exciting last term.

Best wishes

Elaine McNeil

Head Teacher

P1 and P2 Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 30th March



Other than reading, the next two week's homework is to design and make an Easter bonnet.

An **Easter bonnet** is a fancy new hat that is traditionally worn on Easter. The hat is usually decorated with eggs, flowers, bunnies or chicks, or any other typical depictions of Easter and springtime.

Some **Easter bonnet** designs can be pretty wacky, and should be a fun activity to unleash some creativity and self-expression. Making bonnets and participating in the Easter bonnet parade is a wonderful way to celebrate the coming of spring and all of the lovely new life that it brings.

As always, we encourage you to rummage in your craft box for some basic materials such as markers, scissors, paper and glue and see what you can make with these combined with some recycled materials. Please avoid unnecessary purchases from the craft store, hobby craft or amazon! If you don't have anything you can use at home we can provide you with items for use- just ask! Keep it simple but FUN!

Our parade is not about a winner- there is no such thing as *the best hat*. We will be celebrating creativity - something all our children are very capable of...creating, making and imagining. We can't wait to see all the great designs!



P3-7 Design an Egg Competition

Thursday 30th March

Other than reading, the next two week's homework is to design and decorate an Easter egg using one or more boiled eggs.

For Easter we are looking for eggcellent egg designs from our P3-7 pupils. Think outside the eggbox! As above, we encourage you to rummage in your craft box for some basic materials such as markers, scissors, paper and glue and see what you can make with these combined with some recycled materials. Please avoid unnecessary purchases from the craft store, hobby craft or amazon! If you don't have anything you can use at home we can provide you with items for use- just ask! Keep it simple but FUN! We will display and view each other's entries at the P3-7 Egg Showcase on Thursday the 30th March. We look forward to seeing all the eggciting entries!



BURNS WINNER

We are very proud of this Glebie superstar. Max won the P4/5 Ayrshire Association of Burns Clubs Annual Schools Competition 2023 held at Belmont Academy. Max is now through to the National final in June. I'm sure the entire Glebe community is behind you Max- good luck!

FOOTBALL

Well done to these great girls who represented our school on this year's International Woman's Day.

They had a fabulous day participating in the Girls Football Event with Active Schools. They played brilliantly too, 3 wins, 2 draws and 1 defeat!

A special thanks to Mollie's Mum who organised the team football kit!





**RUNING CLUB- UP AND RUNNING!
(No pun intended)**

Great to see some of our Glebies going along to St. Matthew's Academy to take part in the North Ayrshire Schools Cross Country events held monthly at the campus.

We hope to see some more runners go along to the next heat on Saturday 25th March from 9.30am

GLEBE BRASS ENSEMBLE

A huge well done to these fab Glebies who took part in the Ayrshire Music Festival earlier in the month representing Glebe individually and as an ensemble. The group work hard, practising with Mr Boax our music specialist, and practising at home too, we are very proud of their hard work.

They did brilliantly with the Glebe Ensemble winning 1st place and Noah (holding his medal) coming 2nd place in the solo competition - well done to our Glebie Superstars!

Luca and Noah also participated in the Ayrshire Music Festival Poetry competition with Luca winning the P4-5 Poetry Excluding Burns competition, and Noah winning the P6-7 Burns Poetry competition. Well done boys!



MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL



We have noticed a large increase in the number of children bringing their mobile phones to school, including from pupils in P3 to P7. Traditionally phones were only brought to school if those pupils required them on the way home from school, e.g. for safety if travelling home by themselves on buses.

Phones have to be handed in and collected from the school office and have to be kept in a secure place, however we are finding it difficult to store 50+ mobile phones.

Furthermore many of the children do not appear to require a phone as they are dropped off/collected by adults.

We understand parents/carers are under pressure to allow the young people to bring their phone to school, I'm sure you are told all their friends have their phones at school, however we would strongly discourage this practice where possible. My own 9 year old dropped her phone after collecting it from her school office last week smashing the screen- it will not be replaced as she was told NOT to take this to school.

I'm sure we all know phones are useful and valuable but I'm sure we would also agree that primary school pupils are still young and most do not require to bring a phone to school. I am certain they would manage for the 10/15min homeward journey without checking their social media. They might even start to notice their surrounding or better still talk to each other.

We hope you understand and support our reasons for leaving the phone at home. Of course we are happy to continue to collect phones from children with genuine reasons.



SCHOOL LUNCHES AND iPAYIMPACT

Glebe Primary tries to promote a good uptake of school meals. The lunches are **healthy and tasty and save families hundreds of pounds** over the years as they are free for all children in P1-P5, and as well as to the families in receipt of certain universal credits or in further education.

However, we are finding that **less and less families are pre-ordering** their child's lunch across the school. Both Mr Wilson and I covered a variety of classes last week due to staff absence and we witnessed first-hand the **difficulties with ordering** lunches in school with our connectivity issues. In some classes registration and lunch, which are both completed online, took almost 40 minutes. That is **40 minutes where the teacher is not teaching or supporting pupils with learning.**

1 child may take a few minutes to look at the lunch options and choose what they will eat, 30 children takes considerably longer!

All parents/carers have been issued with log in details to order lunch. Ordering lunch is the responsibility of the parent/carer and we are **pleading with families to take 5 minutes** on a Sunday or an evening and order your child's lunch with them present. This would also reduce the number of children who refuse to order lunch in class claiming they don't like anything!

Please see attached leaflet for further information. Please note iPayimpact is used to pay for all school trips, including this year's summer trip so it is essential that all families can log in.

Thank you to the families who do already pre-order.

Finally

Please find dates attached from now until the end of term and get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support.

In partnership

E McNeil
Head Teacher
Glebe Primary School

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 21 st March	Police visiting P3 classes in relation to class topic
Wednesday 22 nd March	P6 and P7 Bike Checks for iCycle Training
Wednesday 22 nd March	P7 Transition Family learning Time to Talk for Parents/Carers – Greenwood. Via TEAMS link sent in text message. 1.30pm and 6pm
Thursday 23 rd March	Pupils participating in Fullarton Connexions Easter Trail P6 9.30am, P4 11am, P5 1.30pm
Thursday 23 rd March	P6 group at NAC's Euro Quiz at Saltcoats Town Hall
Friday 24 th March	P7 group at NAC's Rotary Quiz – Venue TBC
Monday 27 th March	Rag Bag Collection
Tuesday 28 th March	P7E at Greenwood AM for transition morning – info to follow
Wednesday 29 th March	P7N at Greenwood AM for transition morning – info to follow
Thursday 30 th March	P1 and P2 Easter bonnet parade P3-P7 Easter Egg Design Showcase
Friday 31 st March	9.30am Easter Service at Irvine Old Parish Church Parents/Carers welcome
Friday 31 st March	School stops at 2.30pm
Monday 3 rd -Friday 14 th April	School Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April	Pupils and Staff return to School

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