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GLEBE PRIMARY August 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to term 1 and the start of this session! We were delighted to welcome back all of the children and we would like to extend a very special welcome to our new P1 children and their families, as well as the other new children who have joined us across the school.

Our P1 pupils have settled in brilliantly and our P7 Buddies and P6 Wellbeing Warriors are doing a great job in supporting our P1's; we are very proud of them all. We look forward to seeing our new P1 pupils grow and flourish in the years ahead.

Already the school year is shaping up to be a busy one. Please take note of some important information and dates for this term. Further information will follow in the September newsletter but we wanted to give you notice of important dates for the next few weeks.

Best wishes

Mrs Sanderson
Head Teacher

Vision, Values and Aims

Our school's vision, values and aims were created with pupils, staff and parents/carers. At Glebe we strive for Excellence and Equity for all Learners, through the school values of

Creativity, Kindness, Responsibility and Respect.

Captain and Vice Captains 2023/2024

Our P7s are busy preparing speeches to be the House Captain or Vice-Captain of their house. At Glebe we have 4 houses, **Fennick**, **Lugton**, **Annick** and **Garnock**. Every child at Glebe is part of a house. They earn points and tokens for their house. Listen out for your children telling you all about this!

Next week the children will listen to speeches and vote for their leaders- Good luck to all the children brave enough to have a go!

CREATIVITY

KINDNESS

RESPONSIBILITY

RESPECT

Wider Achievement

Our P7 House Captains and Vice Captains help lead the assemblies and encourage the children to earn points for their house. We will continue to celebrate the children's wider achievement at the end of the Friday assembly. Children who have earned certificates, medals, trophies or other achievements out of school, should bring them to school on a Friday. The House Captains and Vice Captains will ensure their photos are recorded in our Awesome Achievements book, and more importantly points are earned for their house!

Senior Leadership Team Certificates

Children also earn Head Teacher/Depute Head Teacher certificates for excellent work/progress/effort in class. Children with excellent work will visit the DHT/HT to share this work. Over the course of their time at Glebe children will work towards bronze, silver, gold and then diamond certificates. Look out for certificates in school bags this session.

School Forms/letters

Annual data, medical, local journey and photograph consent forms are in schoolbags today. We ask families to check the information is accurate and update any inaccuracies, **before signing and returning to the office.** The importance of having up to date contact details can't be stressed highly enough. We had real difficulty contacting some families in emergency situations last session.

Please note your child will not be able to go on any trips including local trips, e.g. the library or have their photograph taken, e.g. P1 annual newspaper photo, without completed consent forms. We can't use last session's forms.

PE Uniform

Please remember that we now have a standard PE uniform which can be worn to school, on the PE days below. PE uniform must be in school colours consisting of the following;

- Dark/plain leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms.
- Polo shirt and school jumper/cardigan/hoodie.



If you have difficulty providing PE uniform please contact the office. Please note the minor adjustment to P2/1B Astro day.

CLASSES	PE GYM HALL (INSIDE)	PE ASTRO (OUTSIDE)	CLASSES	PE GYM HALL (INSIDE)	PE ASTRO (OUTSIDE)
P1M	TUESDAYS	MONDAYS	P4C	WEDNESDAYS	FRIDAYS
P2/1B	TUESDAYS	MONDAYS	P4S	WEDNESDAYS	FRIDAYS
P2R	TUESDAYS	FRIDAYS	P5GP	MONDAYS	THURSDAYS
P3M	WEDNESDAYS	MONDAYS	P5/6E	FRIDAYS	TUESDAYS
P3Q	THURSDAYS	MONDAYS	P6M	MONDAYS	THURSDAYS
			P7M	THURSDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
			P7S	THURSDAYS	WEDNESDAYS

Attendance and late coming

We are continuing to focus on improving attendance and late coming across the school. Every school day counts and we want to work with families who experience barriers to attendance.

We also ask for your support to get children to school on time as children who are regularly late miss vital chunks of learning every day. We appreciate the many families who are very supportive of the school's work in these areas.

Homework

Last session we changed homework based on parental feedback. Unfortunately, homework continues to be a concern at Glebe due to the quality of the work returned and the lack of pupils completing homework tasks. We will continue to issue homework on a Friday to be returned for the following Thursday. This will start on Thursday 7th September. Homework will consist of spelling, reading and maths. Spelling tasks will be related to class work taught that week, reading books will be issued for infants whereas older pupils will be issued library books to focus on reading for enjoyment. Maths tasks will focus on revising key skills. We invite parents/carers who are interested in working with us to review homework to get in touch. Let us know if you would like to be involved.



Lunch

Lunch is free for all P1-P5 pupils and those in receipt of the free school meals and clothing grant.

We would encourage your child to take advantage of this and the lunches are varied, healthy and saves families time and money making packed lunches.

We also appreciate families taking the time to discuss food options and then pre-ordering lunch to reduce the time class teachers spend on this task daily, which, I'm sure you can imagine can take up valuable learning and teaching time.

Flu Immunisations

All pupils will be eligible to receive the flu immunisation (nose puff) on Friday 27th October. Consent letters are in schoolbags today and should be returned ASAP as NHS staff will collect the forms on Friday 8th September. Please be aware your child will not receive their immunisation unless the letter is received and processed by the NHS as per the above timescales.



P1 and P7 Dental Inspections

The NHS Dental team will be in school on Wednesday 25th October to carry out the annual P1 and P7 dental inspections. Letters will follow with specific information for those year groups.

NORTH Ayrshire

SCHOOL MENU 2023/24

PRiMaRY

SEASONAL VEGETABLES AND SALAD AVAILABLE DAILY.

WEEK ONE

21/08/2023, 11/09/2023, 02/10/2023, 23/10/2023, 13/11/2023, 04/12/2023, 15/01/2024, 05/02/2024, 26/02/2024, 18/03/2024, 29/04/2024, 20/05/2024, 10/06/2024, 01/07/2024, 22/07/2024, 12/08/2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Soup	Lentil soup	Vegetable soup	Lentil soup	Potato and leek soup	Lentil soup
Main 1	Pork sausages, creamy mashed potatoes	Tomato pasta with crusty bread	Mince, creamy mashed potatoes	Chicken goujons, potato wedges, dip	Fish & chips
Main 2	Sweet chilli chicken noodles	Quorn dipper wrap, potato wedges	Chicken curry & rice	Beefburger roll, potato wedges	BBQ chicken pizza
Main 3	Baked potato & tuna	Beans on toast	Tuna pasta	Cajun pasta with crusty bread	Baked potato & baked beans
Sandwiches	Chicken roll, Tuna mayonnaise sandwich	Cheese sandwich, Egg mayonnaise sandwich	Turkey sandwich, Tuna mayonnaise roll	Cheese sandwich, Egg mayonnaise sandwich	Chicken sandwich, Cheese sandwich
Puddings	Fruit platter, yogurt	Fruit platter, sponge & custard, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt	Fruit platter, cookie, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt

WEEK TWO

28/08/2023, 18/09/2023, 09/10/2023, 30/10/2023, 20/11/2023, 11/12/2023, 22/01/2024, 12/02/2024, 04/03/2024, 25/03/2024, 15/04/2024, 06/05/2024, 27/05/2024, 17/06/2024, 08/07/2024, 29/07/2024, 19/08/2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Soup	Lentil soup	Vegetable soup	Lentil soup	Chicken and rice soup	Lentil soup
Main 1	Meatballs in fresh tomato sauce with spaghetti	Macaroni cheese, garlic bread	Roast chicken, yorkshire pudding, creamy mashed potato	BBQ chicken burger with wedges	Fish & chips
Main 2	Chicken fajitas, herb potatoes	Vegetable curry, rice	Pork sausages, creamy mashed potatoes	Pasta bolognaise, crusty bread	Cheese pizza
Main 3	Fish finger bun	Baked potato & baked beans	Tuna pasta	Baked potato & cheese	Beans on toast
Sandwiches	Roll & chicken, Tuna mayonnaise sandwich	Cheese toastie, Egg mayonnaise sandwich	Turkey sandwich, Tuna mayonnaise roll	Cheese sandwich, Egg mayonnaise sandwich	Chicken sandwich, Cheese sandwich
Puddings	Fruit platter, yogurt	Fruit platter, chocolate sponge & custard, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt	Fruit platter, fruit jelly, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt

WEEK THREE

04/09/2023, 25/09/2023, 06/10/2023, 27/10/2023, 18/11/2023, 08/12/2023, 29/01/2024, 19/02/2024, 11/03/2024, 22/04/2024, 13/05/2024, 03/06/2024, 24/06/2024, 15/07/2024, 05/08/2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Soup	Lentil soup	Vegetable soup	Lentil soup	Vegetable soup	Lentil soup
Main 1	Macaroni cheese, garlic bread	Pizza, potato wedges	Steak pie, roast potatoes	Chicken curry & rice	Fish & chips
Main 2	Sausage casserole, creamy mashed potato	Quorn burger, potato wedges	Quorn dippers, dip, herb potatoes	Beef chilli nachos	Salmon goujons, chips
Main 3	Baked potato & tuna mayo	Beans on toast	Turkey sandwich	Tuna mayonnaise sandwich	Quorn hot dog
Sandwiches	Roll & chicken, Tuna mayonnaise roll	Cheese sandwich, Egg mayonnaise sandwich	Tuna mayonnaise wrap	Cheese roll	Chicken sandwich, Egg mayonnaise
Puddings	Fruit platter, homemade shortbread biscuit, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt	Fruit platter, sponge & custard, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt

All meals are freshly prepared using local, seasonal ingredients.

Fresh fruit & vegetables will be in accordance with seasonal availability.

Menu choice can be adapted to suit special dietary requirements, please contact your child's school.



Learning Café

In order to share what your child is learning in class we are introducing Learning Cafés on the first Friday of the month (or first Friday in the new term) starting next Friday 1st September. This will also be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher.

What is a Learning Café?

This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's class, see their work and participate in a child led activity. Each café will have a different theme. E.g. the first one will be play based.

Who is invited?

Parents, carers, grandparents...it's up to you. However, due to capacity and classroom space we would ask that only one person attends each session (as there are lots over the year). For Health and Safety reasons prams/buggies are not permitted. These can be left in the gym hall.

When?

Friday 1st September
Friday 6th October
Friday 3rd November
Friday 12th January

Friday 2nd February
Friday 1st March
Friday 3rd May

Time?

We are splitting the afternoon into 3 sessions in order to reduce the number of people in each class at any one time which should help the sessions run smoothly. Therefore we are arranging session alphabetically by surname.

- 1st session 1.15-1.45pm - families with surnames starting with A through to H
- 2nd session 1.45-2.15pm- families with surnames starting with I through to M
- 3rd session 2.15-2.45pm- families with surnames starting with N through to Z

If you have more than one child at Glebe then please choose different sessions for your other children to ensure you get quality time with each of them.

Myself and Mr Wilson will be available at the Learning Cafés should you wish to discuss anything. We hope you are excited to join us on these dates and hope to see a good turnout of parents/carers across the entire school. Furthermore, please note there will be other opportunities for you to engage with your child's learning throughout the year. E.g. Learning Conversations/Parents' Evenings, Curricular Workshops, School Shows, Infant Nativity, Church Services, Family Learning Events, PTA/PC Events and School Trips.

FAMILY LEARNING AT GLEBE WITH ORLAIGH

Orlaigh from the North Ayrshire Family Learning Team will be working with Glebe Primary this session.

Each term there will be a variety of opportunities for different classes to work with Orlaigh. Look out for texts, xpressions, emails and flyers from school and on social media.



Stay and PLAY

with Family Learning Worker Orlaigh, at

GLEBE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Families of Primary 1 pupils are invited along to this Stay and Play session to help support your child's transition into P1. At this session, we will be focussing on literacy; exploring rhyming, characters and setting within Julia Donaldson's books. We will have some fun, themed crafts and games for you to enjoy as a family. There will be tea, coffee & biscuits for parents/carers afterwards.

DATE and time

9-10:30am on Thursday 24th August

SIGN up

Please fill in the form via this link or QR code:

bit.ly/glebestayandplay



P5 & P6

Family Outdoor Learning with Orlaigh North Ayrshire's Family Learning Team

Attention P5 and P6 families.
Please see the flyer for information.
Contact the school office to sign up if there are any issues with the QR sign up link. Hope to see you there!

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Family Stay and Play Learning with Orlaigh North Ayrshire's Family Learning Team

Apologies for the families who missed this morning's **Play and Stay**- there seems to have been an issue with the sign up link.

There has been another session organised for next Thursday 24th August from 2-3pm. Further dates will follow for those who are unable to make the first two dates.



Family OUTDOOR Learning

with Family Learning Worker, Orlaigh
at



GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Families of Primary 5 & 6 pupils are invited to join Orlaigh from The Family Learning Team for outdoor learning sessions. The Family Learning Team have worked closely with the Ranger Service, RSPB and the John Muir Award to design a range of experiences and activities to promote creativity, encourage sustainability and nurture interest in wildlife.

Spaces are limited. Please register your interest and your Family Learning Worker will be in touch via email.

DATES and times

9-10am on: 31st August then
7th, 14th, 28th September



REGISTER interest

Please fill in the form via this link or QR code:

bit.ly/glebeoutdoorlearning



Roald Dahl Day

At Glebe we like to celebrate one of our favourite author's birthday on Wednesday 13th September. In school we will share his stories and do a variety of literacy activities related to his books. Staff and children, if they wish, can wear something yellow as this WAS his favourite colour. Please do not buy anything special for this, a yellow badge, ribbon or even socks will suffice. The focus is on the books not what we wear!



School Photographs

- Tempest photographers will come into school on **Thursday 21st September** to take individual and family photographs.
- Please ensure your child comes to school in school uniform - **even if this is a PE day**.
- Full uniform should be worn for school photographs.

Reporting to Parents/Carers Learning Conversations 23/24

This session there will be two written reports and two Learning Conversations with you, your child and the Class Teacher.

The first of the written reports is an interim report. This will give you an indication of how your child has settled in their new class, how they are learning and their effort in class. **You will receive this report on Friday 13th October.** The second full report will be issued at the end of April.

Later in the session we will be looking at the format of the final report. We will be inviting parents/carers who are interested in reviewing the existing reporting methods to work with school staff on improving formats. Let us know if you would like to be involved.

SAVE THE DATE

There will be two Learning Conversations (Parent' Evenings) this session.

Wednesday 15th November and Wednesday 22nd May. Appointment slips will follow prior to each one.

Remember, if you are worried about your child's wellbeing or learning at any time please make an appointment to talk to their class Teacher, the DHT Mr Wilson or myself.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name. This will help us to return any items of lost clothing.
- Please send a water bottle to school with your child each day. **ONLY WATER PLEASE**
- For the safety of our staff and pupils, we ask that you refrain from parking in or using the staff car park for drop-off or pick-up unless a blue badge permit is displayed. No pupils should enter the playground via the staff car park gate.
- Parents should not enter the playground in the morning. P1 pupils now know where to line up and members of staff will be in the playground to supervise the children. On wet weather mornings, children are permitted to enter the building early.
- Only parents of our younger children (P1-3) should enter the playground at home time for collection. Parents of p4-7 pupils can meet/collect their children just outside the school gates.
- If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day please contact the school office for a medical form.
- Please ensure that you child's snacks/lunch do not contain nuts. We currently have several pupils with nut allergies therefore we are a nut free school.
- Pupils should come into school wearing standard school PE kit on their designated gym days. School polo shirts and school jumpers are suitable for PE days along with dark shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms.

Curriculum Update

Thank you to all those who contributed to parental surveys last session. Your views have helped to determine the next 3 priorities for school improvement.

Glebe Priorities for School Improvement

PRIORITY 1 – To continue to raise attainment for all learners in numeracy and maths.

PRIORITY 2 - To continue to raise attainment for all learners in literacy

PRIORITY 3 – To increase creative approaches to teaching and learning and give further opportunities for learner participation

We will provide regular updates on our progress and will continue to seek parent and pupil views throughout the session.

PTA/PC MEETING DATES

Our school is fortunate to have a very supportive parent/carer community and a very active Parent Council/Parent Teacher Association.

We actively encourage new members to join – ALL parents/carers are welcome. There are various roles within the Parent Council and you don't have to join every meeting for every item of information.

If you would like to join, please come along to a meeting, alternatively you could post or send a private message on the parent Facebook page, or email the school and we will pass this to the chairperson Mrs McClory.

Details of this year's meeting dates will follow, in the meantime save the date of Thursday 14TH September for the AGM. We will confirm the AGM date/time ASAP and get that information to you. We really hope to see lots of you coming along!

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION & HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTE

Staff have noticed some young children in the playground at 8.15am. Please remember there is no playground supervision for children dropped off before **8.45am**. Furthermore please note the use of the play trails is not permitted without school staff supervision. This is the case across all NAC schools. Apologies for any upset this causes.

STAFFING UPDATE

As you know there were some changes to staffing towards the end of last session, which is always the case in schools at the end of the school year.

We welcome Miss. Queen to Glebe Primary and P3. We welcome back Mr. Main who will continue teaching PE and ICT for many classes. Mr. Main will also team teach reading and writing in selected classes as part of our PEF work in raising attainment.

It's with great sadness that we say goodbye to Miss. Dorrian our nurture classroom assistant. Miss. Dorrain is starting a new job with Woman's Aid at the end of September. We are all sad to lose her but wish her well in her new career.

Finally

Please find the dates for Term 1 attached. As always we will endeavour to get any new dates to families as soon as we have them. We are often invited to participate in events or attend events at short notice. I am sure you support the school in taking any opportunity to make learning better for pupils by saying yes to exciting events- even if it is short notice and can be tricky for school staff to organise! Thank you for your support and understanding and for quick responses to last minute events or calls for helpers. It is appreciated!

I hope to see you all at the Learning Café but in the meantime please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Thanks for your continued support.

In partnership

Mrs Sanderson
Head Teacher
Glebe Primary School

Term 1

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 23 rd August	Av5 forms issued Flu immunisation forms issued Medical forms issued Photo Consent forms issued
Thursday 31 st August	PTA/PC Golf Texas Scramble Fundraiser
Friday 1 st September	Learning café 1
Friday 8 th September	NHS staff to collect flu immunisation forms
Friday 8 th September	Class newsletters issued
Wednesday 13 th September	2 x P6 pupils at Junior Road Safety Event Info to follow
Wednesday 13 th September	Roald Dahl Day
Monday 18 th September	In Service Day – Pupils off school
Thursday 21 st September	School Photo Day
Friday 6 th October	Learning café 2
Friday 13 th October	Term Treat for House Winners
Friday 13 th October	Interim Reports issued
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th October	School Holiday October Week
END OF TERM 1	