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GLEBE PRIMARY

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Newsletter

GLEBE HOUSE CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS



CONGRATULATIONS

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Autumn is here for sure with shorter days and darker evenings. As it gets colder and wetter we ask that you send children to school with layers they can remove, e.g. jumpers, cardigans, and that weatherproof jackets are worn everyday as the weather changes quickly in Scotland!

Hats and scarves are great too and tights and leggings, or long trousers provide some respite from the elements. Please help yourself to uniform from reception or call us and we can pop items in schoolbags.

Thank you to everyone who has labelled school clothes it really helps us get the correct item back to its owner- that said we already have a mountain of unnamed unclaimed uniform at the janitor's office- if you are missing uniform please come and check there!

It's been lovely to see families at pick up and drop off times, as well as school events such as the PTA/PC Bingo, the Learning Café and Orlaigh's Family Learning events. Whether it's attending a Learning Cafe, coming along to the Learning Conversation or even picking up the phone to talk to us about a worry or suggestion, we appreciate the positive relationships we have with all our families. We are fortunate to have such a supportive school community!

Best wishes

Mrs Sanderson
Head Teacher

Potential Industrial Action

26th, 27th and 28th September 2023

You should have received a letter providing information about the planned strike action scheduled for next week, which will impact on the Council's ability to maintain service continuity.

The planned strikes will take place on:

Tuesday 26 September 2023

Wednesday 27 September 2023

Thursday 28 September 2023

Strike action is planned for members of UNISON, affecting all schools across North Ayrshire. Staff involved in this industrial action include classroom assistants, early years practitioners, administration staff, technicians, janitors, cleaners and catering staff. These staff groups provide vital support services to education and are essential to ensure the normal operations of the education service. Given the significant number of staff who are members of this trade union, and following an assessment of health and safety and other operational factors, NAC have concluded that it will be necessary to **close all North Ayrshire schools for the three days of the intended strike action, if strikes go ahead.**

On the days of strike action, where pupils are affected by school closures, packed lunches will be provided to any affected pupils entitled to a free school meal. Families affected by school closures are encouraged to go to their own school (or nearest school) on strike days between 11.00am and 1.00pm where they can collect a packed lunch.

If the strikes go ahead we will provide revision and consolidation learning tasks for pupils to complete at home. I would also direct you to the Home Learning Links tab on Glebe Primary school's website for further activities.

I understand that this industrial action will cause significant disruption to learning for the children and young people of North Ayrshire and that you will have to make alternative arrangements for childcare during the strike days. I am sorry for the inevitable inconvenience this will cause.

We will keep you updated with further information when we know what is happening.

Captain and Vice Captains 2023/2024

We were thrilled to see so many children try out for House Captain this year. Almost all of our 59 P7s had a go! The speeches were brilliant making it a difficult choice! Votes were completed online using forms and we are pleased to announce the following children as this year's Captains and Vice Captains.

FENWICK	LUGTON	ANNICK	GARNOCK
House Captain	House Captain	House Captain	House Captain
Kaycie Gourlay	Hattie McClory	Brodie McGinn	Noah Dickson
Vice Captain	Vice Captain	Vice Captain	Vice Captain
Riley Rintoul	Zoe Cornfield	Riley O'Donnell	Corrie Cameron

PTA/PC Bingo Night!



Thank you to everyone who came along to the PTA/PC Bingo night in the school. This was a fun event for the children and a great opportunity to build community. Our Captains and Vice Captains thoroughly enjoyed helping out and did a great job of showing people where to go and selling tuck!

Even though it wasn't about raising funds your support made

£211.12

Thank you to our fab PTA/PC members for organising the event and to you our Glebe families!

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Road Safety at Glebe Primary



The **Ayrshire Roads authorities** received joint funding for an in-school active travel project called Trailblazers. Each authority asked 3 schools to pilot the scheme, **including Glebe!** This is a **joint Ayrshire project looking to improve road safety and increase active and sustainable travel to school.**

The project uses QR codes located on lamppost banners and signs on commonly used school routes. **Families walking to school have the choice to link into the QR codes to access a daily road safety or active travel question.**

Each class has received a trailblazers journey record sheet. Children record how they travel to school. Any form of active travel, e.g. walk, ride, scoot, or part active, e.g. park and stride is encouraged.

Our P6 pupils are responsible for Glebe's Active Travel and Road Safety campaigning.

This year, the children wrote speeches and voted for **2 Junior Road Safety Officers, these are Max Campbell and Frankie Finnigan.**

P6 and our JRSOs, supported by Mrs McGinn, will organise and coordinate trailblazer and JRSO competitions and initiatives, as well as promote active and sustainable travel over the year.



Look out for more information on how to get involved and the super prizes and freebies provided by NAC Road Safety and Trailblazers.

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HALLOWEEN info.



This year children At Glebe will have the opportunity to dress up and take part in Halloween themed activities in class on Friday 27th October. This is always **optional** and children who don't wish to dress up can wear ordinary clothes or their uniform.

When thinking about costumes please ensure your child can easily get their costume on and off for lunch, toilet etc. If possible try to avoid sending in accessories or items that can be used as weapons or can hurt other children (yes this happens every year!) P7s should also think about modesty, as some of the full body morph suits can be inappropriately tight and often cause embarrassment.

The PTA/PC have agreed to provide snacks/treats for all children again this year and we thank them for doing this. Teachers will organise activities in class and classes will have some time in the hall. We hope everyone has a great time.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP SHOP

Do you have Halloween costumes or dressing up clothes that no longer fit?
Please recycle them to help Glebe meet its sustainability goals!

- ✓ Costumes can be handed in to school from 20/9/23 to 28/9/23
- ✓ Costumes should be in a decent condition.
- ✓ Mrs Hughes, one of our parents, will sort costumes and help with the organisation of the swap shop.
- ✓ Costumes will be available for parents/carers to view and take away in the school playground/reception, on Friday 6th October, at our second Learning Cafe.
- ✓ NO cost, just come along and pick up a costume.

Many thanks in advance for your support!



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Learning Café 2



Thank you to everyone who managed along to our 1st Learning Café and who completed the parent/carer survey, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Our 2nd Learning Café is on Friday 6th October. **The theme is Numeracy.**

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 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.

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 appointment slip for the first Learning Conversation on Wednesday 15th November will be in the same envelope. Please complete the slip and return it to school ASAP in order for the office staff to allocate appointments.

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.

Attendance and late coming

Glebe Primary works closely with families to support good attendance and good timekeeping. We understand there may be reasons some families experience barriers to attendance. It's our job to work with families to address any barriers.

All schools are asked to track pupils' attendance and late coming and discuss concerns or patterns with families. At Glebe this is done at the end of every month. I will be in touch with families at the start of October to discuss attendance that has fallen below 90% during September or whose children are regularly late.

Thank you for your support in this area.

Useful 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.

- If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day please contact the school office for a medical form.

- 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.

- 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..

- Please send a water bottle to school with your child each day. ONLY WATER PLEASE

- 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.

PARENT/CARER HOMEWORK WORKSHOP

Would you like some more information about your child's homework, some support with how we teach aspects of literacy and numeracy across the school, some strategies for making homework less stressful or some guidance on expectations for homework at different ages?

Come along to our homework workshop where school staff and Family learning staff can help!

Join us here at Glebe Primary on Thursday 12th October from 2.15-2.55pm. Tea and coffee included!

Lastly, please find an updated list of dates from now until the November weekend holiday.

Thanks for your continued support.

In partnership

Mrs Sanderson
Head Teacher
Glebe Primary School

DIARY DATES

Thursday 21 st - Thursday 28 th September	Halloween Costume Donations to Glebe Office
Monday 25 th September	P7 Classes participating in Rugby Coaching Wk1
Tuesday 26 th - Thursday 28 th	Potential School Closure due to Strike Action- TBC
Friday 29 th September	Extra Play for September's House Winners
Monday 2 nd October	P7 Classes participating in Rugby Coaching Wk2
Thursday 5 th October	P2R Stay and Play with Family Learning Team TBC
Friday 6 th October	Learning café 2- Numeracy themed
Friday 6 th October	Halloween Costume Swap Shop
Monday 9 th October	P7 Classes participating in Rugby Coaching Wk3
Monday 9 th October	Book Week Scotland
Mon 9 th -Fri 13 th October	Irvine Library Class Visits (different times for different classes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 9th P3Q & P2R• Tuesday 10th P4C & P7S• Wednesday 11th P5PG , P5/6E & P6M

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 12th P4S & P7M • Friday 13th P3M <p><i>Adult helpers are required for ratios in order for visits to go ahead. Thank you for your support.</i></p>
Thursday 12 th October	P7 Classes participating in Rugby Festival
Thursday 12 th October	Homework Workshop for parents/carers 2.15pm-2.55pm Cuppa included!
Friday 13 th October	Term Treat for House Winners- Activity Afternoon
Friday 13 th October	Interim Reports issued Learning Conversation appointment slips issued (Parent's Evening)
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th October	School Holiday October Week
Monday 23 rd October	Pupil and Staff Return
Wednesday 25 th October	P1 and P7 Dental Checks at Glebe
Thursday 26 th October	PTA/PC Meeting 6pm Fullarton Connexions – All welcome
Friday 27 th October	Flu Immunisation at Glebe
Friday 27 th October	Halloween Dress Up and Activities
Friday 3 rd November	Learning café 3- Reading themed
Mon 13 th -Fri 24 th November	P1 Registration Fortnight for next year's P1s Please share with eligible families Online registration details issued by their Early Years Establishment
Tuesday 14 th November	Irvine Library Class Visit P1/2B Bookbug Book gifting

Wednesday 15 th November	Irvine Library Class Visit P1M Bookbug Book gifting
Wednesday 15 th November	Learning Conversation (Parent's Evening) 3.30-6pm & 6.30-8.50pm
Friday 17 th November	School Holiday
Monday 20 th November	School Holiday
Tuesday 21 st November	Pupil and Staff Return