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# GLEBE PRIMARY

## February 2024 Newsletter

A5 Primary attendance leaflet

**Count Me In**  
Every school day matters; every lesson counts...

Coming to school gives me a chance to:

- Learn lots of new things  
Be active and take part in exciting activities
- Be in a place where lots of people look after me and care about me
- See my friends  
**Have fun!**
- Have a healthy, nutritious lunch  
Be in a place where everyone is treated equally and is included
- Your family, your schoolfriends, your teachers, other school staff and everyone around you will help, support and encourage you to come to school every day.

North Ayrshire Council's vision for attendance is that all children and young people in our educational establishments attend school every day. Children and young people who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to be isolated from their friends, to underachieve in examinations and/or become involved in criminal or anti social behaviour.

The EcoKits logo, featuring a gear with the word 'EcoKits' inside.

Dear Parent/Carer,

February has seen another busy month at Glebe with lots happening across the school. We thank everyone who came along to our Book Fayre fundraiser. We were overwhelmed by the support of our families who bought hundreds of books earning us £1157.92 in commission to spend on new books for the school library.

With slightly better weather, our children have enjoyed getting out and about in our local community. P4-7 classes visited our local Gospel Hall for a Bible exhibition. The exhibition was excellent and informative, and our children had very good questions for the staff hosting. Our P6s visited Irvine Burns Club, established in 1826. The club celebrates the key role of the poet's year in Irvine (1781) and offers a unique visitor experience in the Wellwood Museum. Our P5s worked with Irvine Clean-up Crew to do a litter pick around our local community helping keep Irvine clean. Our P7s visited Greenwood for a transition morning at the 'Big School', and are very excited to return!

We celebrated Shrove Tuesday, aka Pancake Day, and Valentine's Day with a variety of fun activities as requested by the children. We are now busy planning fun activities for World Book day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

In other news Mrs. Mackie stops for maternity leave on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We wish her well and hope she gets some rest before baby arrives! We are pleased to announce that Mr. Main, who currently teaches across the school, will take over as the P1 teacher for the remainder of the year. Mr Main and Mrs Mackie will both be at the next learning café if you want to pop in and say goodbye/hello.

We hope to see you at the next Learning café on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of March which is topic themed. Furthermore you (or another family member) are welcome to pop into school on World Book Day from 2-3pm to find a cosy space to read/share a book with your child. This was so successful last year the children want to do it again this year! #pupilvoice

Lastly, I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the great support from our parents/carers. In recent weeks you have helped us fundraise, accompanied classes on school trips and helped us sort uniform and band books. We are very thankful for all you do for the school.

*Best wishes*  
*Elaine Sanderson*  
*Head Teacher*





P4-7 Visiting the Gospel hall Bible Exhibition

Founders Day 2024



CREATIVITY

KINDNESS

RESPONSIBILITY

RESPECT





Valentine  
Activities in  
P6

Wellwood  
Burns Centre  
& Museum



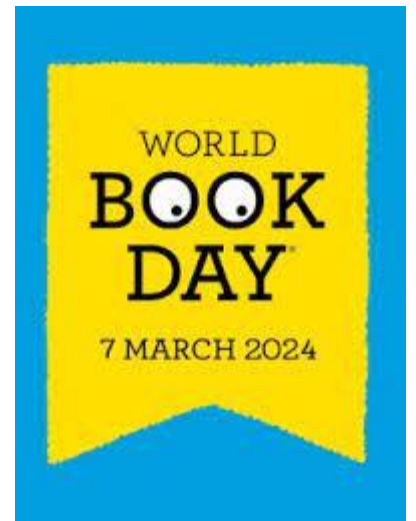
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# WORLD BOOK DAY 2024



We celebrate reading with the annual World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Our P5 leaders have planned lots of fun activities around reading and literacy which they will share with the children at assembly.

World book day is about books and reading. Children can dress up if they wish (and we know lots of them love doing this) or they can wear their uniform, their normal clothes or pyjamas. Please don't go out and purchase something just for the day!

Please talk to your child about their favourite book or author and ask them what they are doing in school.

We welcome grown-ups into the building from 2 - 3pm to read or share books with the children - dressing up is of course optional ;)



# Glebe Burns Competition

Well done to all the children who practised their songs and poems and put themselves forward to participate in this year's Scots Verse Speaking Competition at Glebe.

The whole school gathered to celebrate Burns with a fantastic afternoon with songs and poems, and of course the Funky Chicken led by Mrs Gall.



We are pleased to inform you of this year's winners who represented the school at the Irvine Burns Club competition.

- **P1 -2 - Cody Mullen (The Sair Finger by Walter Wingate)**
- **P3 -4 - Own Cochrane (The New Teacher by Jim Douglas)**
- **P5 -7 - Max Campbell (To A Louse by Robert Burns)**

**A special well done to Max who won the overall competition in his age category at the Burns Club.**

# ATTENDANCE AT GLEBE PS

missed minutes . missed hours . missed days . missed lessons . missed achievements . missed friendships

## LEARNING DOESN'T HAPPEN IN AN EMPTY CHAIR

Support your child to be in school every day!

### EVERY DAY COUNTS

Lost days create gaps in learning

Did you know absenteeism during a pupil's primary school years is associated with a pattern of lower academic achievement in numeracy and literacy, which can leave them struggling at senior school.

**Did you Know...** Missing just one or two days every few weeks can make it much harder to:  
Gain valuable reading and Maths skills,  
develop and maintain good friendships,  
establish positive attendance habits.

The educational, attendance and friendship skills your child develops during their primary years helps them build a resilience that will last a lifetime.

Establishing good attendance habits helps your child feel positive about both their learning and themselves. Starting to build these habits from the first day of their school journey is an important part in supporting their love of lifelong learning that will help them succeed!



#### What can you do?

Support your child to have a positive attitude about attendance. Talk about it! Sing about it! Make it a game! Create an adventure!  
Set regular calm, relaxed family bedtime and morning routines.  
Choose and lay out school clothes and pack bags the night before.  
Share ideas with other parents for getting to school on time.  
Keep up to date with school events so your child is always prepared.  
Organise appointments outside of school time wherever possible.  
Seek the teacher's support if your child seems anxious about school.  
Help your child be a successful learner! Support a high attendance level!

# School Attendance

Glebe Primary staff work closely with families to support good attendance. We understand there many genuine reasons for attendance falling and that children do get ill and may need the odd day off.

For children every day at school is like getting a piece of a jigsaw puzzle. The more pieces they have the easier it is to see the whole picture. We plan learning opportunities that build on previous activities and understanding, therefore every day is as important as the previous day or the next day. The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment will be.

- 95% attendance equates to 9 days or 2 weeks missed education in one school year, around 40 lessons missed
- 90% attendance equates to 18 days or 4 weeks missed education in one school year, around 80 lessons missed

## **Children will most likely have gaps in learning**

- 85% attendance equates to 27 days or 6 weeks missed education in one school year, around 120 lessons missed
- 80% attendance equates to 36 days or 8 weeks missed education in one school year, around 160 lessons missed

## **Children will have gaps in learning and may have difficulty catching up**

- 75% attendance equates to 45 days or 10 weeks missed education in one school year, around 200 lessons missed
- 70% attendance equates to 54 days or 12 weeks missed education in one school year, around 240 lessons missed
- 60% attendance equates to 72 days or 14 weeks missed education in one school year, around 320 lessons missed

## **Children will have many gaps in learning and need extensive school supports and interventions to catch up**

*Please remember, if you're having difficulty getting your child to school or need support with any aspect of encouraging good time-keeping please contact Mrs. Sanderson.*

*We are here to help!*



# Contact Details & Emergency Contact Details

Please contact the school if your details, especially your emergency contact details have changed.

In the last few weeks we have had difficulty reaching parents/carers in emergencies, which then caused real distress to the children involved. It's vital we have the correct information in case of emergencies.

Please also contact us if you change your mobile number or email as this is our main form of communication. If we have the wrong details we are unable to keep you informed about what's happening in school.



## NUT FREE SCHOOL

**Glebe Primary is a nut free school. Across the school we have several pupils with nut allergies that could be life-threatening.**

**We ask that families help us keep all children safe. Please ensure that you child's play-piece/snack/lunch does not contain any nut products. This includes kinder products, snickers, and hazelnut spread on sandwiches.**

**Thank you for your support.**

Dates

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 Sanderson  
Head Teacher  
Glebe Primary School

**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Enhanced Transition TAC Meetings (For identified P7 Parents/Carers)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Learning Café 6 Theme TBC
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	PTA/PC Adult Fundraiser –Bonkers Baldy Bingo 7.30pm @GSK Social Club. Contact PTA/PC for information
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Learning Team- Phunky Foods at Glebe 9-10am P2 & P3 Details to follow
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day 2024
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	P6 NAC Euro Quiz – Saltcoats Town Hall (selected group)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA/PC Meeting at Fullarton Connexions at 6pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	P6 Climate lesson Library visits
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Mackie's last day (maternity leave)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Learning Team- Phunky Foods at Glebe 9-10am P2 & P3 Details to follow



Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	P5PG, P5/6E & P6M at Glasgow Science Centre Details to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Rotary Quiz (selected group)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Learning Team- Phunky Foods at Glebe 9-10am P2 & P3 Details to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Greenwood Academy P7 Time to Talk Transition 1.30pm & 6.30pm via TEAMS Details to follow
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	PTA/PC Glebe March Madness Spring Disco  5.30-6.30pm P1-3 7-8pm P4-7
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	P6M – Class Enterprise Winners at Bouncestation Irvine
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Greenwood Academy P7 Virtual Assembly via TEAMS
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Ragbag collection ( donate old clothes)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	P7M at Greenwood Academy for transition morning Details to follow
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 School Show Dress Rehearsal for whole school
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 School Show 6.30-730pm at Glebe (P7 families/tickets)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	P7S at Greenwood Academy for transition morning Details to follow
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	House Winners Treat – Activity afternoon
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Learning Team- Phunky Foods at Glebe 9-10am P2 & P3

	Details to follow
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 School Show 1.45-2.45pm at Glebe (P7 families/tickets)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 School Show 6.30-7.30pm at Glebe (P7 families/tickets)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service at Irvine Old Parish Church 9.30am
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Raffle Details to follow
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School stops at 2.30pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March- Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School Easter Holidays
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils and Staff return to School

\*Glebe Primary is one of the associated cluster schools for Greenwood Academy. P7 transition events for pupils not attending Greenwood Academy will be confirmed when we receive details to forward/share with parents/carers.

\*Glebe staff will be visiting Early Years Classes in the next few weeks to meet and discuss children registered to come to Glebe in August 2024. If you have submitted a placing request please let us know as we don't get details of placing requests until approved by NAC. This year's EY to P1 transition programme will start after the Easter holidays.