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GLEBE PRIMARY

March 2024 News -letter



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We've had another busy month at Glebe with individuals, groups of children and classes representing the school at sporting, music and curricular events across North Ayrshire and beyond. At every event, our pupils are praised for their manners and how proudly they represent our school values; well-done Glebies!

On March 1st our fab PTA/PC held another super fundraising event, The Baldie Bingo. Events such as this pay for resources, activities, events and treats for every pupil at Glebe Primary including the March Madness Spring Disco, next Thursday 21st March. Thank you to everyone who attended, helped out and supported the fundraiser.

We also had some sad news this month. Mrs Jennifer Dickson one of Glebe's former Principal Teachers passed away. Mrs Dickson taught many Glebe families over the years and was loved and respected in the Glebe community. It was lovely to hear the many tributes to Jennifer from pupils and parents past and present.

As we near the end of term look out for a special edition newspaper written, edited and produced by our pupils with interesting articles and a spotlight on a special year group. This should be in your email inboxes sometime in the last week of term!

Thank you for your attendance at our different events this term. We hope to see those who are able come along and join us in the Church on the last day of term for our Easter Service.

We also 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 egg-travaganza. Read on for further information!

Lastly, we wish you a super spring break over the Easter holidays and welcome the children back with better weather (fingers crossed) for an exciting last term.

Best wishes
 Elaine Sanderson
 Head Teacher

March Madness Glebe Discos

Thursday 21st March

- P1-3 5.30-6.30pm
- P4-7 7.00-8.00pm



The PTA/PC March Madness Spring Disco will be in the Glebe Gym Hall.

Tickets are free and small drink and snack will be provided by the PTA/PC.

As requested by the children, this year there will also be a tuckshop available to purchase additional snacks.

Children should enter via the main office door and will be collected from the hall, before exiting via the infant door closest to the office.

All children must be collected by an adult from the hall.

The back carpark and gates will be open to alleviate traffic at the front of the school.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO HELP AT THE DISCO-THANKS

UNIFORM

We are very lucky to have such a supportive parent body, a team of willing helpers we are fortunate to be able to call upon to help us attend trips, sort uniform or band books.



Some of these super helpers sorted new uniform which you can find at reception. From tights to trainers...you'll find new or nearly new uniform tidied, sorted and correctly labelled at reception. Have a look the next time you're in school or call us and we can pop uniform in your child's schoolbag.



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

P1-P2 Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 28th March



Design and decorate an Easter Bonnet.

For Easter we are looking for brilliant bonnets designs from our P1 & P2 pupils.

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.

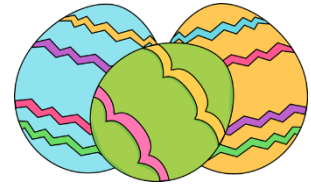
As always, we encourage you to rummage in your craft box for some basic materials such as markers, scissors, paper and glue and see what you can make with these combined with some recycled materials. Please avoid unnecessary purchases from the craft store, hobby craft or amazon! If you don't have anything 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 egg-citing designs!

P3-7 Design an Egg Competition

Thursday 28th March



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 suggested for P1&P2, 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 28th March.

We look forward to seeing all the egg-citing entries!

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.



EUROQUIZ 2024



A group of our Super 6s took part in the North Ayrshire Schools Euro Quiz at Saltcoats Town hall earlier this month.

They have worked extremely hard over the last few weeks, both inside and outside of school, and have an impressive amount of knowledge on Europe!

They were fantastic representatives of our school.

Well done Glebies

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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. The PTs and I covered a variety of classes last week due 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.

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!

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



MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

We are asking for parent/carer support to discourage mobile phones at school.

We have noticed a large increase in the number of children bringing their mobile phones and smartwatches to school, including from pupils in P3 and P4!

For security and safeguarding reasons all phones have to be handed in and collected from the school office before 9am and after 3pm, and these devices have to be kept in a secure place.

We are finding it difficult to store more than 100 mobile phones!

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 unless you are concerned for their safety travelling to/from school.

If your child can leave their phone at home that would be appreciated.



WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

Thank you to all the families who supported this year's WBD.

P5PG had a great time organising World Book Day 2024 and pupils from P1 to P7 had great fun doing the giant word searches, the competitions, and the many planned activities. Thank you to the parents/carers who came along to share a story or two too!



MARY RETIRES!

At the end of the month we say goodbye to one of Glebe's favs- Mary Law our school cook.

Mary has worked with North Ayrshire Catering for what seems like forever and has been at Glebe for many many years. We have all enjoyed her school dinners and in particular her fabulous cakes!

Good luck Mary- you'll be missed!



DIARY 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

Friday 15 th March	P7 Rotary Quiz (selected group)
Wednesday 20 th March	Phunky Foods at Glebe 9-10am P2 & P3
Wednesday 20 th March	Greenwood Academy P7 Time to Talk Transition 1.30pm & 6.30pm via TEAMS
Thursday 21 st March	PTA/PC Glebe March Madness Spring Disco 5.30-6.30pm P1-3 7-8pm P4-7
Friday 22 nd March	P6M – Class Enterprise Winners at Bouncestation Irvine
Friday 22 nd March	Greenwood Academy P7 Virtual Assembly via TEAMS
Mon 25 th –Thur 28 th	Easter Raffle tickets on sale all week P7 Easter raffle fundraiser
Monday 25 th March	Ragbag collection (donate old clothes)
Monday 25 th March	P7M at Greenwood Academy for transition morning Details to follow
Monday 25 th March	P7 School Show Dress Rehearsal for whole school

Monday 25 th March	P7 School Show 6.30-730pm at Glebe (P7 families/tickets)
Tuesday 26 th March	P7S at Greenwood Academy for transition morning Details to follow
Tuesday 26 th March	House Winners Treat – Activity afternoon
Wednesday 27 th March	Phunky Foods at Glebe 9-10am P2 & P3
Wednesday 27 th March	P7 School Show 1.45-2.45pm at Glebe (P7 families/tickets)
Wednesday 27 th March	P7 School Show 6.30-730pm at Glebe (P7 families/tickets)
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Service at Irvine Old Parish Church 9.30am
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade P1 & P2 Easter Egg Design Showcase P3-P7
Thursday 28 th March	P7 Easter raffle fundraiser Easter Raffle Draw
Thursday 28 th March	School stops at 2.30pm
Friday 29 th March- Friday 12 th April	School Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Pupils and Staff return to School