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GLEBE PRIMARY

May 2024 Newsletter



P7S at Arran Outdoor Centre



CREATIVITY

KINDNESS

RESPONSIBILITY

RESPECT

Dear Parent/Carer,

It hardly seems possible that as I write this we only have 16 days of school left until we stop for the summer holidays.

We all look forward to the end of term activities and summer trips including Potted Sports, Glebe's Got Talent, the whole school trip to Calderglen, Glebe's Wacky Water fight and Party in the Playground!

Please read on for information about next session including information about class structure, trips, the parent/carer school improvement survey key trends, the homework consultation and plans for the rest of the term.

On behalf of all the team at Glebe; the Janitor, the cleaning staff, the catering staff, the support staff, the PTA/PC, the visiting teachers e.g. music and EAL, and the teaching staff, thank you for your support this session. We are privileged to work with your amazing children.

Lastly, I know circumstances can change over the summer, should there be any major issues or worries that you feel I should be aware of, then please contact me by email or telephone before our return in August. Please don't contact the school email as the office staff do not check this until August.

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Best wishes

Elaine Sanderson

Head Teacher

Spotlight on Arran

P7S pupils accompanied by Mrs. Singleton and Miss. Stevenson enjoyed a residential trip to Arran last week. They participated in a range of activities including water sports, the climbing wall, orienteering, visiting holy Isle and making their own beds.

Lots of great memories made which will stay with the children forever.

*Here are a few pics of their stay.
You can follow us on twitter (x)
for more.*



Super Sevens!



We have had a great year with a fantastic group of P7s—they really have been superstars! We wish them luck as they move to High School and remind them that once a Glebe, always a Glebe! We will follow their successes and continue to be proud of their achievements! Good luck everyone!

LOST PROPERTY

Please come in to Glebe to have a look for lost uniform at the Janitor's office.

We have a substantial pile of water bottles, hair clips and uniform. All un-named. At the end of term any unclaimed uniform will be washed and added to our Uniform Station or given to charity.



Class Structure Session 24/25

NATIONAL OVERVIEW

Class sizes in Scottish primary schools are set by government regulation as follows:

- P1 25
- P2 30
- P3 30
- P4-7 33

NORTH AYRSHIRE

Every year North Ayrshire Schools are given a class structure number based on the school role. Glebe Primary's school role has fallen over the last few years as we lose 60+ P7s and only enrol around 30 P1s.

Therefore next year, session 24/25, we will be moving to 11 classes:

- Infant department 4 classes P1, P2/1, P2/3, P3
- Upper department 7 classes P4, P4, P5, P5/6, P6, P7, P7

MIXING YEARGROUPS

At Glebe we mix year groups and classes for a variety of reasons.

- *Mixing classes creates opportunities for children to learn and play with a wider variety of peers.*
- *Mixing classes enables greater social interaction between children as they move through the school.*
- *Mixing classes ensures that each of the classes remains balanced in response to pupil development and pupil need.*
- *To make composite classes as per the NAC class structure formula.*

We consider attainment data, ability groupings, pupil need, wellbeing and friendships when we arrange classes. Furthermore all pupils take part in a task where they identify key friends which we use to ensure no one is left on their own. We hope that parents/carers trust this process and support the structure.

We are still confirming teachers for next session but hope to have class structure letters emailed to families on Friday 14th June. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss this further.



Party in the Playground 50th Birthday



We look forward to welcoming parents/carers to Glebe Primary's Party in the Playground

Thursday 13th June at 1.15pm on the front playground grass

Classes will be performing songs from the decades and P7 will host with a few surprise famous faces making an appearance

Bring a picnic blanket, a fold up garden chair or sit on the grass.

The PTA/PC will be selling tea/coffee and strawberry tarts whilst you enjoy the show!

POTTED SPORTS

P7 pupils organise Glebe's potted sports every year and plans are already underway for this year's event on Monday 10th of June.

Children know their House Team and house colour, on the day all you have to do is send them in a t-shirt/top matching their house colour.

Please remember they will be outdoors for large parts of the day so sun cream and sunhats is recommended (if it's sunny).



Whole School Trip - Calderglen Country Park

As per the letter you received, this year the whole school will be visiting Culzean Castle on Tuesday 18th June. Can we remind families that children can't travel to Calderglen on a bus without a returned AV5 form with a parent/carer signature. If you require a new form please contact the school office.

We thank the PTA/PC who are paying the buses and Old Irvine Parish Church who are contributing to the entry fee. There will be no cost to families.

Children should wear appropriate footwear, school polo/t-shirt and/or jumper to help identify as Glebies and shorts/joggers/leggings (weather appropriate)

Please remember packed lunches are free for all children in Primary 1 to 5 and those in receipt of free school meals. However we know sometimes on trip days families often provide their own packed lunch. We have messaged the main contact asking if you are providing a lunch or whether your child wishes chicken or cheese in their sandwich. Please respond to the Xpressions message ASAP so we can pass the information to the catering team.

Children bringing their own packed lunch should do so in a paper/plastic bag that can be put in the bin after lunch. This saves children carrying the bag around all day. Please write your child's name on their bag and please ensure that there are **no nut products** included in your child's lunch or snack due to allergies.



School Water Fight (optional) For pupils and staff

Last year P4C pupils wrote convincing letters persuading us to allow a water-fight- this was great fun and we have decided to do it again this year. The details are as follows.

- P1, P2 & P3 9.30am
- P4 & P5 11am
- P6 & P7 1.30pm

Children will require a water gun, a towel and a change of clothes. Staff require goggles and wet suits!

The PTA/PC have kindly organised the ice cream van to attend and every child, and staff member will be offered a cone with sauce and a flake! We're looking forward to it already.

HOPING FOR SUNSHINE

Last year we saw glorious sunshine in June, if we see the same very hot weather this year we would encourage the children to wear school polo shirts and school shorts/gym shorts. It's more important that children are cool and comfortable if the temperatures rise as they did last year. Nevertheless please ensure uniform is worn for the Church Service on the last day of term.

Homework Survey Results

This session, we have noticed a steady decline in homework returns, as well as an increase in families opting their child out of homework. Therefore, we decided to track homework returns across all classes for February and March.



The findings showed an average homework return of only 55% across the entire school. Furthermore the quality of homework was also monitored, showing that of the 55% returning homework, only 66% or around 2/3 of children were completing the homework to the standard they could produce work in class.

In April we surveyed P1-6 parents/carers about homework for next session and invited families to participate in a working party group to share their views on homework. Of the 194 families surveyed, 88 responded, which could indicate many of you don't have a strong opinion for or against homework. 14 families stated they would attend the working party group with Mrs Singleton, however, on the day only 4 people managed to attend.

The findings from the survey showed that 19% of families would like homework to remain the same next session whereas 80% wished it to change. Most responses were around the negative impact of arguments and distress caused over homework or the struggle to fit homework in around afterschool activities/clubs etc. Many of you also said increased opportunities to see your child working in school via Learning Cafes and other school events is more helpful than homework.



What do you see as the greatest benefits of giving homework?
(Top 3 responses evidenced).

It reinforces work done at school	It helps to develop independent learning.	Parents are informed about school work
30%	24%	23%



What do you see as the negatives of giving out homework?
(Top 3 responses evidenced).

Homework cuts into family time	Children have worked enough at school	It can be a cause of anxiety
22%	19.5%	19%

Many schools have stopped homework altogether as the impact of homework on attainment in primary schools has been widely researched with data analysis showing that homework in primary schools has a maximum of 21% impact on attainment, whereas in secondary schools, it has a high impact on attainment.

Taking on board the feedback from families and considering National research we are not stopping homework at Glebe, but we are working towards a new format for homework that suits most families, is more engaging for children and is more flexible. Further information will follow in August for the new school term.

Thank you to everyone who contributed!

School Improvement Planning for session 2024-2025: Including use of Pupil Equity Funding

We had 149 responses to the School Improvement and PEF survey which equates to 65% of our families.

Please see the survey results.

1. Glebe Primary parent/carer participation events including; family learning activities, learning cafes, parents evenings and literacy workshops provided by Glebe Primary School, has helped me to see what my child is doing in class and increased my confidence in supporting my child's literacy skills.

Strongly agree & Agree 141

Neutral 7

Disagree 0

Strongly disagree 1

2. Glebe Primary parent/carer participation events including; family learning activities, learning cafes, parents evenings and access to the pupil created number videos, provided by Glebe Primary School, has increased my confidence in supporting my child's numeracy and mathematics skills.

Strongly agree & Agree 130

Neutral 16

Disagree 2

Strongly disagree 1

3. To continue to meet the needs of our pupils at Glebe in 2023/24 we spent our Pupil Equity Funding on an additional classroom assistant who supported pupil wellbeing and worked with individuals and groups on literacy and numeracy interventions.

We also funded our Nurture Teacher and nurture resources (Rainbow Room) and we employed an additional part-time teacher to support pupil attainment.

Do you feel that this was a good use of our funding?

Yes 132

No 2

Not sure 15

4. In 2024/25 we are considering where our focus and pupil equity funding should be targeted in order to best support pupils across the school.

Could you highlight the three that you feel are the most important?

RESPONSES

Neurodiversity training	42
Outdoor learning	88
Play	58
Having a nurture provision	69
Additional teacher focused on raising attainment	60
Additional pupil support assistant	86

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate.

We can confirm that we will continue to use PEF to fund an additional teacher to support attainment, we will increase Pupil support assistant hours to raise attainment and we will continue to support pupil mental health and wellbeing via our nurture teacher.

We will also use some of our budget to purchase outdoor learning resources and increase our outdoor learning provision. Further information will follow next session.



DATES

I hope to see many of you at the Party in the Playground and or our P7 Leavers' Church Service on the last day of term Friday 28th June, 9.30am. Please find the final list of dates attached. Please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs E Sanderson
 Head Teacher
 Glebe Primary School

JUNE 2024	
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th June	Glebe's Got talent Rehearsals (Class Rehearsals)
Monday 10 th June	Potted Sports Day
Tuesday 11 th June	P5 Wellbeing warrior ?buddy Training PM
Wednesday 12 th June	NEW P1 taster lunch 11.45am-12.15pm
Thursday 13 th June	<p>Glebe's 50th Birthday 'Party in the Playground' Concert (PM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor concert featuring class performances of songs through the decades • Parents/Carers invited to attend with own picnic blankets/seating • Refreshments on sale from the PTA/PC <p>* Alternative venue-Irvine Old parish Church- if weather is poor.</p>
Friday 14 th June	Class structure letters emailed.
Monday 17 th June	<p>NEW P1 Transition/Bump Up Afternoon</p> <p>P2- P7 Transition/Bump Up Afternoon New Class/New Teacher</p>
Tuesday 18 th June	<p>Whole School Summer Trip to Calderglen Country Park</p> <p>Trip and Buses fully funded by the PTA/PC- THANKS!!!</p>
Wednesday 19 th June	Glebe House Winners Reward afternoon- 1.30-2.45pm
Thursday 20 th June	P7 Leavers' ColourSplash Day
Friday 21 st June	<p>School water fight day pupils and staff (optional)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1, P2 & P3 9.30am • P4 & P5 11am • P6 & P7 1.30pm <p>99s from the Ice Cream Van for every child fully funded by the PTA/PC-THANKS!</p>
Tuesday 25 th June	Glebe's Got Talent (PM)
Wednesday 26 th June	<p>P7 Parents/Carers Leavers' Celebration Photos, certificates and tea/coffee 1.30pm at Glebe PS</p>

Thursday 27 th June	P7 Leavers' Disco – Fullarton Hub Irvine 6.30-8.30pm
Friday 28 th June	P7 Leavers' Service 9.30am Irvine Old Parish Church
Friday 28 th June	Children and Staff Early Finish 1pm *P7s leave via the office
Happy Holidays!!! Pupils Return Tuesday 20th August 2024	