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GLEBE PRIMARY

January 2025 Newsletter



Pupil from P5/6E and school staff working with the Scottish Wildlife Trust to trim the Willow garden.



Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and a good start to the New Year. Our staff and children are certainly ready for an exciting new term as we march towards spring and the better weather.

We're looking forward to another year of learning, growth, and community work at Glebe Primary. We will be welcoming work experience students and teaching students to many classes this session and hope to see our children participate in clubs, community events and competitions.

A couple of reminders for all parents and carers: please park safely and responsibly around the school to ensure the safety of all our children. Please escort children to the gates rather than letting them leave the car and running across the car park- we've had a few near misses lately! Also, with the weather being unpredictable, please make sure your child is dressed in appropriate clothing to stay comfortable and safe throughout the day. We appreciate your support and cooperation!

Finally, don't forget to check the end of the newsletter for the list of events and dates. Please note these are the dates we have at this time, new dates will be added on subsequent newsletters as we arrange further events school trips etc.

Best wishes

*Mrs Sanderson
Head Teacher
Glebe Primary School*

School Uniform

NORTH AYRSHIRE GUIDANCE

At North Ayrshire Council, we believe in supporting schools to have a reasonable and flexible dress code that works for everyone. A well-thought-out dress code brings lots of benefits, such as improved safety, security, and positive behaviour. It also helps create a stronger sense of community and can reduce bullying, as well as lower clothing costs for parents.

We are committed to working with schools to encourage all pupils to follow the dress code in a way that feels comfortable and practical. However, there are a few types of clothing that won't be allowed at school, mainly for safety, decency, or wellbeing reasons.

Types of clothing which will not be allowed include:

- Clothes which are a health or safety risk
- Clothes which may damage the school building
- Clothes which may provoke other pupils
- Clothes which are offensive or indecent
- Clothes which encourage the use of alcohol or tobacco

Current School uniform for non-PE days:

- Purple sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan/zipper/hoodie
- White or purple polo shirt
- White shirt / blouse with school tie
- Dark, plain coloured school trousers / skirt / pinafore (not joggers/leggings)
- Dark coloured school shoes



Current Dress Code for PE days:

- Black/Navy plain coloured shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings (non-branded) and a white or purple polo shirt/t-shirt, with sports shoes/trainers for physical activities.

Your Voice Matters: Collaborate on Uniform

As part of our ongoing efforts to promote positive behaviour and maintain high standards at Glebe, we are requesting the support of parents and carers in *upholding the current uniform policy*. Recently, we have observed an increasing trend of children wearing sportswear on non-PE days, including a rise in brightly coloured, branded sportswear.

During the recent behaviour consultation, some parents and carers expressed concerns that the school should do more to discourage students from wearing sportswear daily, while others suggested that non-branded sportswear could be considered as an alternative to traditional school trousers. In light of these differing views, we believe it would be beneficial to review Glebe's uniform policy.

To begin this process, we are inviting parents and carers to collaborate with us in reviewing the policy. We kindly ask that you complete a survey to share your preferences regarding the design, appearance, and whether the uniform should be more or less casual.

Additionally, we invite you to join us for a group discussion where you can share your thoughts and ideas. Your input will help us shape a policy that reflects the views of our school community.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the school office to confirm your availability for one of the following sessions

- Tuesday 28th January, 2-3pm
- Friday 31st January, 9-10am

The survey will be sent out next week. Your feedback is highly valued, and we look forward to working together to maintain Glebe's high standards.





Please take advantage of the free school meals for all pupils in P1-P5 as well as those in receipt of the free school meals and clothing grant.

The lunches are varied, healthy and could save you time and money making packed lunches.

If your child has dietary or cultural needs then please contact us to discuss options. Our kitchen staff are able to support a whole range of dietary needs

Please pre-order lunch, using ipayimpact, as this reduces valuable learning and teaching time for the class teacher daily, and allows you to discuss healthy choices with your child.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Can we remind all families that Glebe Primary is a nut free school as we currently have several pupils with nut allergies that could be life-threatening.

Please ensure that you child's play piece/snack/lunch does not contain any nuts. This includes kinder products, snickers, and hazelnut spread on sandwiches.

We thank you for your support to keep all our children safe.



BURNS

We are delighted to let you know that the children have been assigned their Burns and Scots poems and songs to learn in preparation for the upcoming Schools' Burns Competition and our very own Whole School Scots Afternoon, which will take place on **Thursday, 23rd January**.

Our wonderful Miss McNair is hard at work organising what promises to be a fantastic afternoon for everyone to enjoy. We are all very excited to watch the performances from our talented pupils, from P1 to P7.

We would like to extend our thanks to the children for their dedication in learning the poems and songs. A special thank you as well to you, our parents and carers, for your support in helping them practise at home.

All children are encouraged to participate and learn their poem, which is also part of their literacy speaking and listening assessments. While no child will be required to perform in front of the entire class, this is encouraged as part of the learning process. Every child will, however, have the opportunity to recite their poem to their teacher.

Certificates will be awarded to both runner-ups on the day, and winners will have the chance to progress to the North Ayrshire Burns competition.

As part of our celebration, children are welcome to wear something tartan or Scottish, such as a tartan hair bow, tie, or a Scotland t-shirt or national top. Please feel no pressure to purchase anything new for the occasion; any small addition will be lovely!

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to celebrating on the 23rd!



Thank You to Matthew Young from Scottish Wildlife Trust

- We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Scottish Wildlife Trust for visiting our school to work with both pupils and staff on trimming our willow garden. Matthew, a former Glebe Pupil, was full of expertise and enthusiasm which helped make the task both enjoyable and educational for everyone involved.
- In addition to his work with the children, Matthew is putting the offcuts from the willow trimming to excellent use. These materials will support the creation of riverbanks and other community projects, which is a wonderful way to recycle and contribute to the environment.
- We are grateful for Matthew's time and dedication, and we look forward to seeing how the willow offcuts benefit other areas in the future!

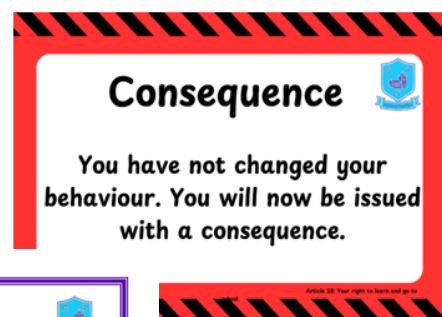
New Playground Games!

A big thank you to our Captain and Vice-Captains for their thoughtful work in selecting how we would spend some of the funds raised from Glebe's Wheel- Athon. After pupil consultation, we've purchased new playground games for all pupils to enjoy. These were shared at assembly, and next week, our Wellbeing Warriors will help introduce the activities. We're excited to see the playground buzzing with fun, and we're grateful to all the pupils and families for their generous support!

New Acceptable Behaviour & Positive Relationships Approach

This week, we introduced our new approach to promoting positive behaviour and relationships at Glebe Primary School. The response from the children has been fantastic, with many engaging well with our new approach of "Ask, Tell, Consequence." We're pleased to report that it has already proven to be very successful in supporting a positive learning environment.

A big thank you to everyone who was involved in helping to shape and implement this new approach. Your support has been invaluable. We've included some examples from the policy for reference. Please also check your emails for a full copy of the policy. We appreciate your continued partnership in making our school a safe and welcoming place for all.



Glebe Primary School Behaviour Tracking																
Class: _____ W/c: _____																
PUPIL	MONDAY			TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY			FRIDAY			ACTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES
	A	T	C	A	T	C	A	T	C	A	T	C	A	T	C	
																Actions that would warrant a Yellow Tell Card: 1. Shouting out/arguing back. 2. Not following instructions. 3. Disengaged with work. 4. Interrupting. 5. Being unkind/ rude. 6. Not listening. Consequences for receiving a Red Consequence Card: *G & J in consultation with L.T. A - A quiet word with a teacher or PSA (Pupil Support Assistant). B - Moving to a different seat in class. C - Moving to a seat in an open area for a period of time. D - Moving to another class, with their work, for a period of time. E - Meeting with a member of the Leadership Team for reflection or support. F - Moving to a different part of the playground, or being removed from the activity in the playground. G - Missing part or all of break time to reflect on behaviour or complete additional tasks. H - A restorative conversation with a teacher or peer. I - Writing a letter of apology to the person they harmed. J - Reflection time in a designated area of the playground or school building to regulate and think about behaviour and impact. Safety: Any behaviour that poses a risk to the safety of the individual or others, including acts of violence or aggression (e.g., swearing, hitting, fighting, racism), will result in an immediate Consequence Card being issued, without prior warnings. These behaviours may result in: *Immediate removal from the playground or classroom and a meeting with a member of the Leadership Team for reflection or support. *A serious incident report. *Parents/carers being contacted immediately.

STAFFING UPDATE

As we begin the New Year, we would like to share some important staffing updates within our school community.

At the end of January, we bid farewell to Miss. Boyd as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her all the best as she embarks on this exciting new chapter and we look forward to welcoming her back when the time is right.

We are also delighted to announce the return of Mrs. Mackie, who will be re-joining us in March after her own maternity leave. Her return is sure to bring much excitement and we know the children will be thrilled to see her back in the classroom.

In other news, we want to extend our good wishes to Mrs. Laverty as she will be taking time off for the next few months. We look forward to seeing her back with us when she is well.

We send our warmest thoughts and support to Miss Boyd, Mrs. Mackie, and Mrs. Laverty during these important times in their lives and thank them for their dedication to our school community.



DIARY DATES

JANUARY

Monday 13 th January – Thursday 16 th January	Fluoride Varnish P1-P4 pupils.
Monday 13 th January	Teaching Student Glebe placement. P4C.
Tuesday 14 th January	P6 Trip to Irvine Burns Club Group 2.
Tuesday 21 st January	Musical storytelling show- Burns for Bairns. P1-3 AM and P4-7 PM.
Wednesday 22 nd January	Miss Boyd stops for maternity leave- Mrs Rolfe will be in class on Mondays and Ms Nisbet Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Thursday 23 rd January	Scots afternoon with songs and performances. Children only. Wear something tartan/Scottish (optional).
Thursday 23 rd January	Burns/Scots School lunch (Haggis and shortbread) TBC.
Thursday 23 rd January	Girls' Football Cup Game. (Selected pupils) At Greenwood Astro. 3.45pm
Thursday 23 rd January	PTA/PC Meeting at Fullarton Connexions at 5pm. All welcome!
Friday 24 th January	Learning Café 3 Scots themed. Come along, look at your child's work and take part in some fun activities.
Monday 27 th January	Teaching Students Glebe placement. P4M, P5PG, P6M, P7M, P7S.
Tuesday 28 th January	Parent/Carer Uniform Consultation Workshop. Glebe library 2-3pm. All welcome.
Wednesday 29 th January	Mrs Sanderson and 2 digital Leaders to NAC Digital Event- Blacklands PS. 10am-12.30pm.
Thursday 30 th January	Travel Smart Theatre Show P1-P7 11am. Travel Smart Workshop P6M 11.30am.
Friday 31 st January	Parent/Carer Uniform Consultation Workshop. Glebe library 9-10am. All welcome.
Friday 31 st January	15min Golden Rules Extra Playtime. For children who have received less than 3 TELL/CONSEQUENCE CARDS that month.

FEBRUARY

Monday 3 rd – Friday 7 th February	National Children's Mental Health Week.
Friday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day.
Monday 10 th February	Class Newsletter/Homework Links (4) Emailed to families.

Wednesday 12 th February	P7M at Greenwood Academy for Transition Morning Meet at Glebe at 8.40am. Details to follow.
Thursday 13 th February	P7S at Greenwood Academy for Transition Morning Meet at Glebe at 8.40am. Details to follow.
Thursday 13 th February	Glebe's Burns Winners at Irvine Burns Club Schools' Competition. Details to follow.
Monday 10 th –Friday 14 th	Valentine Roses on sale. P7 Fundraiser. Details to follow.
Friday 14 th February	Valentine's Day. Wear something Red (optional).
Monday 17 th February	School Holiday pupils and staff.
Tuesday 18 th February	In-service day- staff only.
Thursday 20 th February	History Alive Workshop for P7s (AM).
Friday 21 st February	Founders Day. Brownies, Guides, Scouts etc. Pupils can wear their club uniform to school.
Saturday 22 nd February	NA Schools Cross Country League. Race 3. St. Matthews Ac. Details to follow.
Tuesday 25 th February	History Alive Workshop for P6s (AM).
Thursday 27 th February	History Alive Workshop for P5s (AM).
Friday 28 th February	15min Golden Rules Extra Playtime. For children who have received less than 3 TELL/CONSEQUENCE CARDS that month.
MARCH	
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day 2024 Activities World Book Day Author Visit – Author TBC.
Thursday 6 th March	PTA/PC Meeting at Fullarton Connexions at 5pm. All welcome.
Friday 7 th March	Learning Café 4 IDL/Topic themed. Come along, look at your child's work and take part in some fun activities.
Wednesday 19 th March	Greenwood Academy P7 Time to Talk Transition 1.30pm & 6.30pm via TEAMS. Details to follow.
Thursday 20 th March	PTA/PC Glebe Spring Disco. Venue and Times TBC.
Friday 21 st March	11am. Greenwood Academy P7 Pupil Virtual Assembly via TEAMS
Saturday 22 nd March	NA Schools Cross Country League. Race 4. St. Matthews Ac. Details to follow.
Monday 24 th March	P7 School Show. TBC.
Tuesday 25 th March	P7 School Show. TBC.

Wednesday 26 th March	P7M at Greenwood Academy for transition morning Meet at Glebe at 8.40am. Details to follow.
Thursday 27 th March	P7S at Greenwood Academy for transition morning Meet at Glebe at 8.40am. Details to follow.
Friday 28 th March	PTA/PC Adult Fundraiser event. Venue and Times TBC.
Monday 31 st March	Class Newsletter/Homework Links (5) Emailed to families.
Monday 31 st March	15min Golden Rules Extra Playtime. For children who have received less than 3 TELL/CONSEQUENCE CARDS that month.
Monday 31 st March- Friday 4 th April	Easter Raffle tickets on sale. P7 Fundraiser. Details to follow.
APRIL	
Wednesday 2 nd April	House Winners Treat – Activity afternoon.
Friday 4 th April	Easter Service at Irvine Old Parish Church. 9.30am Parents/Carers welcome.
Friday 4 th April	School stops at 2.30pm
Monday 7 th - Monday 21 st April	School Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	Pupils and Staff return to School

While the dates from Easter to the summer break will be confirmed in subsequent newsletters, I wanted to share some important dates for P7 in advance.

Monday 3 rd to Friday 6 th June	P7S and P7M at Arran Outdoor Education Centre
Wednesday 11 th June	Greenwood Transition Day 1. P7 at Greenwood Academy all day – families to make own travel arrangements.
Wednesday 12 th June	Greenwood Transition Day 2. P7 at Greenwood Academy all day – families to make own travel arrangements.
Monday 23 rd June	P7 Colour Splash Day (At Glebe)
Tuesday 24 th June	Glebe's Got Talent (PM)
Wednesday 25 th June	P7 Leavers' Memories Assembly and Certificate Presentation- families welcome 2-3pm followed by refreshments.
Thursday 26 th June	PTA/PC P7 Leavers' Disco 6.30-8.30pm (Venue TBC)
Friday 27 th June	Summer Service and P7 Leavers' Celebration at Irvine Old Parish Church. 9.30am Parents/Carers welcome.
Friday 27 th June	P1-P6 1pm Finish P7s leave via the front office at 1.05pm. P7