



Glencairn Primary Newsletter

Term 3 2024

January - March



Kindness Determination Honesty Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely break and were able to relax and enjoy some family time.

We have had a busy start to the term at Glencairn, and the children are back into the swing of things. There will be a new school newsletter every term keeping you up to date with what is going on at Glencairn Primary.

Please find lots of information below. This be may be added to throughout the term so please keep an eye on the school website and your texts/emails. If you have not already done so could you please download the Xpressions App as this can make communication easier.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries and Mrs Ross or myself will be in touch.

Thank you for your continued support

Kindest Regards

Lynda Rogerson (HT)

Attendance and Late Coming

We are continuing to focus on improving attendance and late coming across the school. Every school day counts and we want to work with families who experience barriers to attendance. Head Teachers have to complete monthly attendance reports, these are not meant to cause distress and I understand children do get sick, however we need to work together to ensure there are no unnecessary absences which then impact on your child's education and attainment. We also ask for your support to get children to school on time as children who are regularly late miss vital chunks of learning every day. We appreciate the many families who are very supportive of the school's work in these areas.



Lunch

Lunch is free for all P1-P5 pupils and for older children who have applied for free school meals and clothing grants. We would encourage your child to take advantage of this. The lunches are varied, healthy and saves families time and money making packed lunches.

We also appreciate families taking the time to discuss food options and then pre-ordering lunch to reduce the time class teachers spend on this task daily, which, I'm sure you can imagine can take up valuable learning and teaching time



Scots Poetry Competition

Every class is learning a Scottish poem as part of our celebrations for Burns Day on the 25th of January. The children will have the opportunity to recite their poem to their classmates, the week beginning Monday 29th January. From these recitals three children will be chosen to represent their class at the school's Scots Poetry Competition which will take place in the school on Thursday 8th February.



Library Visits

We are so excited that regular library visits have resumed. Having a library so near is fantastic for the pupils of Glencairn.

Some classes have been visiting the library already and there are author visits organised for this term. You will be contacted with more details if your child's class is involved.



Our Improvement Team and Captains have been consulting pupils on what is the best way to celebrate achievement at Glencairn Primary. They will keep you updated on their findings.



Dogs

Could I kindly ask that you refrain from bringing dogs into the playground as some children can find this very distressing.



Rights Respecting Schools

Our Rights Respecting Schools class representatives have been busy planning some focus day events for this term. They will lead activities in their class on Friday 26th January to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. Other events planned for this term will celebrate Internet Safety Day, Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, World Book Day and International Women's Day. Look out for photos and further news on these on our Twitter feed.



Please ensure you that your child has shorts and gym shoes to take part in PE. You will have had information on gym days in your class newsletter. Jewellery must not be worn to gym, earrings either need to be removed or covered with tape. Please contact school if you require any PE kit.

Playground

Look out for our new playground markings. There has been lots of discussion and the pupils of Glencairn voted for their favourite designs,



Uniform

School uniform helps us to promote equality; school values and keep pupils safe and secure. It provides parents and pupils with a sensible, practical and economical dress code to eliminate pressure from advertisers or designer labels. **If any parent has any difficulty with uniform items, please contact the Head Teacher who will be able to help discreetly and in confidence.**

P1-7 uniform consists of:

Red School sweatshirt or cardigan/pullover (Hoodie for P7 only)

Grey trousers, skirts or tunics

White school polo shirt or white shirt and tie

We all strive to follow the Glencairn Way every day. We encourage our pupils to:

Be kind

Be respectful

Be honest

Be determined

X (formerly known as Twitter)

We love to share some of the learning experiences the pupils of Glenacirn Primary have. Keep an eye on X for regular updates and photos.



Glenacirn Parent Partnership Need Your Help



The Parent Partnership have supported Glenacirn Primary for a number of years through fun fundraising activities. Here are a few examples of what they have helped us with. There are lots of plans for this year, but they need your help!

Helped towards the cost of trips and buses.



Helped towards the cost of hoodies



Organised Halloween Parties and provided snacks and drinks

A form will be sent out soon to try and recruit some new helpers.
Contact school if you require any further information,
on **464376**

Xmas Fayre

We raised an astounding £ 1200 from the school fayre. This money will be used over the next year to help with school trips and treats for the children.

Thank You



Dates for your diary

Tues 6 th Feb	Safer Internet Day (more info to follow)
Thu 8 th Feb	Burns Competition (you will be informed of winners)
Friday 9 th Feb	Holiday
Mon 12 th Feb	Holiday
Tues 13 th Feb	In-service day (only staff in school)
Wed 21 st Feb	P7 Burns Supper AM (invites to be sent out)
Wed 28 th Feb	Parents Night- - 3.30pm-8.00pm (Booking Form will be sent out)
Thu 7 th March	World Book Day (more info to follow)
Wed 27 th March	Celebration Walk, in memory of our beloved teacher, Mrs Gibson (more details to follow)
Thur 28 th March	2.30pm finish for Easter holidays
Mon 15 th April	Return to school

