



# Glenburn Primary School News September 2023



Welcome parents and carers to our first newsletter of our 2023/2024 session. Welcome to all our new parents/carers in Primary 1 and across the school 😊. Our pupils have settled in so well and have enjoyed the first few weeks back at school and have eased into a new routine. We are looking forward to a hardworking and fun filled year - our first full year of enjoying the amazing facilities and grounds we have here at Glenburn.



## Glenburn Parent Council

Our first Parent Council Meeting of the school year is on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** at **6.30pm** here in the school.

We welcome all parents/carers to join in with this vibrant group of parents and staff who raise vital funds for the school through innovative fundraising activities. We meet in the school and welcome anyone who has time to support the life of the school. We know how hectic and busy our lives are with a young family and jobs, however we would really appreciate any help at events if you can. You may not be able to make any meetings but if you can help out at all please contact the following email :- [glenburnpta@gmail.com](mailto:glenburnpta@gmail.com)

## Parent/carer survey

Our staff here at Glenburn really do value the views of parents and carers and use any information regarding your views to look at developments and changes across the school. If you haven't already done so can you please take a few minutes to fill in the Microsoft Form survey below. This is really only pertinent to our parents and carers of pupils P2-P7. Thanks 😊

<https://forms.office.com/e/c2dAHEU1PB>

## School Meals

Please note that free school meals are available to all pupils from Primary 1 - Primary 5.

All Primary 6 and 7 pupils must pay for a school meal if not in receipt of a free school meal.

Please regularly check your ParentPay account as the price of a school meal will come off your account.

Please note that if your ParentPay balance is in arrears you will be notified through a letter and this will be through Groupcall.



## Dolphin House



Our Primary 7 pupils had a fantastic time at Dolphin House! The pupils took part in activities such as rock pooling, coasteering, caving, archery, beach conservation, abseiling, building fires and mountain biking. The behaviour and manners of all our pupils were impeccable - the staff at Dolphin House commented on how mannerly and enthusiastic they were 😊

## Glenburn Primary Website



Buzzbee class/stage newsletters are now on the school website. Termly class newsletters give a flavour of what our pupils are learning across the term. Our School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality report are also now on the school website.

## Consent Forms

Can we please ask parent/carers to promptly complete any consent forms and hand back into school. There is an increasing number of consent forms not being completed and handed into school and this may result in children not attending events/activities out with school grounds. Thank you 😊

## Parking around campus

Please note that the campus carpark is for staff only between 8.30am and 3.30pm. We have a large staff across all 3 establishments who work different shifts and need access to the carpark within these hours. Out with these hours parents/carers can park to collect pupils from after school clubs and the Early Years Centre.



We ask that parents/carers are vigilant when parking around the campus while dropping children off. Sherwood Road and Langcroft Avenue can become very busy and congested, especially on rainy days and the safety of all our pupils is paramount. Please park a distance away from the campus in a safe parking spot and walk safely into the campus. Please also be mindful when parking close to the driveways of the local residents. Thank you for your understanding with this.

## Parents Afternoon/Evening



Our parent information afternoon/evening is on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. This will be a 'face to face' meeting with the class teacher. More details will be issued nearer the time allowing you to choose a time that suits you best.

## Literacy - South Ayrshire Reads



We are working alongside colleagues in the South Ayrshire Reads Team and within the cluster to raise attainment in literacy and close the literacy attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people in South Ayrshire. As part of our own school development plan we will be developing our approaches to assessing reading and looking at innovative ways to encourage reading for enjoyment, while also rearranging the reading environment within the school. We will also be further developing our approaches to assessing for and supporting Dyslexia while working towards the South Ayrshire Dyslexia Inclusive Practice Award. For more information see our School Improvement Plan for 2023/2024 on our school website - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/glenburnps/>

## SAMSON Maths



As part of our ongoing maths development we have introduced SAMSON mental maths across the school. SAMSON maths is a supporting resource for mental maths. The resource gives structure to mental maths that provides coherence and progression across all levels - a consistent method of teaching mental maths from Primary 1 to 7.

The aim of SAMSON maths is for all children to have sound mental maths strategies and be confident with paper and pencil procedures. The progressive structure of SAMSON helps pupils tackle and solve problems, helps with textbook work and also helps when pupils are working independently.

## Campus Fundraising Day



On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** we are having a coffee morning for parents/carers and pupils to raise funds for the local charity, the Ayrshire Hospice. Parents/carers from both Glenburn and St. Ninians are invited to enjoy a coffee/tea, cake and a chat in our main atrium from **9.30am - 11.30am**.

There will be stalls for our pupils run by our P7 pupils including book stall, toy stall, guess the teddy name etc.

We ask that everyone dresses in 'Purple' for the day and bring in loose change for the stalls.

We will also be looking for donations of cakes and second-hand toys/books for our stalls nearer the time.

Parent/carer coffee morning tickets are £2 each and will go on sale from our school office on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Cameron P5P who, along with his friend, held a bake sale during the summer holidays and raised a fantastic amount of £520 for Whiteleys Retreat - well done Cameron 😊

### Communication with the School

Should parents wish to contact the school with a query or wish to speak to a particular member of staff, we would ask that this is done by phone or e-mail:

By phone: 01292 473452

By E-mail: [Glenburn.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Glenburn.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Many Thanks

G. Hartley

Please find below, a list of school dates for your diary. As we progress through the school year, this will be added to, and I will keep you informed of other important dates as they emerge.



Date	Times	Who	Details
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	AM	P1-P7 Pupils	Class photos
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> September	2pm-3pm	P1 Parents/carers	Primary 1 Information Session
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	-	All pupils and staff	HOLIDAY
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	-	All pupils and staff	HOLIDAY
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> September	-	All pupils and staff	MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> September	9am-10.30am	P1 Parents/carers	Primary 1 Information Session
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> October	AM	P1-P7 Pupils	Flu Immunisations
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> October	3.15pm - 5.15pm 6pm-8pm	P1-P7 Parents/carers	Parent/Carer Evening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am-11.30am	Parents/carers	Go Purple Fundraising Day
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	-	All pupils and staff	HOLIDAY
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	All day	All pupils and staff	In Service Day
Friday 1st December	AM	All pupils & parents/carers	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	P5-7 pupils	Pantomime at the Gaiety
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Lunch	All pupils	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm	P1 parents/carers	P1 Nativity
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	AM	All pupils	Christmas Class Enterprise
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm-3pm	P6 pupils	Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm-3pm	P5 pupils	Christmas Party
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> December	11am-12.30pm	P2 pupils	Christmas Party
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm-3pm	P3 pupils	Christmas Party
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	1.30pm-3pm	P4 pupils	Christmas Party
Thursday 21st Dec	10am	P1-4 pupils	M&M pantomime in school
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	11am-12.30pm	P1 pupils	Christmas Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	2.30pm	All pupils and staff	Close for Christmas break