



Glenburn Primary School
News
November 2023



Welcome to our November News. We start this newsletter with information about attendance. As a school we cannot stress enough how regular attendance is absolutely vital for your child's academic development and progress. We understand that children may be absent from school due to illness and this is inevitable especially at this time of year. However, across the authority and the country there has been a significant increase in pupil absence in both primary and secondary.

Every Learner Every Day

South Ayrshire are tracking attendance in schools and ensuring schools have measures in place to promote attendance in schools and also support pupils/families where attendance levels are low.

If your child is going to be absent from school please inform the school office through a phone call or message on the Xpressions APP.

This month, if your child has fallen below 80% attendance you will receive an authority letter making you aware of your child's low attendance.



If you want your child to be successful in school then attendance DOES MATTER.

The table below outlines attendance percentage against learning lost and the impact it has on learning.

95-100% attendance	Best chance of success	<i>Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.</i>
90-95% attendance	At least 2 weeks of learning missed	<i>Satisfactory. Your child may have to spend time catching up with work.</i>
85-90% attendance	At least 4 weeks of learning missed	<i>Your child may be at risk of underachieving and may need extra support from you to catch up with work.</i>
80-85% attendance	At least 5 ½ weeks of learning missed	<i>Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on learning.</i>
Below 80% attendance	At least 7 ½ weeks of learning missed	<i>Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education. You are at risk of prosecution.</i>

Teaching Students

We welcome teaching students this term from UWS and Strathclyde University. Miss Desanda is working in P5C, Miss Walker is working in P3S, Miss Evitt is working in P7B and Miss Sanderson in P7M.

Buzzbee News

Find out what we are learning about this term in our stages. Go to our website and click on the class pages 😊 <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/glenburnps/>

Photographs - individual and family



Please note that Tempest will be in school on **Thursday 16th November** to take individual and family photographs. This is a change to the original date of the 17th as this is Children in Need.

Children In Need



We are fundraising for Children In Need on **Friday 17th November**. This year's theme is 'spots'. The day will be a dress down day - wear Pudsey clothing, spots etc.

In school, week beginning 13th November, the children will have the opportunity to buy a Pudsey badge or some goodies that the children are making.

On the day we would ask that the children bring in a donation and once the pupils in the Charity Committee have counted the money we will let you know how much we have all raised.

We look forward to seeing the children all covered in spots!

Purple Day



A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Purple Day coffee morning, donated baking and donated toys/books etc to raise funds for the Ayrshire Hospice.

We had such a lovely community feeling across the campus and Agent H came to visit us.

We raised a fantastic £1700 for the Ayrshire Hospice and thanks again to everyone who contributed 😊



Poppy Scotland Week



Next week marks remembrance week. Our Primary 7 pupils will attend the remembrance service at the cross on Friday 10th November at 11am. A group of our Primary 6 pupils will also attend a short service at the cairn at the corner of Langcroft Road.

Next week our Primary 7 pupils will be coming round the classes selling poppies - suggested donation £1

Car Park

Our car park is very busy especially in the morning and at the end of the school day as we have 70 members of staff working across the campus and a few taxis who drop off and pick up children.

Therefore our car park is not for parent/carer use unless the driver or passenger has a blue badge. Lately, a few parents/carers who do have a blue badge have not been able to access a parking space due to people parking in the spaces who do not. We ask as a campus that everyone is respectful when parking around the campus. We would also remind you that in the interests of safety you should not walk through the car park when collecting your son/daughter and we would ask that you relay this information on to others who are responsible for collecting your child.

Thank you 😊



School Uniform

Our children do all look very smart in their school uniforms. As we move into the colder, wetter weather can pupils be reminded to make sure they wear a warm jacket to school with their name on it.



Parent Council



Once again our Parent Council organised two successful Halloween events that the school community enjoyed. The pupils had a great time at the discos and the whole community enjoyed the scarecrow trail - well done to all the amazing scarecrows out there!!

The next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday 14th November at 6.30pm here in the school. Everyone is welcome 😊

Dyslexia Awareness Week - Scotland



Over the week spanning 1st Nov-8th Nov our pupils are developing an awareness of Dyslexia, what it means and how we can support each other with strategies to support spelling and reading. Thank you to Mrs Fullard and Mrs McClurg who are both cluster support teachers across a few schools in South Ayrshire for organising resources and information for class teachers to support Dyslexia awareness raising.

Mrs Fullard and Mrs McClurg planned and presented a Dyslexia family session on Wednesday night which was well represented from families across the schools they work in. This was a super evening!

This Friday, 3rd November, we are asking staff and pupils to dress in blue and bring in a donation of £1 for Dyslexia resources.



Christmas will be here before we know it!! Here is all the information you will need regarding our Glenburn Christmas activities.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER



Our festivities kick off with our Glenburn Christmas Fayre and concert on the morning of **Friday 1st December**. Come and enjoy a tea/coffee and festive cake and be entertained by our wonderful pupils in our large hall. Our pupils can dress up in Christmas jumpers and all things 'christmassy' to start the festivities. The Christmas song singing is already 'wafting' through the school and starting to put us in the mood. A timetable of when each stage is singing is

below. We look forward to seeing you there.

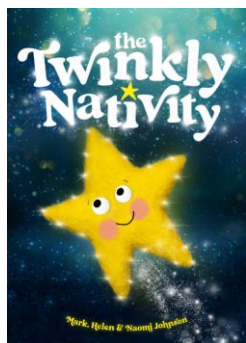
Time	Stage/Group
9.30 am	P1
9.50 am	P2
10.10 am	P3
10.30 am	P4
10.50 am	P5
11.10 am	P6
11.30 am	P7
11.50 am	Ukulele Orchestra

PANTOMIMES

On **Tuesday 12th December** our P5-7 pupils will take a trip to the Gaiety Theatre in Ayr to see 'Cinderella'. (A separate letter has been issued about this).

On **Thursday 21st December** our P1-4 pupils will be involved in the 'in school' pantomime by M and M productions. (A separate letter has been issued about this).

PRIMARY 1 NATIVITY WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER



This year our Primary 1 pupils will be performing 'Twinkly Nativity' on **Wednesday 13th December** at **2.00 p.m.** in school. We welcome all parents/carers/grans/grandpas etc. to see our wonderful show - we would love to see you there.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

All pupils and staff are invited to enjoy a traditional Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday 13th December**. The menu for this will be sent out in due course. Please note that there will be no other alternatives on the lunch menu on this day. Pupils can bring a packed lunch on this day if they wish to do so.

CHRISTMAS CLASS ENTERPRISE DAY FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER

Tying in with our maths agenda is our yearly enterprise day on Friday 15th December. During the build up to this day pupils devise Christmas activities or organise things to sell within their class learning about profit making. All pupils will be timetabled throughout the day to visit each class 'stall'. We ask that each pupil bring in a small amount of 'pocket money' to spend at the enterprise day.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

No Christmas would be complete without a good old Christmas school party! Please see below the days and times for each class party. Please let class teachers know if pupils are going home for their lunch on the party day with a short note. All pupils going home for lunch on party days should be picked up and dropped back off at the main campus entrance. Thanks 😊

STAGE	DATE	TIME
Primary 6	Monday 18 th December	1.30pm - 3pm
Primary 5	Tuesday 19 th December	1.30pm - 3pm
Primary 2	Wednesday 20 th December	11am - 12.30pm
Primary 3	Wednesday 20 th December	1.30pm - 3pm
Primary 4	Thursday 21 st December	11am - 12.30pm
Primary 1	Friday 22 nd December	11am - 12.30pm

****Please note that Primary 7 pupils are invited to Prestwick Academy for a cluster Christmas Disco on Wednesday 6th December. (Time TBC)**

****Primary 7 are also voting on a separate Christmas activity in school - details TBC.**

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

Many Thanks

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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
Weds 1 st Nov - Weds 8 th Nov	-	P1-7 pupils	Dyslexia Scotland Awareness Week
Friday 3 rd Nov	-	Staff and pupils	Wear blue for Dyslexia
Tuesday 14 th Nov	6.30pm	Parents/carers	Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 16 th Nov	AM	P1-7 pupils	Individual/Sibling photographs
Friday 17 th Nov	-	P1-7 pupils	Children In Need
Sunday 26 th Nov	TBC	TBC	Prestwick Light Switch On
Friday 1 st December	AM	All pupils & parents/carers	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 12 th December	10am	P5-7 pupils	Pantomime at the Gaiety
Wednesday 13 th Dec	Lunch	All pupils	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 th Dec	2pm	P1 parents/carers	P1 Nativity
Friday 15 th December	AM	All pupils	Christmas Class Enterprise
Monday 18 th December	1.30pm-3pm	P6 pupils	Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	1.30pm-3pm	P5 pupils	Christmas Party
Weds 20 th December	11am-12.30pm	P2 pupils	Christmas Party
Weds 20 th December	1.30pm-3pm	P3 pupils	Christmas Party
Thursday 21 st Dec	11am-12.30pm	P4 pupils	Christmas Party
Thursday 21 st Dec	1.30pm	P1-4 pupils	M&M pantomime in school
Friday 22 nd Dec	11am-12.30pm	P1 pupils	Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd Dec	2.30pm	All pupils and staff	Close for Christmas break
Monday 8 th January	9am	All pupils and staff	School reopens