



## Glenburn Primary School News November 2025



November is upon us which means earlier darker nights and colder weather☹️ We know that as we move into the Winter season that children tend to be more inclined to become unwell with colds etc and that can't be helped but we do have to stress the importance of regular attendance and how it is absolutely vital for your child's academic development and progress.

### Every Learner Every Day

The authority continue to track attendance in schools and ensuring schools have measures in place to promote attendance 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, ParentsPortal or a 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.

Please see Maximising Attendance at Glenburn information attached at the end of the newsletter.



A big thank you to pupils, staff, parents, carers and friends for all contributions towards our campus fundraiser for the Ayrshire Hospice. We had a great day on Purple Day while raising an important contribution for a local charity. We raised £1273 which is a fantastic amount to pass on to the charity.

### Parent Council



Thank you so much to all our fantastic volunteers that made our Halloween discos such a success. It is so great to have so many willing volunteers in order to run these events. We raised £513.49 for the school - a great amount to add to the Parent Council fund that helps support vital resources for the school.

Our next Parent Council Meeting is on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm**. Any new members are always welcome 😊

## Car Park



At this time of year as the weather becomes cold, damp and rainy more parents/carers tend to bring the car to the campus to drop children off. Although the weather is more miserable, unfortunately we do not have enough spaces in our car park to accommodate drop offs. If parents/carers continue to drop off children in the car park there is fear that someone is going to get hurt.

As mentioned in most newsletters, please remember our campus car park is for staff, blue badge holders and taxis/minibuses only.

Please drop children off in a safer area where they can walk and use a safe route using the crossing patrol. It really doesn't matter if they get a bit wet!!!

## Children In Need - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November



It is a Glenburn tradition to raise money for Children In Need every year and enjoy the fun that comes along with the day.

This year we are asking pupils to dress down and wear lots of spots on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November!!!** There will a prize for the spottiest class!!

During the week there will be badges, necklaces and 'sweet treats' on sale from Wednesday. Everything is priced at 50p.

## Malawi Charity

We shared the photo below with all our pupils at Citizenship. The photo is a group of children from Malawi who benefit from any unclaimed lost property we have in school. Mrs Hough, a former school assistant, helps us out with the charity and children in Malawi benefit from the clothes that are sent over. Our own pupils were really pleased and humbled by the fact that children in Malawi, living in poverty, are benefitting from the clothes we send over and are wearing our Glenburn uniform.



## After School Clubs



Our after school and lunch clubs are in full swing with lots of our pupils attending and enjoying the wider experiences on offer.

We are also taking the lead from our pupils and inviting them to suggest some more clubs that they would be interested in joining. In the organisation stage at the moment is a Lego and Reading lunchtime club.

Currently on offer we have:-

Monday	Early morning sports	P3
	Rugby	P3/4
Wednesday	Scripture Union	P6/7
	Multisports	P2/3
	Athletics	P6/7
	Badminton	P6/7
	Girls Football	P6/7
Friday	Dance	P6/7



## The Scottish Poppy Appeal



On behalf of the Prestwick Rotary the school will be selling poppies round the classes on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov and Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. Suggested donation £1.

Our Primary 7 pupils will be attending Prestwick Cross on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November for a remembrance service at 10.45am.

A group of our Primary 6 pupils will attend the 'cairn' on Shaw Road at 11.45am for a short remembrance service.

## Individual/Family Photo Day



Tempest will be in school on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** to take individual and family school photos. We will endeavour to keep ties straight, keep faces clean and hair in place on the day.

## Christmas 2025



Dare I say it Christmas is fast approaching!!!! It is an exciting time of year and we know lots of our pupils can become overwhelmed at this time of year and while we do like to have Christmas fun we still like to keep things 'low key' and carry on with day to day learning in an organised consistent way .

One of the questions we always get asked is if the pupils can wear Christmas Jumpers. From the 1<sup>st</sup> of December pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers with school trousers/skirts etc but no jeans or casual jogging bottoms please.

## Christmas Fayre

Our festivities kick off with our Glenburn Christmas Fayre and concert on the morning of **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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'. A timetable of when each stage is singing is below.

**\*\*MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW REGARDING TICKETS\*\***

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



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

All pupils and staff are invited to enjoy a traditional Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## PRIMARY 2/1 NATIVITY WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER



This year our Primary 2 and Primary 1 pupils will be performing on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and 2pm** in school. We welcome all parents/carers/grans/grandpas etc. to see our wonderful show - we would love to see you there. **\*\*MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW REGARDING TICKETS\*\***

## PANTOMIMES

On **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** our P5-7 pupils will take a trip to the Gaiety Theatre in Ayr to see 'Alladie'. (A separate letter has been issued about this).

On **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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).

## CHRISTMAS CLASS ENTERPRISE DAY FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER



Tying in with our maths agenda is our yearly enterprise day on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 message through Groupcall. 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	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm - 3pm
Primary 5	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm - 3pm
Primary 7	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm - 3pm
Primary 3	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm - 3pm
Primary 4	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am - 11am
Primary 1 and Primary 2	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00 am - 12.30 pm



**\*Please note that there is a change to the Primary 2 original date and party is now Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec from 11am - 12.30pm\***

**\*Please also note there is a change to the Primary 4 original date due to swimming commitment and that the P4 party is now on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30am - 11am\***

### **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
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Pupils	Individual Photos
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Pupils and Staff	CHILDREN IN NEED
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	6.30pm	Parents/carers	Parent Council Meeting
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Parents/carers /pupils	Sharing Learning - jotters home
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	4pm	TBC	PRESTmas
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	AM	All pupils & parents/carers	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm	P2 and P1 parents/carers	P2 and P1 Nativity
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	LUNCH	All pupils	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm-3pm	P6 pupils	Christmas Party
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	AM	All pupils	Christmas Class Enterprise
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm-3pm	P5 pupils	Christmas Party
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	AM	P5-7 Pupils	Gaiety Pantomime
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm-3pm	P7 pupils	Christmas Party
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> December	PM	P1-4	M&M Pantomime in school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm-3pm	P3 pupils	Christmas Party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am - 11am	P4 pupils	Christmas Party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11am-12.30pm	P1 & P2 pupils	Christmas Party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30pm	All pupils and staff	Close for Christmas break