

February-March 2016 Newsletter



Glengarnock Primary School and Early Years Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

The pupils have been working extremely hard and are very excited at the prospect of sharing their learning with you at Parents' Evening and at our STEM Celebration of Learning event. STEM stands for Science, Technologies, Engineering and Mathematics. Each class has been studying a particular topic that lends itself well to STEM. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

The Cross Country Team have been pounding the Beach Park at Irvine in some very tricky and trying weather conditions. The pupils involved have made improvements in their performance and we are seeing the fruits of the hard work. The P5 boys' team have won the team prize for both Race 1 and Race 2. We have our fingers crossed for Race 3.

We now know the name of our new campus - Garnock Community Campus. The hard decisions on school badge and uniform lie ahead of us. We will keep you up to date on any major changes to colour, etc.

Keep up to date with snippets of news from Glengarnock by following us on Twitter - @GlengarnockPrim. Mrs Smith and the Media Group keep the Twitter feed going!

As always we are happy to deal with any concerns you have, pop in to school or give the office a call to set up an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards

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Dates for your diary

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 2nd March

STEM Week

14th March – 18th March

Celebration of Learning Event

Wednesday 16th March

Locality Scots Poetry
Competition at Beith PS

21st March

Good Friday – 25th March

Easter Monday – 28th March

Daffodil Tea – 31st March

Easter Holidays

Mon 4th – Fri 15th April
(inclusive)

Daffodil Tea

Our annual Daffodil Tea will be held in school on Thursday 31st March. There will be tea, coffee and juice available, as well as something sweet to eat. We hope to be holding a raffle during the afternoon and some other events. We will let you know if there is anything you can help us with nearer the time.

We will be organising our usual Easter Bonnet and Decorate a Boiled Egg Competitions for the pupils. Prizes for the most original egg and bonnet will be awarded.

Parental Questionnaire

We have a good response to our parental questionnaire and we were delighted with the positive feedback we received. The questionnaire gives the staff an opportunity to gather information from you to allow us to reflect on our current practice and refine what we do for the future. One of the areas that came out as important to a lot of parents was 1 + 2. This is the modern language programme that is being rolled out across Scotland. Each child from P1 to P7 learns 1 foreign language, Spanish in Glengarnock's case. Then, from P5 to P7 we add on an extra language, French. A number of parents expressed an interest in learning more about 1 + 2 and we are trying to set something up for Term 4.

Parent Council Coffee Morning

Our Parent Council are holding a fund-raising coffee morning at Kirk House on Saturday 23rd April. The event starts at 10am and we would be grateful of any donations of home baking. The Parent Council are always looking for new ways to raise money for our children and this is a great way to raise money and have a cuppa and a catch up! Please make a date in your diary for Saturday 23rd April.



STEM Week

Mrs Sutherland and her STEM Leadership for Learning group have been very busy arranging visitors and experiments for STEM week.

Scots Poetry Competition

A competition was held on 19th February to choose the top 3 from each stage of the school. The pupils' recitations of their poems were fabulous. It was good to see all the hard work that had been put in by pupils, parents and staff. It was a hard task picking the top 3 from each stage. The pupils, who were placed either 1st or 2nd, will go through to the Garnock Valley Scots Poetry Competition at Beith Primary on Monday 21st March. The pupils placed 3rd will be the reserve for each stage. They will compete against pupils from the other primary schools in the Garnock Valley.



