



Education today for tomorrow...

# Glen Hills Primary School



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## Glen Hills Newsletter – October 2014

### PARENTS' EVENING

Apart from the 4+, parents' evenings for years 1-6 will be on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. This gives us a chance to update the pupil information sheets and discuss how your children are settling in. We will also talk about the work we will be doing during the coming year, this will include English and Maths as well as Topic work. We will also be discussing homework and asking you to sign the annual Home School Agreement. **On the back of this newsletter (for all year 1-6 children) is the parents evening reply sheet.**

### READING WITH YOUR CHILD...

Recently, I have asked to see reading records for a sample of pupils throughout the school as, I am sure you can appreciate, we need to monitor the progression of reading and links to support from home. It is interesting to note that the pupils who are not regularly heard to read at home form a large percentage of the few pupils who have made **less than expected progress** with their reading. So, there's the evidence! Lots of reading at home, and importantly **questioning your child about what they have just read** (good old comprehension!) **really does** ensure pupils gain a love for reading and naturally backs up the reading that they will be doing at school.

### UNIFORM

As you know, we are very proud of our distinctive school uniform at Glen Hills. I am really pleased that so many of our year 5 and 6 pupils are proudly wearing the school tie (just need to make sure they tuck their shirts in now!) We are however noticing more and more children coming in grey, cream and black

cardigans and jumpers. Can I politely remind parents that this is not part of our uniform as we are very keen to maintain the high standards of uniform we have. Thank you.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

You will be getting a separate letter very soon but **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** sees our harvest festival once again. Any foods are welcome (even better if you can get your little ones to decorate a shoe box and put the food in!) and please remember that it will all go to Age Concern. We will also be presenting some of our own 'harvest' from the school vegetable garden!

### SECURITY

Can I remind you that if you wish to meet teachers before or after school you must come in via the office where we can contact the member of staff. In the morning staff are rushing to get ready for the school day so meetings are very difficult. Obviously in real emergencies we can make alternative arrangements. This particularly applies to infant parents dropping their children off at the atrium door (where year 1 and 2 pupils enter). Security is our utmost priority.

### MORRISONS GARDEN VOUCHERS!

If you do the weekly shop at Morrisons, please bring us in the gardening vouchers that they are currently giving out! Apparently, they aren't always necessarily handed out; you may need to ask for them when you pay. **Miss Bent**, our Garden Leader will certainly put them to good use for our school vegetable garden!

### PSA (Parents and Staff Association) NEWS...

We have a Halloween Disco for the older children and a number of Christmas dates all planned. More details soon.

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## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS!

Our Student Council members have been elected!  
They are as follows;

4DB - Izzy Cooper, Zach Beedham  
4KW - Libby Halford, Eddie Bliss  
5BS - Amy Osborn, Fred Hewitt-Martin  
5AS - Paige Robinson, Dominic Elms  
6GR - Niamh Burton, Ellis Percival  
6JdV - Zahra Hashemi, Thomas Coates

## SPORTS UPDATE

Two wins for the boys' teams so far - 4-3 vs Glenmere and 5-1 vs Thythorn. October will see a number of boys' and girls' football matches with cup and league games starting. Cross country racers will be hot-footing it around the Prestwold Hall. With Tag Rugby and multi-sports, it's a busy old time for TeamGH yet again!!

## OUR JUNIOR 'JOB CENTRE'

Just in case you didn't know, **Mrs Wesley** runs our Job Centre for the juniors! This involves staff posting 'jobs' onto the board ranging from our Glen Hills Museum curator role to litter picking squad! Children have to apply for the positions and then have the responsibility to make sure the job is done really well! Great training for the future!

## HALF TERM

Just in case you had forgotten, half term is from **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.**

## HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...



**Glenville – 649**

**Cork – 625**

**West View – 610**

**Howard - 635**

## STAR OF THE MONTH!

... Goes to Josh Barsby and his efforts with his BMX racing over the summer! Josh spent the summer representing Great Britain at the European Championships in Denmark and the World Championships in Holland and also the British Championships at Kent. Unfortunately he crashed out of the Worlds in the quarter finals but did amazingly well against 42 other countries. He then finished 4th in the British Championships but his best result was that he made the final of the European Championships and is now the European No. 7 in his age group which is an amazing achievement at the age of 9.



Josh in action!

Send in any details about 'Star of The Month' (ie something amazing your child has done out of school recently) to **Mr Sutcliffe** and they could be featured in the next newsletter!

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