



Education today for tomorrow...

Glen Hills Primary School

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OLYMPIC READING CHALLENGE!

Our pupils do really well with reading but we want them to do even better! To promote frequent reading of high quality texts and reading of a wide range of genres, we are launching an Olympic Reading Challenge activity across the whole school, starting on Monday 3rd October. Children can achieve their Bronze, silver and Gold awards by collecting reading minutes for themselves and for their class.

Please look out for the letter explaining the challenge and YOUR role in in as a parent!

GLEN HILLS IS NUT FREE

Can we remind parents that Glen Hills is a completely **NUT FREE** school. This includes all tree and peanuts and any products containing nuts, such as Peanut Butter Spread, Chocolate and Hazelnut spreads, cereal bars with nuts in etc. We make no apologies for this as we have many children in school that are highly allergic to nuts and we need to minimise the risks to them when in school. Can we ask parents to be mindful of this if they send in birthday treats for their child's class as well please.

PARENTS' EVENING

Apart from the 4+, parents' evenings for years 1-6 will be on **Monday 10th October and Wednesday 12th 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.

We will also be having our Travelling Book Fair the week beginning the 10th October which will contain the latest exciting books and stationery for the children to purchase. This is a huge money raiser for school as we earn commission on all money spent, which we use to update of Library with new and exciting texts.



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It will be open on Parents' Evening for you to visit with your child.

DO YOU RUN A BUSINESS AND WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR SERVICES??

As you know, we have our giant TV screens outside of the school entrances. We've had some issues with our broadband connection but now they are all sorted and ready for action. If you, or someone you know, has a business or a company that would like to advertise on these boards, let Mr Sutcliffe know and he will have a chat about ways forward with it. For a small fee, we could just display contact details (eg Bob the Builder, no job too small, phone 0116 2345678) or we could work with you and some of our pupils can produce a short video about your business! Being able to advertise to a captive audience of parents, especially at the end of the day, is too good an opportunity to miss. You know it makes sense! ☺

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. 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!

FACEBOOK

If you are a parent and you are on Facebook, the Glen Hills Facebook page (for information) has been set up and will be updated by the school as necessary. Enter **@glenhillsp** to follow. As always, we recognise and uphold the Facebook policy of members only being 13 years and above in age.

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PIRATE SHIPS

May I say a big thank you to last year's Student Council that raised a fantastic £720 with book sales, cake baking, bracelet selling etc to raise money to help towards repairing the school's Pirate Ships. They are now fully restored and operational. This was a wonderful achievement and a testament to their hard work. Well done Mrs Variava, the Student Council and parents for all their hard work and support.

This year they are going to be raising money to improve and expand our outdoor musical instruments.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

You will be getting a separate letter very soon but **Friday 28th 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 UK

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.

PSA (Parents and Staff Association) NEWS...

The first PSA meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 4th October at 7:30pm. All parents are welcome.

We have a Halloween Disco for the older children and a Christmas shopping night all planned before the end of November... I won't mention Christmas parties *just* yet! More details soon.

SPORTS UPDATE

Many sports clubs are up and running this term including: Year 5/6 Girls football, Year 3/4 tag Rugby, X-Country, Year 4/5 Boys football, Year 6 football and many football and fitness sessions. Netball is to start after half term and a letter is going out for this next week for the year 5/6. Our sports ambassadors have been chosen and are Flo Wilkinson, Mason Goodwin, Molly-Rose Gibson and Riley Cooke. They have already been busy organising a tennis competition and planning some house competitions.

OUR JUNIOR 'JOB CENTRE'

Just in case you didn't know, **the Student Council** 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 17th October to Friday 21st October**

HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...



Glenville – 1704

Cork – 1329

West View – 1384

Howard – 1889

DON'T FORGET!

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

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