



Glen Hills Primary School



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Glen Hills Newsletter – November 2012

As usual when we head towards Christmas there is so much to do and so little time to do it! The staff here are magnificent and I really don't know how they pack so much in for the pupils – more than any school I know...but they do!

A MESSAGE FOR ALL THE CHILDREN...
Very simply, enjoy the fireworks but be super, super careful! Thanks.

WELCOME BACK...

... to Mrs James who returns in year 2 following her maternity leave.

THANK YOU AND THANK YOU AGAIN!

Once again you have provided a mammoth amount of goodies for Leicestershire Age UK. Not only did their representative hugely enjoy our Harvest Festival, organised by our RE Leader Mrs Dunford, but we filled the minivan to overflowing!

The Area Director of Age UK has asked me to pass on his sincere thanks for your generosity.

Also, many thanks for your amazing help for our Roahl Dahl Children's charity day in October. You raised nearly £200!

AND!.. thanks so much for your support with our book fair!

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOS

school photographer will once again be visiting school to take individual and family photographs on **Thursday 8th November**. Like last year all photographs will be taken in the Hall extension. If you wish to have **FAMILY GROUPS WITH PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN** then please come to the school hall from 8.45 a.m. Please note we will arrange for family groups for children at school later in the morning. As last year we will also take the 4+ children through with members of the 4+ Unit. So the timetable for the morning is as follows...

- 8:45am – Pre-School family groups (in the hall)
- 9:00am – School family groups. **Elders child will collect younger siblings with classroom assistant support.**
- 10:00am – individual pupil photos.

DON'T BUY ANY CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Before you buy your Christmas cards this year, wait until you've seen your child's Christmas card design! Just like last year, your child will soon be bringing home a proof copy of their own Christmas card design and you will be able to order copies either through school or (more preferably) online. They are not over-priced either (as some companies offering this initiative can be) and the school gets a large percentage of the money which I assure you goes straight back into extra resources for your child.

PANTOMIME-TIME!

This year, we will be taking the **WHOLE SCHOOL** to see 'Dick Whittington' at Loughborough Town Hall on 18th December! 'Oh yes we will!' Details will be sent out very soon.

GLEN HILLS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT... FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER! A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

We have lots of stall holders coming for our Christmas Shopping Night! More details soon (if anybody you know would still like to buy a 'pitch' for the evening to sell their items / produce, please contact the school office).

A WONDERFUL VIKING DAY!

In October, Mrs Wrighton, our History Leader, organised a superb Viking Day for all the children. We decided to pay for the day as a nice freebie for all the children and, as you can see, all the children had a super day!



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2012

In November, we will be holding our annual Anti-bullying week.

We have very little bullying reported to us at Glen Hills and any that is reported is sensitively,



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quickly and firmly dealt with. During that week, **Mrs Thompson**, our Personal, Social and Health Education leader, will be organising aspects of work on anti-bullying themes together with **Miss Smith**, our Community Cohesion Leader. Once again, the message is STOP – Several Times On Purpose and Start Telling Other People.

WOW! OUR NEW SENSORY GARDEN!

In October, we had a number of volunteers from a local company, ALCOA, who came in to help us with our sensory garden – ALCOA are also funding this project for us!

The sensory garden is at the back of the 4+ and has lots of features included embedded mirrors in the ground, wind chimes and ‘sensory’ plants and bushes!

My huge thanks to ALCOA and the volunteers and also to **Mrs Cambers**, our environmental leader, who designed the wonderful garden!



CHRISTMAS EVENTS...

More details and dates soon but we will be hosting 4+, KS1 and KS2 productions, year group parties, PSA parties and our ‘world-famous’ PSA Carol Singing around Glen Parva!

STUDENT COUNCIL

After the success of the School Council last year we are electing a new School Council for the whole of the coming year. Mrs Thompson leads our Student Council, who will very soon busy making plans for this

SPORTING NEWS

Football matches in October saw 3-1 and 2-1 victories over Badgerbrook Primary School, a 1-0 victory over Brocks Hill and a 1-1 draw in an in-school friendly between Glen Hills ‘City’ and Glen Hills ‘United’ (penalties settled the affair but I’m

calling it a draw!). The girls start their football league in November and they are raring to go!

We had our first cross-country race of the season in October and the next race is on the 3rd November – as ever, our children represented Glen Hills brilliantly!

WORK WITH SOUTH WIGSTON HIGH SCHOOL AND FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

In October, the Fosse Trust (ourselves, South Wigston High and Fairfield Primary) undertook a tour of the three schools together with staff and governors. The day was a huge success and clearly displayed the excellent work that each school is individually doing and also underlined our collaborative work. It was especially good to see how South Wigston are well on the way to implementing the changes required for their new Key Stage 4 pupils (ie the GCSE pupils) for next year. With the cutting edge facilities on offer to the pupils at South Wigston and our excellent collaborative work, the benefits for our pupils in accessing these facilities will be very exciting. Using resources such as the sports hall with specialised equipment, design and technology resources and specialised subject teaching will only benefit our pupils and ensure transition between the two schools becomes even stronger.

PLACES AT GLEN HILLS...

A lot of parents have asked me if we have places at Glen Hills and if their friend’s/relative’s child can start at the school. Head Teachers cannot sanction such applications and all requests for places must be administered by the Allocations Department at County Hall. We are however full in all year groups.

HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...



Glenville – 1548
Cork – 1749
West View – 1470
Howard - 1670

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