



Glen Hills Primary School



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Glen Hills Newsletter – February 2013

PARENTS' EVENING

Just a reminder, the dates for the parent interviews are **Tuesday 5th February and Thursday 7th February** between 3.30 and 8.30 p.m.

HOLIDAY

Hopefully you all know that the school will be closed for the week beginning **Monday 11th February and will open for business again on Monday 18th February.**

ARRIVAL TIME

We are still having several children arrive at school after school starts. **Can I just repeat that the Juniors start going in at 8.50 so that lessons can start at 8.55.** Infants come in at 8.55 and the 4+ start at 9.00 a.m.

The doors are kept open until 9.00 after which all late comers must come in via the main entrance to ensure that we know they are registered. Some children are arriving much later and are missing the start of their first lessons.

Access Education Solutions, our appointed attendance officers have been inspecting registers recently and will be following up children who are persistent late arrivers. This could lead to a fine. Being just ten minutes late per day adds up to nearly one whole hour per week lost!

ISSUES OUT AND ABOUT...

Recently, I have had a number of complaints about issues outside of school. Can I remind all parents that Birch Court has a private car park which is needed for visitors, health carers and emergency vehicles. Also, can I just remind all parents about the 'one way' system for the 4+ going in / out at the end

of the day as we have recently had one or two parents and children being inadvertently barged due to congestion. We are also having a number of children who are running about around the infant and 4+ entrance before and after school and we are receiving complaints from parents.

THOSE SLIPPERS AGAIN!

We are getting an increasing number of children who are not wearing indoor shoes or wearing big, chunky slippers without a 'back' to them. One of the main reasons we have indoor shoes to wear is from a safety aspect – stubbing a toe is not particularly nice and in the event of an emergency situation, slippers without a 'back' to them can easily slip off and cause obvious problems. Thanks for your support with this.

SPORTS UPDATE

Well, the weather took its toll on our sporting fixtures in January with hockey and football matches being cancelled. The girls' football teams did brilliantly in the indoor league at South Wigston and the Glen Hills Fosse vs Glen Hills Foxes game was a narrow 1-0 victory for the Fosse! February also sees our cross country runners competing at Manor High for the Oadby and Wigston finals – more details soon – and our boys have league matches coming up too.

In the meantime, this photo is pretty impressive; representatives from all our sporting teams together with the 2012 trophy 'haul'!



YEAR 6 UPDATE...

Planning permission has been submitted for the bespoke modular year 6 building and MPH Building Systems will be erecting the building in the summer term. Staff are busy formulating year 6 curriculum plans and the maths and English schemes of work for the year have already been produced! Job adverts will be going out soon for the extra teachers we will be needing in the school and as always, only the best will be appointed for Glen Hills! Basically, it's a very busy time (again!)

PSA EVENTS

Yes, it's back! **Friday 22nd February**, the world-famous family quiz night! More details soon!

HAVE A GOOD TRIP, MR BOLSOVER!

During the February half term, Mr Bolsover is travelling to Africa as part of our Connecting Classrooms Project. Whilst he is in Africa, he will be visiting schools in both Sierra Leone and Ghana to spend time with the children and teachers. Although we have already sent 4 parcels of work off this year about 'Rights and Responsibilities', Mr Bolsover will also take more work and gifts over to share with the children and teachers. This is an amazing opportunity to visit the schools we have links with and we all wish him the very best of luck! We can't wait to hear all about his great travels when he returns.

HURRAY! WELL DONE TO THE WEBSITE AND TWITTER!

Yes indeed! Twitter and the school website proved to be the fastest way for parents to find out that we were closed for snow during January! If you haven't joined already, its

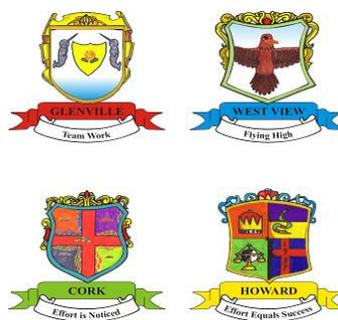
 [@GlenHillsSchool](https://twitter.com/GlenHillsSchool)

Thank you for your support and understanding during our recent closure. The media love to hype up school closures and whip the population into a frenzy but I know our parents appreciate that the decision is never taken lightly and your child's safety is my main concern. The roads surrounding Glen Hills were appalling on the Monday and it was clearly the correct decision to make.

DEFIBRILLATOR SUCCESS!

Thanks to everyone's generosity, Waitrose have donated £477 to Glen Hills (through their Green Chip initiative) for our fund raising for a defibrillator to be on site in school. In the near future we will be purchasing one of these life-saving pieces of equipment. We will also ensure our local residents know we have one of these on site in case it is needed during school opening hours. I'm sure everyone remembers the recent incident with Bolton Wanderers' footballer Fabrice Muamba having his life saved by using this equipment and a few years ago, I recall being at a Nottingham Forest vs Leicester City match when similarly, a City player collapsed at half time and also benefitted from a defibrillator. Fingers crossed, we would never need to use one but as always, everyone's safety is my main priority.

HOUSE POINT UPDATE



Glenville 3579
Howard 4376
Cork 4675
West View 4110

Glen Hills from the back ... a snowy scene!



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