



Glen Hills Primary School



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Glen Hills Newsletter – June 2013

June sees a hive of activity at Glen Hills (nothing new there!). As usual there is an awful lot to get through so please support as many events as you can ☺

ART AND DESIGN WEEK!

Starting on the 10th June, we have our curriculum week which this year, is **Art and Design Technology**. There will be an open evening on **Thursday 13th June from 5-7 pm** and **Miss Gross** and **Mrs Leach** have kindly organised an amazing week of activities for the children, including arrow making, sculpture making, origami, painting a school mural, puppet workshops, visits to many places (including Brocks Hill Environmental Centre and East Midlands Airport) and children making saxophones! Talk about a fun-packed week! The £4 per child we have asked for will go towards the visits and visitors which all children will experience during the week. The total cost is heavily subsidised by the school (roughly an extra £1,000) as I do try to minimise parental contributions as *much* as I possibly can.

FUTURE YEAR 6 PROJECTS!

To mark our year 6 returning in September, our PSA agreed to fund a project up to £1,000. Our year 5 pupils got busy thinking about possible projects and the final three were to purchase kindles for year 6 pupils, to purchase specialist scientific equipment (microscopes, under-water cameras etc) and to provide first-aid training for year 6 pupils. All were great ideas and the PSA members, myself and year 5 staff put the pupils through their paces with a 'Dragons Den'-style afternoon where the three ideas were pitched to the assembled adults! Only one idea was to be chosen...!

To cut a long story short, we were so impressed with the research and effort that our pupils put into their presentations, the PSA are funding all three projects! That's £3,000 of money *you* have raised directly going to the pupils.... so thank you for your help! ☺

MANY THANKS!

... for all your Box Tops vouchers and Sainsbury's vouchers! Also, many thanks for your kind donations for our recent FINS sponsored event – you raised over £1,388 for LOROS and the school! ☺

PSA SUMMER FETE

Our PSA Summer Fete is on **SUNDAY 30th JUNE, 1-4pm. More details soon but think of a circus...!**

SPORTING SUCCESS

May saw the Glen Hills B football team beat Oadby Launde's **first** team 2-1 to reach the Oadby and Wigston Cup semi final! Wow!!!

AND! Our year 4 and our year 5 athletes came as runners up in their respective age categories at Saffron Lane in the Oadby and Wigston athletics finals (we were the overall school winners though!)

AND! Year 1 took part in a multi-skills PE day at South Wigston in May.

AND! The cricket league starts in June

AND! We have a year 3 and 4 tennis tournament in June

AND! We have a gymnastics competition in June

Who said school sport is dead...

YEAR 5 ON THEIR TRAVELS!

During May, 45 year 5 pupils headed off to Llandudno for five days. Unbelievably, the weather was great and as always, our children were fantastic ambassadors for Glen Hills. The 'Llandudno 2013' team photo is on the next side!

GOVERNORS' AWARDS

Once again the governors will be presenting awards to the most improved Reader, Writer and Mathematician in each class.

The reader gets a £5 book token, the writer gets a fountain pen and the mathematician gets a calculator. We will also be handing out 'fantastic attendance awards' with certificates for those children who have had superb attendance this academic year.

HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...



Glenville 8,630
Howard 10,801
Cork 10,129
West View 9,072



JULY EVENTS...

- **Sports Day – Tuesday 2nd July**
Juniors in the morning (9:30 start) and Infants in the afternoon (1:30 start). 4+ sports day date will be confirmed very soon.
- **Parents Open Evening- Wednesday 3rd July**
- meet your new teacher and say thanks to your current teacher! 5-7pm

YEAR 6 UPDATE

Due to a slight snagging point with our drainage system, our building work will begin in two weeks and therefore the year 6 modular building should be completed by the start of the final week of term. When we can firm up a date, I will write to all year 6 parents to invite them to come and have a look at the super new classrooms.

As previously mentioned in a recent letter, **Mr Robertson and Mrs Parker** will be joining **Mrs de Voil** in our year 6 team next year and we are looking forward to this exciting time for the school.

PHOENIX BIKE RIDE

During May, a group of our year 5 pupils ventured off on the annual Phoenix Bike Ride into Leicester. As always, the pupils had great fun and were excellent ambassadors for the school. They did however have to get round a tree that had fallen in the wind as can be seen here!



OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY TAPESTRY... AMAZING!

Mrs Wrighton and Mrs Norman, together with amazing parents, pupils and staff assistance, have produced these fantastic framed tapestries to commemorate our 75th anniversary at Glen Hills.



A massive thanks from myself to all staff, pupils and parents for their assistance with this project – the framed tapestries are in the hall for all to see! ☺

STARS OF THE MONTH!

A new feature for our newsletters! If your son or daughter has been involved in something amazing out of school, **let Mr Sutcliffe know and he will put a big 'well done' in the newsletter!**

To kick off this month, we have **Jordan Turo** in year 4! During our Christmas production, Jordan showed some amazing acting skills so we had a chat with Jordan and his mum about this. Jordan then decided to join Whetstone Youth Drama group! Here is Jordan in their recent production of Five Golden Tickets (an adaptation of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory). Next step, the West End, Jordan! ☺



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