



# Glen Hills Primary School

Home of the Symphony Learning Trust

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## Summer 1 NEWSLETTER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### HELLOS AND GOODBYES

Recently we said goodbye to Mrs Porter from Glen Hills. Mrs Porter has been part of our support staff for around 19 years (!!!!!), working across Year 3, 4 and most recently in Year 2! We will miss Mrs Porter a great deal – she always went the extra mile to support the children with her and above and beyond what's needed. We wish her all the best as she spends more time with her grandchildren. We hope that Mrs Porter will continue to keep in touch and pop in to say hello!

We have also lately welcomed Miss Short and Mrs Pullin to the Glen Hills support staff. Both are supporting our infant children during lessons and interventions and are part of our lunchtime team. We are really pleased to welcome them both to Glen Hills!

### BABY NEWS!

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of both Miss Robinson's son and Miss Owczarek's daughter! Both babies arrived safely within just a few days of each other – and the staff are enjoying the gorgeous photos we are being sent. We are sure the whole community wishes the new arrivals and mummies all the best. We are pleased to share that Miss Kirkland (Year 2) and Miss Neale (Year 4) have recently joined our team to support our teaching staff during Miss Robinson's and Miss Owczarek's leave.

### BIKEABILITY

Year 5 recently had the valuable opportunity to take part in the Bikeability programme—a four-day course designed to teach children how to ride their bikes safely and confidently on the road. Throughout the week, pupils learned how to use correct hand signals, navigate around parked vehicles, and develop essential road awareness skills. The children approached the training with enthusiasm and maturity, showing great respect towards the instructors and members of the public. They were a credit to the school, and we are proud of the way they represented our values.



This programme has not only equipped our pupils with vital cycling skills but also given many the confidence to ride to school independently and safely.

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We look forward to seeing more children riding to school (wearing helmets!) especially in the warmer weather.

### VISITS TO BIRCH COURT

For several years, our school has enjoyed a link to Birch Court Residential Home across the road, inviting residents to Christmas productions, the Jubilee and other events.

Our older children in the past also visited the home in small groups, to socialise with residents by playing games and sharing refreshments, bringing equal benefits for all involved. Our children learnt about tolerance and respect for older people.

Covid in 2020 unfortunately curtailed these visits, but we are pleased to share that our Year 5 children will be visiting once again this term. We are sure all concerned will enjoy these visits and may we also take this opportunity to thank Westview Care Home who accommodated some of our children last year.



### HISTORY DAY

The 'Up and At Em' Team visited Glen Hills again this year for our exciting History Day all about 'Important Historical' people. The children took part in 4 different activities throughout the day looking at King Harold and the Battle of Hastings, Guy Gibson the Dambuster Pilot, King Richard III, who was found buried in Leicester and leading suffragette, Alice Hawkins, who worked in a shoe factory in Leicester whilst campaigning!



A special thank you to Evie (Year 3) and her family who also created a PowerPoint especially for our History Day and shared important artefacts that belonged to her Great Great Grandad, Harry Humphries. He helped Guy Gibson to set up and run the 617 squadron in World War Two. The History Day was as always, a truly memorable day for the children and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting us with making these exciting and valuable days happen.

### GURDWARA TRIP

Year 3 have been learning about Sikhism in their R.E. lessons and were lucky to go on a trip to visit the Gurdwara, which is the Sikh place of worship. They were able to look around and see many special artefacts and learnt how they worship in the Sikh religion. The children really enjoyed the trip and even received Langar where they got to eat chips, beans and popcorn!



### SPORTS UPDATE FOR GH



A group of children from Years 5 and 6 competed in a friendly sportsability event where the pupils played various different target games and had a fantastic time. They all represented the school fantastically.

Our Boccia team represented Oadby and Wigston in the regional finals and they won! They were crowned the champions of Leicestershire and Rutland. What a superb achievement.





Education today for tomorrow...

The girls football team beat both Parkland primary school and last year's champions Water Leys – congratulations! They have one more game to play before progressing the next stage of the competition.



Our first ever NFL team competed against the champions of Coventry, Nottingham, Derby and Northampton at Nottingham University. It was a fantastic event. We won 2 games, lost 2 and drew the final game which sadly meant we did not progress to the next



round.

### GH VISIT LEICESTER UNIVERSITY

A group of 40 Key Stage 2 pupils visited Leicester University to find out about university life, studying there and everything it can offer. The pupils were led throughout the day by some current students and started with a tour of some of the buildings and facilities - being particularly impressed by the amazing library, gaming suite and choice of food!

They had talks from the nursing team, languages lecturer and enjoyed some craft activities during the day.



The university students were very impressed with the Glen Hills children- commenting on their good manners and very interesting questions throughout the visit. They were great ambassadors for Glen Hills and had a fabulous day.

### GH MATHS CHAMPIONS

Glen Hills hosted the Symphony Learning Trust Team Maths Quiz with Year 6 children from schools in the Trust coming to the school to take part in a quiz. The quiz consisted of 3 rounds - an arithmetic round, a countdown round and a problem solving round. The scoring was close throughout the competition with only 10 points between the first and third placed teams by the end. Glen Hills had two teams who both performed brilliantly - finishing first and second and winning the trophy. Congratulations team Glen Hills!



### FETE RAFFLE PRIZES

School are currently contacting local businesses to drum up some raffle prizes for our famous PSA Summer Fete (on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025). If any parents/carers have any raffle prizes they would be happy to donate, please contact the school office. We would be very grateful.



## STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATES

The Student Council have been very busy over the past term organising events and fundraising for both school and for charity.

Rainbow Day was a great success and it was brilliant to see the children all come together to raise money for a great charity. Rainbow Day raised a whopping £331- a great big thank you to all those that donated.

In the run up to Easter, the Student Council also organised an Easter raffle to raise money for school (the members are still yet to make a final decision on how they wish to spend the money). The raffle was a great success and congratulations to anyone that got their hands on a prize. The raffle raised £262. Thank you to anyone that supported the raffle - either through purchasing a ticket or donating an egg.

## READING BINGO

Well done to all those that took part in our Easter Reading Bingo. There were over 40 children that took part over the Easter break! They earned their houses hundreds of house points in the process. It was lovely to see all the evidence of the children enjoying reading in the park, at home, in their gardens.

## CODING CLUB

Mrs Connolly recently held a coding club run by Year 6 girls for Year 3 girls. There were nearly twenty Year 6s who were given the opportunity to support the Year 3s. The children mainly worked in pairs to read and work their way through the steps to create their own arcade game (whack-a-mole). It was a great success and all those who took part enjoyed having the opportunity to work with the older/younger children.

If you would like to continue to use this with your child - or if you would like the opportunity to explore it with your child - the website is: [arcade.makecode.com](http://arcade.makecode.com). It is a fun and easy to use website that allows children to build code to make their own arcade games with downloadable certificates for each stage.

## DT WEEK

A few weeks before Easter, children and KS1 and KS2 completed lots of exciting activities as part of our Spring term Design and Technology week. There were a vast variety of projects taking place across the school from food and nutritional labelled packaging, to textiles and structures. As well as developing new skills, the children have been building on previously taught technical knowledge to develop their expertise further. All the children had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed their practical lessons. A big thanks to Mrs Wilkins, our DT Coordinator, for all her efforts in planning and organising these weeks.

Take a look at some of the fantastic DT work we have done this year at Glen Hills so far....







## VE DAY

On Thursday 8th May, we marked the significant moment in our nation's history with the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day). This milestone allowed us to remember the sacrifices made during World War II, whilst discussing the impact this has had on the peace and freedom we enjoy today. The adults and children observed a 2 minutes silence and were invited to come to school wearing red, white and blue to mark the occasion, creating a great sense of community. The children even enjoyed a special celebration lunch from our brilliant school kitchen of bangers and mash with a celebration cupcake!

## EYFS MATHS WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 8th April, Mrs Nutbrown organised a superb Maths workshop for EYFS parents and carers. There was information provided about the EYFS Maths Curriculum and ideas of how this can also be supported at home. The EYFS children were able to join in with the activities set up in the hall and show their parents/carers how much fun they have learning through play based games. A huge thank you to Mrs Nutbrown for organising this.

## PARKING REMINDERS

Can we politely remind parents not to park over dipped kerbs on Bellamy Close or block roads and driveways of our neighbours.

## ONLINE SAFETY

As we all know, AI is growing in use and in its capabilities. **Protect Us** is a short film exposing the ways generative AI applications and chatbots can be weaponised to exploit children online. Generative AI has revolutionised the creation of hyper-realistic text, images, audio, and video, transforming the digital landscape but also introducing dangers for children. Predators are able to harness these technologies to create fake yet convincing sexually explicit images and child sexual abuse material, manipulate children through grooming tactics, and infiltrate digital spaces with very harmful consequences. This film illustrates the nature of the risk and underscores the need for action to keep children safe. Viewer discretion - it is suitable for parents/carers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuH-D-au1Ho>

## Report Remove Update

Report Remove is an online tool run by NSPCC Childline and the Internet Watch Foundation for young people in the UK under the age of 18. Its sole purpose is for young people to report explicit images of themselves online and to have these removed.



<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/>

## BULB PLANTING

Children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 had a wonderful time planting bulbs with Vistry and Laylo. They thoroughly enjoyed getting their hands dirty while learning how to plant bulbs properly so they can survive and thrive all year round. The children were proud of their hard work and took great care in the planting process. They are now looking forward to seeing the fruits of their efforts as the flowers begin to bloom, bringing colour to the school grounds.





## FOOD WASTE

As you may be aware, the government has implemented a new food waste plan. At Glen Hills, we have had to put in changes to some of the ways in how we deal with food waste to ensure we comply with the new rules. Children have been informed of the changes, why this is happening and advised of how we can do our bit to help. Because of the new changes, any children who bring in a packed lunch from home, will be taking any uneaten food, and wrappers home in their lunch boxes.

## LAST DAY OF TERM AND IMPORTANT DATES

School will break up for summer on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 with school closing at normal time.

02 Jun 2025	School re-opens after half term
02 Jun 2025	Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Checks - 2nd - 13th June
03 Jun 2025	Llandudno Meeting for Parents – 6pm
06 Jun 2025	Freestyle Book Day
08 Jun 2025	Fete and Fun Run
09 Jun 2025	Year 1 - Phonics Screening Tests
09 Jun 2025	Father's Day Room (PSA)
11 Jun 2025	Floella Benjamin (live reading event)
11 Jun 2025	New EYFS pupils Intake Evening
13 Jun 2025	Years 1 - 6 - Sports Day
16 Jun 2025	Police Visit – Years 1 to 6
16 Jun 2025	School Sports Week
18 Jun 2025	Violin assemblies – arranged by Hannah Massey
20 Jun 2025	Governor Award Assembly (morning)
24 Jun 2025	4+ Sports Day
26 Jun 2025	Year 6 - Leavers Performance to Parents (evening)
27 Jun 2025	Year 1 visit to Glen Hills Church
27 Jun 2025	Year 3 visit to Botanical Gardens
30 Jun 2025	Transition afternoon where pupils meet their new teacher
30 Jun 2025	Opening Evening for Parents to meet new class teachers
01 Jul 2025	Year 1 Victorian Day
01 Jul 2025	Symphony Learning Trust Awards evening
02 Jul 2025	Year 6 Residential - Llandudno 2nd - 4th
07 Jul 2025	Y5 Djembe performance to parents (afternoon)
08 Jul 2025	Last day of term. Usual finish time.

Enjoy the upcoming half term and thanks for your continued support,

**Mrs Wesley**  
Head Teacher

**Miss Smith**  
Deputy Head

