



Glasllwch Primary School

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Annwyl Rhieni,

Dear Parents,

We are well into the first half of the autumn term and the children are working hard to develop their skills within a creative learning environment. As you are aware, each class has been working on a different project allowing contextualised learning to take place. Don't forget to have a look at your child's class page on our school website so that you can support their learning at home.

Trips:

Year 4 spent a fabulous morning at the PEAK Wastesavers Depot as part of their project 'Making the World a Better Place'. They had a really informative session looking at what happens to the materials that are recycled from our homes each week and the importance of dealing with waste responsibly. Well done Year 4.

Reception Reading Meeting:

At the beginning of term our new Reception parents joined us for our Reading Meeting. It was a super turn out and it is great to see the children getting started on their reading journey. Well done everyone.

New staff in school:

Welcome to Leon Burgess and Claire Douglas who are our PGCE students in Years 6 and 2 respectively. They have settled in well and are involving themselves in all aspects of school life. The students will be working with the support of their class teachers and will be overseen by Mrs Munslow who is our senior student mentor. We also welcome two BA Early Years students on placements in Nursery and Year 1. Leigha Dance will be in Nursery and Taylor Smith in Year 1 every Tuesday for the rest of the year.

Attendance:

Attendance figures this year so far are as follows. Well done to Year 2 and Year 4 for having excellent attendance so far this year. Our target for 2017 / 2018 is 96.5%! Last year we had the highest attendance across the city! Come on we can do it again this year!

Year Group	2017 / 2018 - so far!
Reception	97.92%
Year 1	97.98%
Year 2	99.42%
Year 3	96.25%
Year 4	99.67%
Year 5	98.61%
Year 6	98.30%
Whole School Average	98.30%

All holidays should be taken during the school holidays and not in term time. Any planned absence from school must be requested in writing. Such requests will be considered on an individual basis.

It is vital that all children are in school and ready to learn by 9am. The school doors are open from 8.50am for the children to filter into classrooms. The teachers start lessons promptly, as soon as the register has been called. Children arriving late are missing out on vital learning opportunities. Once again thank you for your continued support.

National Tests 2018:

National Tests for 2018 for Year 2 to Year 6 will take place between 2nd May and 9th May 2018. All pupils must be in school to sit the tests. No absences will be authorised during this period.

Home / School Agreement:

When children join Glasllwch we ask all parents and children to join us and sign up to our Home / School Agreement. We pride ourselves on having high academic attainment as well as high standards of behaviour, attendance and teaching and learning. The partnership we have with parents is an integral part of our success and vital if pupils are to flourish and reach their full potential. Year group curriculum letters, published on our website, outline expectations of homework for each class. We ask that you read with your child every day at home and support them in learning their spellings and tables each day. Class specific homework is also sent home each week. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Intervention Programmes:

Occasionally your child may receive additional support in Literacy or Numeracy in the form of 'intervention programmes'. These programmes are to either support your child with a skill or concept that has been taught but they haven't grasped or to extend their learning further. Whole class literacy and numeracy lessons take place each morning. Intervention programmes are additional sessions which usually take place in the afternoons. They are shorter sessions for between 20 - 30 minutes. We try to ensure that intervention programmes are timetabled on a rolling programme so that children do not miss the same afternoon session each week. It may be that your child only needs to participate in a session as a one off, for a particular concept or it may be that they need to participate in the complete programme, usually six weeks. If your child requires regular intervention you will be informed by your class teacher.

PTA:

The PTA AGM is being held on **Tuesday 10th October at 7pm** in the school hall. All parents are automatically members of the PTA but if you are willing and able to be part of the PTA committee, please come and join us at the AGM next week. We would be delighted to have new members. The next PTA event is the after school fancy dress disco on Tuesday 24th October. Foundation Phase 4.30pm - 5.30pm, KS2 6.00pm - 7.00pm.



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Governors: We have one vacancy for the position of parent governor. Nomination forms will be sent out next week with information about being a governor. For information for our new parents, below are the names and positions of members of our existing Governing Body.

Name	Post	Category	Appointed by	Expiry of Term
Mr Stephen Morris	Chair	Community	Invitation	2021
Mrs Farzana Mohammed		Parent	Parental vote	2019
Mrs Beth Rice		Parent	Parental vote	2018
Mrs Hannah Hamnett		Parent	Parental vote	2020
Mr Simon Morrish	Vice Chair	Community	Invitation	2019
Prof James Birchall		Community	Invitation	2021
Miss Ruth Cornelius		Teacher	Staff vote	2019
Mr Sean Cullen		Staff	Staff vote	2019
Cllr Matthew Evans		Local Authority	Local Authority	2019
Mrs Ruth Jones		Local Authority	Local Authority	2018
Mrs Chris Jackson	Head teacher	Head teacher	Regulations	N/A
Mrs Jenny Munslow	Deputy Head teacher	Associate Governor	N/A	N/A

Dinner Money Reminder: Dinner orders and payments via parentpay need to be placed by the Tuesday before the week you are ordering for. By Tuesday 10th October orders are due in for week beginning Monday 16th October. Thank you!

Cyber Bullying Meeting: In November we will be holding a meeting for KS2 parents about cyber bullying. PC Thomas will be taking the meeting. Date to follow.

Parental Consultations: Consultations are being held on Monday 6th November - Wednesday 8th November for Reception - Year 6 and Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November for Nursery. The online appointments window will go live on Tuesday 10th October at 6pm and will close on Tuesday 24th October at midday. It is vital that all parents make an appointment to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss progress being made and targets for development. Letter with information re booking will be sent out this week.

Dogs and scooters on yard:

We are concerned that there are an increasing number of scooters and dogs on the yard at the beginning and end of the school day. Please do not bring dogs onto the school site. If you bring a scooter please keep it for use on the way home and not in the playground. Thank you!

Harvest Festivals: On Wednesday 18th October we are holding our Harvest Festivals in school for Foundation Phase and KS2. The Foundation Phase festival is in the morning at 9.30am and KS2 is in the afternoon at 1.30pm. Parents are most welcome to attend. We are asking the children to bring in tins, dried food produce or fresh fruit and vegetables for our harvest display. The food will then be taken to SOLUS (formerly N.A.S.H. - Newport Action for Single Homeless) for distribution. They are always so appreciative of these much needed donations.

The Harvest celebration for the **Nursery** will be on Wednesday 25th October. Again, parents are most welcome. More information from Miss Martin and Mrs McArdell will follow.

Raffle Prizes: If anyone is willing and able to donate a raffle prize for our Christmas Fayre, we would be so grateful. Just let us know in school. Thank you!

Thank you in anticipation of you continued support and co-operation,

C. M. Jackson
 Headteacher