

NEWSLETTER 25/10/24

Dear Families,

This week at Glenealy has been filled with engaging and diverse learning experiences. Year 6 started off their new unit of inquiry, "Where We Are in Place and Time," with a vibrant 'Tea Party' that introduced students to global tea culture through artefact exploration and a tea tasting experience, all while utilising the newly named spaces in the Learning Commons: CoLab, The Workshop, and Glenealy Cafe. Year 5 delved into ecosystems, collaborating across classrooms to create food webs and cycles using cardboard and string, which helped them visualise the interdependence of living organisms. In Year 1, students showcased their creativity by sharing books crafted during Writer's Workshop, honing their presentation skills and embracing the learning process. Overall, it has been a week rich in collaboration, exploration, and skill development across all year groups.

It has been wonderful to see so many children and parents participating in the student conferences this week. Student conferences are an essential part of each child's educational journey and an essential part of our reporting process helping to keep parents informed about their child's learning progress. Student conferences provide an opportunity for families, children and teachers to come together and share each student's progress, achievements, and areas for growth. These conferences aim to create a collaborative environment where we can develop a deeper understanding of each child's needs and aspirations. We hope that the information shared enables families to actively participate in their child's education and make informed decisions about how to best support learning at home.

For our teachers and school staff, student conferences offer the chance to build strong relationships with families. These meetings foster open communication and trust between home and school. By working together, we can create a supportive network that ensures the success and well-being of our students throughout the year. Your engagement in this process is truly appreciated!

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Christopher Coyle

Principal

DATES & EVENTS

An overview of the key dates and school events can be found in the calendar on the ESF App. You can also find the school calendar on the homepage of our school website at [\[Web Link\]](#). Please make a note of the following events that will take place early in Term 1:

KEY DATES Term 1 - 2024/2025

- **1 November** - Y6 Bake Sale
- **1 - 7 November** - Box Of Hope Collection in Lower Playground
- **6 - 8 November** - Year 5 Camp
- **7 - 8 November** - Year 4 Camp
- **12 November** - Year 3 & 4 Athletics Meet, Causeway Bay Sports ground
- **12 - 15 November** - Year 6 China Trip/Camp
- **21 November** - Parent Workshop: A Holistic Approach to Early Years Learning

- **28 November** - Term 1 ECAs End
- **29 November** - Glenealy School Winter Fair
- **03 December** - Year 5 & 6 Athletics Meet, Causeway Bay Sports ground
- **05 December** - Student Photo Day 1
- **06 December** - Term 2 ECA sign-up opens
- **06 December** - Christmas Carols and Y5 Bake Sale
- **09 December** - Student Photo Day 2
- **12 December** - Year 6 Pantomime performance for parents
- **13 December** - End of Term - Noon dismissal

LOWER PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

We are very excited to share the latest images of our new playground that is currently being constructed in Germany. Work is almost complete and our new playground will soon be on a shipping container heading towards Hong Kong!

Year 6 students have had the opportunity to meet with Rakoon designers this term to learn more about advertising. They are working on creating a poster advert to share our playground with the local community.





ELECTION OF PARENT MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

We hereby give notice of the election of one Parent Member to a casual vacancy on the School Council of Glenealy School.

The term of office of School Council members is three years. Each parent of a student attending Glenealy School, who is not an employee of ESF, is eligible to stand for election to the School Council.

Should you wish to nominate yourself for election please complete the nomination form attached.

You are invited to prepare a brief personal statement (*no more than 300 words*) setting out your relevant experience and stating what you would hope to contribute to the Council and the School.

A copy of any personal statement, received from nominees for election as a parent member on Glenealy School Council, will be sent to all parents of students attending Glenealy School.

Please note that all personal data received will be processed only as necessary and in accordance with ESF's personal data handling policy available on the ESF website.

Completed nomination forms, together with the optional personal statement, should be signed and handed in/posted to the school office. Should you wish to email the nomination form and personal statement you may send these to gloria.so@glenealy.edu.hk

The last date for the receipt of nomination forms and the optional personal statements is Friday 1st November 2024.

Ballot papers will be issued on Friday 8 November 2024. Where the number of candidates standing for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies on the School Council, the need for an election will be dispensed with and the candidate will be elected unopposed.

Attachments: [E2-Nom Form Election of Parent Mbrs of School Council UpdatedAug22.docx](#), [E3-Candidate's Statement Parent Member of Sch Council UpdatedAug22.docx](#)

ISLAND SCHOOL FAIR

Glenealy students, parents, and staff are invited to the Island School Winter Fair on Friday, November 22nd, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Island School campus, 20 Borrett Road, Mid-Levels.

This is an occasion for our communities to come together in a relaxed and festive atmosphere to strengthen relationships, participate in various activities, and enjoy the performances of IS students.

Register your attendance here: [INVITE & REGISTRATION](#)

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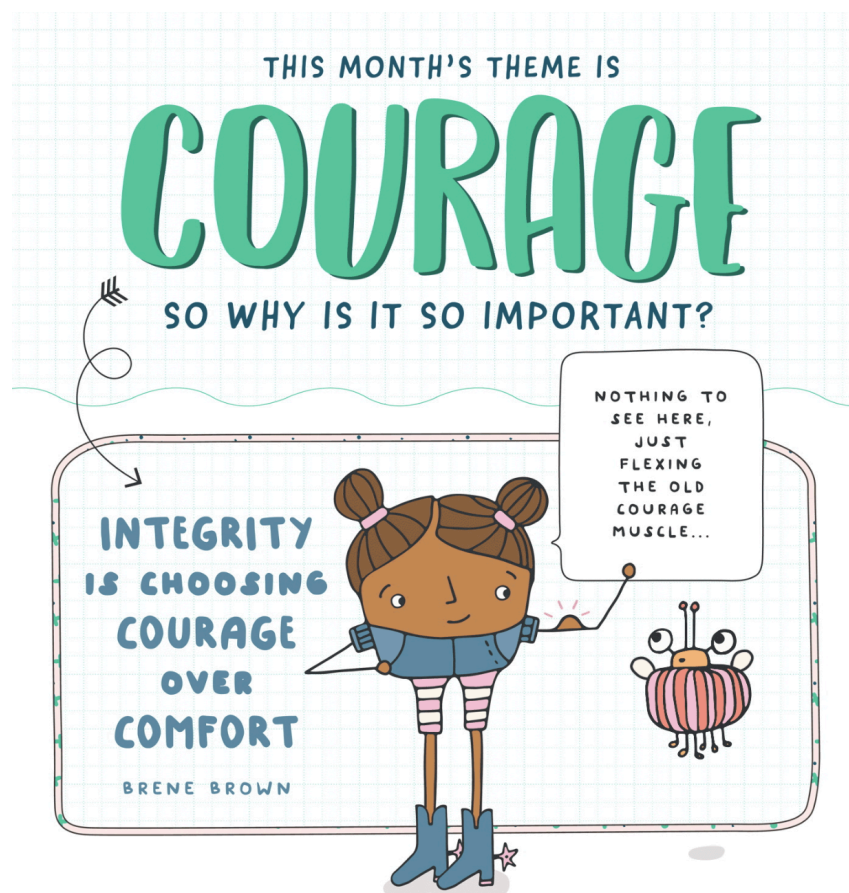
This month's theme is Courage. We encourage our students to be UP Standers when they see something wrong, not a BY Stander. This links with our IB Learner Profile of being a Risk Taker. Questions we ask students that as families you may like to also use:

Can you think of a time you had to apologise to your friend? That took courage!

Can you think of a time you stood up for a friend? That really took courage!

What can you do to be a friendship magnet? Will it be easy or will you need to summon some courage?

Making friends takes a bit of courage too – but it feels so much easier when you have got some tricks up your sleeve!



BOX OF HOPE

Glenealy is pleased to support the Box of Hope charity again this year. The completed boxes must be dropped off during the first week of November (Friday, November 1st—Friday, November 8th). A collection point will be set up in the lower playground before school (8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.).

This year, we are linking this activity to our charity participation in the school Houses. The houses will receive points for each box wrapped in Christmas paper related to a particular house. Please use wrapping paper in the following colours:

Kennedy - Red
Bowen - Yellow
Caine - Green
Robinson - Blue

Students have been issued with a label detailing the items and how to pack the box (see attached picture of the label). Please attach this label to the top of the box. Extra labels are available from the office and will also be available at the collection point in the playground when we set them up.

The Box of Hope website - www.boxofhope.org - is full of information, hints, and tips on creating your gift and information on the children they support. The festive season is traditionally a time for kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness of children and families less fortunate. We appreciate your support in helping our school share kindness with others.



The image shows a template for a 'Box of Hope' label. It is divided into two main sections. The left section is for the donor to fill out, and the right section contains information about the charity and a QR code.

Left Section:

- NAME:** _____
- SCHOOL/COMPANY:** _____
- Gender:** ☐ BOY ☐ GIRL ☐ NEUTRAL
- Age:** ☐ 3-6 YRS ☐ 7-10 YRS
- Please include a notecard with a message for the child who will receive your gift:**
- HYGIENE (must include):**
 - ☐ bar of soap
 - ☐ toothbrush & toothpaste
- STATIONERY (must include):**
 - ☐ A5 notepad
 - ☐ pens/pencils
 - ☐ eraser & sharpener
- ACTIVE e.g.:**
 - ☐ ball (and pump) OR
 - ☐ skipping rope OR
 - ☐ yo yo
- FUN e.g.:**
 - ☐ UNO card game OR
 - ☐ mini board game OR
 - ☐ puzzle
- SOMETHING TO LOVE e.g.:**
 - ☐ plushie/cuddly animal OR
 - ☐ toy OR
- STILL HAVE ROOM IN YOUR BOX? PLEASE FILL IT UP WITH SOME EXTRA ITEMS:** colouring pens and book, stickers, maths set, sunglasses, calculator, hairbrush, diary, cap, cars, fashion jewellery

Right Section:

- BOX OF HOPE**
- PLEASE DONATE \$30HKD TO FUND THE DELIVERY OF YOUR GIFT TO A CHILD IN NEED. THANK YOU.**
- QR CODE**
- Scan our QR code to learn how to make your Box of Hope**
- LOVE YOUR BOX?**
- We will select four of the most beautifully decorated boxes to win our box design competition**
- Facebook:** @boxofhopehk
- Instagram:** @boxofhopehk
- LinkedIn:** @boxofhope
- www.boxofhope.org**

This year, Roksaan is donating a **FREE PERSONALISED CARD** for anyone whose child is planning to create a Box of Hope

To select your FREE card from their special Box of Hope range, please visit the Box of Hope website [here](http://www.boxofhope.org) and scroll down to the initiative.

Your child can add their name or message to the front, write a thoughtful message inside for the little boy or girl who will be gifted the box, or leave it blank inside to handwrite before popping it in their box.

Use code **BOH2024** at checkout to ensure your card is FREE of charge. Send it back to yourself so that your child can write their message (if left blank inside) before popping it in their box. The card will then be delivered to you

within a few working days.

So go ahead and add that extra personal touch to your Box of Hope this year! FREE with Roksaan!

PTA - NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY HUB

Y6 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Come and join us for a cupcake (or two) on Friday 1 November.

Students taking the school bus will be able to purchase goodies from the Bake Sale at 2.45 p.m. so please remember to send cash in small denominations (notes in \$10's & \$20's) to school with your child.

If there is any change to your child's bus arrangement on the day please notify the school by calling 2522 1919.

All other students will follow normal pick-up procedures and can make their way to the bake sale after school. Gates will open for parents & guardians at 2.45 p.m.



DIWALI AT GLENEALY

A heartfelt thank you to the wonderful parents who came together to help us celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Your dedication and enthusiasm made the day truly special for the students.



[Click here for more pics.](#)

GLENEALY WINTER FAIR - FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Calling all volunteers!

The Glenealy Winter Fair brings the whole community together and we appreciate the help of every family to make it work. If you wish to join in on the fun and volunteer on the day please [sign up here](#).

What is the Parent Teacher Association (PTA)?

The PTA plays an important role in the life of our school. It brings together parents, teachers, and other community members to work toward the following common goals:

- *Build a sense of community and belonging*
- *Enhance the student experience*
- *Advocate for student learning and the work of the school*

What do the PTA do?

Throughout the year the PTA organise activities and events where families can connect with one another and build relationships with teachers and staff, all while contributing towards the sense of community and belonging that is

essential in ensuring everyone feels supported and valued. Overall, the PTA contributes widely to life at the school creating a positive and supportive environment where students can be the best that they can be.

Where do PTA funds go?

All funds raised by the PTA throughout the year are used to enhance the student experience by organising and funding various activities, initiatives and community-building events for parents. These can include field trips, after-school programs, cultural experiences, Author visits, coffee mornings and fundraising campaigns to support important school projects or initiatives. These efforts contribute to creating a vibrant and engaging learning environment where students can thrive and flourish.

If you are interested in learning more about the PTA [click here](#) to visit us on the VLE.