

NEWSLETTER 13/12/24

Dear Families,

It's been an incredibly busy time in school over the past few weeks, and together with your support, we have made it to the end of a successful term for our children and community. Yesterday our talented Y6 students treated us to 2 fantastic pantomime performances. The casts of Puss in Boots and The Wizard of Oz did an incredible job entertaining us and really got us into the holiday mood!

It has been wonderful to see so many parents supporting learning activities and attending our school events over the term, and I would like to personally thank all families for the trust and appreciation that you continue to show us in school. It means a great deal to receive your feedback and we are always striving to act on this to create the very best environment for your children.

The end of term is an opportunity to pause and reflect on the achievements made in school. The children have grown so much this term and it is incredible to see them so happy, engaged and learning every day. Our staff have continued to engage in strong and collegial partnerships during the term and this is evidenced not only through the rich range of experiences offered to children but also through the development work we are undertaking to continually improve our educational provision.

We have a lot to look forward to and more exciting times ahead at Glenealy. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

- **13 December** - End of Term - Noon dismissal
- **16 December 2024 - 03 January 2025** - Winter Holiday
- **06 January 2025** - Start of Term 2
- **10 January** - Y1-Y6 Coffee Morning
- **17 January** - Parent Workshop - Maths Parent Circle
- **17 January** - PTA CNY Marketplace, Y4 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **24 January** - CNY Lion Dance & CNY Celebrations
- **27 -28 January** - Half Term Holidays
- **29-31 January** - Chinese New Year HK General Holidays

LOWER PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

We are pleased to report that progress on our new playground is going smoothly, and everything remains on schedule.

Please be aware that although we anticipate completing the work during the holiday, the playground will not be fully accessible to children until after Chinese New Year. This timeframe will allow our staff to conduct essential health and safety training related to the new equipment, as well as to help children become familiar with it in a structured and safe manner. This will include training on safe falling techniques.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we prepare for the playground's grand opening after Chinese New Year. Thank you for your support!

GLENEALY ALUMNI PORTAL

<https://alumni.glenealy.net/>

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new alumni website in celebration of Glenealy's 65th anniversary! This milestone allows us to honour our rich history and the vibrant community that has shaped our school over the decades.

We invite you to take a journey through our archives, where you can discover a treasure trove of videos, images, and documents dating back to the 1950s. This is not just a glimpse into our past; it's a celebration of the enduring spirit of Glenealy.

PTA - NEWS FROM THE HUB

The PTA would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and assistance throughout the past term. It has truly been a remarkable term, filled with a variety of wonderful events that have brought our community together.

We invite you to explore the albums capturing these memorable moments, which include:

- [PTA AGM & Coffee Morning](#)
- [Mid Autumn Festival](#)
- [Y6 Bake Sale & Fundraiser](#)
- [Diwali Arts & Crafts](#)
- [Parent Social - Comedy Night](#)
- [Christmas Arts & Crafts](#)
- [Annual Winter Fair](#)
- [Hannukah Arts & Crafts](#)
- [Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)
- [Pizza Lunch & Disco](#)

Thank you once again for your participation and enthusiasm. Together, we have created lasting memories.

All funds raised by the PTA throughout the year are used to enhance the student experience by organising and funding various activities and 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.