

NEWSLETTER 17/01/25

Dear Families,

Happy New Year!

We have had an incredibly exciting time since coming back to school last week. First and foremost, our new playground has finally arrived! The excitement among the children was palpable as they returned to school and saw the amazing new equipment. We are currently spending time introducing the children to the playground and we look forward to the official opening after Chinese New Year!

Children also enjoyed a thrilling morning learning to use the new playground equipment with a professional stuntman! They practiced balancing, jumping, rolling, and falling safely—all while supporting each other and having loads of fun. It was a fantastic way to promote safety and teamwork through play. The playground promises to be a fantastic addition to our school community.

Year 6 had an exciting day as they explored the HK Science Museum for their 'How the World Works' unit. The students dove into interactive exhibits, gathering inspiration and data for their own fair tests. Their enthusiasm and collaboration were truly inspiring, and they came back buzzing with ideas!

We were also fortunate to have a parent visit Year 3 to share her rich culture and identity. The children were captivated by a beautiful Arabic song and learned about the fascinating traditions of her family. This experience truly broadened their horizons and enriched our community's cultural tapestry.

Lastly, I would like to extend a thank you to everyone who attended our Chinese New Year Market and Year 4 Bake Sale. Your participation made it a lovely festive occasion. A special mention to our wonderful PTA and parents who organised and helped bring the joy of Chinese New Year to Glenealy!

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of our vibrant school community. We look forward to welcoming you to school next Friday for our Chinese New Year celebrations!

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 2 - 2024/2025

- **17 January** - PTA CNY Marketplace, Y4 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **22 January** - Y2 trip Wong Tai Sing
- **24 January** - CNY Lion Dance & CNY Celebrations
- **27 -28 January** - Half Term Holidays
- **29-31 January** - Chinese New Year HK General Holidays
- **3 February** - CPD Day (School Closed)

- **4 February** - Term 2 ECA'S start
- **14 February** - Y2 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **18 February** - Y3 & Y4 Dance Show to Parents
- **18 February** - MMR/HepB/HPV Immunisations
- **19-21 February** - Y2 Camp Week
- **26-28 February** - Year 1 Camp Week
- **3-7 March** - Book Week
- **11 March** - Hearing Screening
- **20 March** - School Musical - 6pm
- **26 March** - Y6 PYP Exhibition
- **28 March** - Term 2 ECA's end
- **28 March** - Y3 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **2 April** - Term 2 Reports go live
- **3 April** - End of Term - Half day
- **4-21 April** - Easter Holiday
- **22 April** - Start of Term 3

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025/2026

Please find a copy of the School Calendar for 2025/2026 at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aNKtK0vOuJTkzPPsAH6jldhF9eIkndlu/view?usp=sharing>

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

As we prepare to welcome the Year of the Snake, preparations and festivities are well underway at school.

We would like to invite all families to join us on the playground on the morning of Friday 24th January to enjoy a traditional lion dance followed by our Chinese New Year assembly. Students are invited to dress in their Chinese clothes or bright colours to celebrate this auspicious time.

Please note the details below:

Friday 24th January 2025

- **8:30am** - Lion Dance
- **9:00am** - Glenealy Chinese New Year Assembly
- Coffee and tea will be available at the Community Hub
- **10:00am** - Students will return to classrooms; parent volunteers who have signed up to help with the activity rotations are invited to the Community Hub for coffee.
- **10:45am** until the end of the school day - Students will engage in a range of Chinese New Year activities supported by Glenealy staff and parent volunteers. If you wish to volunteer to help with the activities, please refer to the APP message sent on Friday 10th January 2025

We look forward to seeing many of our families on that morning as we join together to welcome the Year of the Snake.

MESSAGE FROM THE GLENEALY LIBRARY

We are working to expand our collection of books in a range of languages in our school library and would like to invite our families to help. If you are travelling to another country, you may wish to purchase a book (it might be a

picture book, a chapter book or a non-fiction book) to donate to the library. Any donations will be gratefully received and we will label any donations with credit to the donor family. We look forward to expanding the collection and supporting our students who have diverse language profiles. Thank you in advance for your support.

PTA - NEWS FROM THE HUB

Y4 Bake Sale and Chinese New Year Marketplace

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the parents who contributed their time and effort to the Year 4 bake sale and Chinese New Year marketplace. The event was a lively and joyous celebration, showcasing the vibrant spirit of our community.

Wishing Tree

Next week, we invite you to stop by the table outside the hub every morning at drop off to make a wish for our wishing tree.

Parent Lending Library

We have a small variety of books on parenting strategies, positive discipline, building self-esteem, effective communication, sibling rivalry and other topics of interest. The collection is housed in the Community Hub and is available to be borrowed by Glenealy parents and caregivers.

For a full list of titles currently available to be borrowed please email Geeta Sham at geeta.sham@glenealy.edu.hk. Or simply come in and browse the shelves at morning drop off or afternoon pick up times.

Thirsty Thursdays

Help yourself to a morning beverage while catching up with other parents outside the Community Hub every Thursday at 8.15am.