

Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic Book Week this week which culminated in our awesome Book Character Parade this morning on the playground. It was wonderful to see the children so excited to dress as a character and to see the wonderful creativity in the fabulous costumes. Special thanks to the PTA for funding the book vouchers for this event from Rebooked - the second-hand children's book shop just off Hollywood Road.

The Book Character Parade was just one of several events that took place this week. The children have also enjoyed participating in the various competitions and activities on offer, we will announce the winners of the various competitions during our assembly next week. We have also been treated to very entertaining and inspiring presentations from 3 authors, Deborah Abela, Eric Huang and Nameta Moolani Mehra. We look forward to meeting Liz Million in 2 weeks time. Special thanks to the PTA and the students who participated in the Readathon last year; the funds raised during the Readathon have been used to fund the author visits and the book vouchers.

A special thanks to our library team for organising all of the events and activities we have enjoyed this week.

In addition to book week, we have been exploring the potential of incorporating AI into learning and teaching this week. Children have been practising using Google Nest, to enhance their learning in their units of inquiry. Their curiosity and tech skills have been on full display as they asked questions and explored answers with our new gadget in the library.

Our school recently participated in the Hong Kong-wide Chinese Battle of the Books competition. We are proud to share that our students ranked an impressive 4th out of 16 schools! A huge thanks to our talented team for their teamwork, passion, and love for reading. It has been incredible to witness their dive into stories and collaboration throughout this experience.

We are also thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our sporting teams! Congratulations to our Tag Rugby teams, who recently competed in a series of matches against schools from HK Island and emerged victorious in several games. Their teamwork and dedication truly shone on the field! Additionally, our long-distance runners have excelled in inter-school competitions, with many finishing in the top 10 out of groups of up to 100 runners. Their hard work and perseverance have paid off, showcasing the incredible talent within our school. We wish our athletes all the best for the rest of their competitions this term—keep up the great work!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,  
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 2:

### **KEY DATES Term 2 - 2024/2025**

- **11 March** - Hearing Screening
- **15 March** - Y4-Y6 LDR Race @ Discovery College

- **18 March** - Mathematics Parent Workshop
- **19 March** - Battle of Books with Kennedy School
- **20 March** - School Musical - 6pm
- **26 March** - Y6 PYP Exhibition
- **27 March** - Tag Rugby @ Happy Valley
- **27 March** - Orchestra Jam at Shatin College
- **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
- **5 April (Saturday)** - Cheerleading Performance HK Football Club 1130-5PM
- **22 April** - Start of Term 3

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025/2026

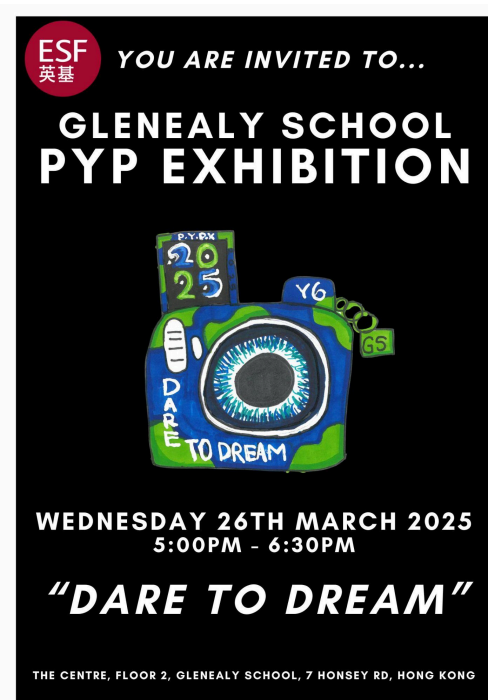
Please find a copy of the School Calendar for 2025/2026 at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aNKtK0vOwJTzPPsAH6jldhF9elkndlu/view?usp=sharing>

### YEAR 6 FAMILIES - "SAVE THE DATE - Y6 PYP EXHIBITION"

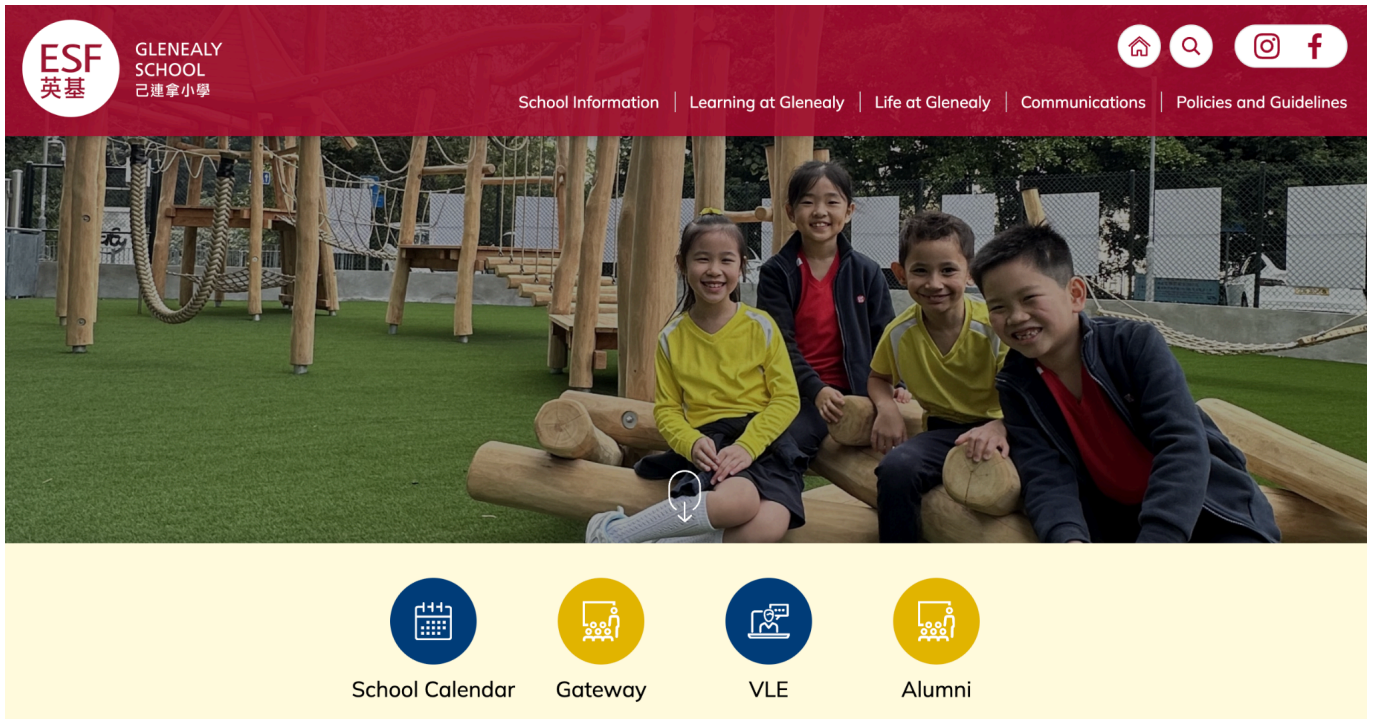
We would like to invite you to the Glenealy Year 6 PYP Exhibition, our students' annual celebration of their engagement in the Primary Years Programme. Our Exhibition showcase will take place at Glenealy School on **Wednesday 26 March at 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**. The theme of our PYP Exhibition this year is *Dare to Dream* under the Transdisciplinary Theme of How We Express Ourselves.

The Y6 Exhibition winning camera logo design was created by Dokyung Woo who envisioned an instant camera that symbolises the universe, reflecting our limitless dreams. She integrated the Earth into her design to acknowledge and connect with the ideas of her fellow classmates, emphasizing that the Earth serves as our backdrop for action. Congratulations Dokyung!



### GLENEALY PARENT WEBSITE

We are excited to announce the launch of our new parent website! You can quickly access it by [clicking here](#) or by selecting the "Students and Parents" button at the top of the school website. The page is also available directly through the ESF app (School Website), where you'll also find a link to our social media feed (Social Media) and newsletters (News) to stay updated on everything happening at school.



The Glenealy Student and Parent website will feature a variety of valuable resources, including school and curriculum information, event updates, a newsletter archive, school policies, and user guides for the Gateway and ESF app, among other important features.

Enjoy exploring the site, and please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions!

### **SPACE OIL - Information from the EDB**

The EDB has uploaded a series of resources about “space oil drug” on the one-stop parent education website, “Smart Parent Net” (website link: [parent.edu.hk](http://parent.edu.hk)). This series aims to inform parents about the dangers of “space oil drug,” helping them raise their children’s awareness and vigilance regarding the risks associated with drugs. It also provides guidance on how parents can support their children in refusing and avoiding drug use.

### **PTA - NEWS FROM THE HUB**

#### **READATHON WINNER**

We are absolutely thrilled to announce the champions of this year's Readathon! A huge round of applause for **Class 6S** for taking the top spot and snagging **First Place!** They will be celebrating with a fabulous class party with an afternoon of fun, pizza and games, all thanks to the amazing support from our PTA!

Well done to ALL the students who took part! Your enthusiasm and love for reading truly shone through. And a massive THANK YOU to the families and friends who cheered you on! Your support made all the difference! The funds raised will go towards brilliant author visits, talented illustrators, and so much more. Let’s keep the reading spirit alive! Happy reading, everyone!

#### **GENTLY USED UNIFORM SALE**

The PTA will be holding a gently used uniform sale on **Thursday 13th March** at morning drop off (8.15am to 9am) and afternoon pick up (2.45pm to 3.15pm). We will also be selling Glenealy tote bags and bottles so stop by with cash in small denominations (notes only). Happy shopping!

## UNIFORM DONATIONS

Donations of washed, folded gently used uniforms in good condition for resale can be dropped off in the baskets placed outside the community hub next week from **Monday to Wednesday**. **Please note we will not be accepting donations after Wednesday 12 March.**

## PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES - Discount for Glenealy Parents



The flyer is for 'Parenting Workshops: Values-Based Strategies' by Shalini Melwani. It features the Parenting Empowered logo at the top left, the Aminaset logo at the top right, and a circular portrait of Shalini Melwani. The text describes the workshop as 'Strong Family Connections' and lists benefits for effective parenting. It also mentions 'Better communication through science backed skills' and provides contact information for new classes starting in March.

**PARENTING WORKSHOPS**  
**VALUES-BASED STRATEGIES**  
Strong Family Connections

The Effective Parent...  
Listens with understanding  
Prevents problems proactively  
Communicates honestly  
Solves problems fairly  
Shares values respectfully  
This could be you!

Better communication  
through science backed  
skills such as 'active  
listening,'  
'collaborative  
problem solving,'  
'respectful confrontations,'  
& more!

New Classes  
March 20th - May 8th  
Venue : Online  
Please contact  
shalini@parentingempowered.com  
www.parentingempowered.com

Licensed Coach  
**SHALINI MELWANI**

**P.E.T.**  
Parent Effectiveness Training

We are pleased to share details of a new **Parent Workshop Series** organized by Shalini Melwani of Parenting Empowered, who successfully conducted our previous workshop. This series is designed to empower parents and enhance their parenting skills. Glenealy parents can take advantage of a **\*special discounted cost of \$4,250 per person**, reduced from the standard price of \$5,000.

### Workshop Details:

New Classes Starting Thursday March 20th

9:00am - 12:00pm

Every Thursday for 8 weeks

Cost \$5,000/person

Special Discount for Glenealy Parents \$4,250/person

Contact : Shalini@parentintgempowered.com