

NEWSLETTER 02/05/25

Dear Families,

The past couple of weeks at Glenealy have been filled with activity since our return from the spring holiday. Our Year 6 students participated in a valuable transition visit to Island School, where they had the opportunity to experience classes with their new teachers. Both Year 5 and Year 6 students enjoyed a captivating performance of Roald Dahl's *The Witches* at the APA Theatre earlier today.

The main focus, of course, has been our Student Learning Conferences. Thank you to all our families for coming into school and for supporting the process of reflection and celebration of children's achievements. We hope that the opportunity to meet with teachers has given you helpful insight into your child's learning and progress at school.

Our recent school survey indicated that parents would like a better understanding of children's learning and progress at school. Thank you to everyone who completed the short survey we held as part of the conference. Your feedback is important and will help us to improve our communication in this area next year. We will share a summary of the feedback and outline the actions we will be taking before the end of the term. If you haven't yet had a chance, please take a moment to complete the survey using the link below.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable holiday weekend!

Christopher Coyle

Principal

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REMINDER - STUDENT LEARNING & PROGRESS: PARENT FEEDBACK

If you have not done so already, please complete the short survey by clicking [here](#). Your feedback will help us to enhance our provision in this area next year. Please complete a separate survey for each child.

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 3 - 2024/2025

- **5 May** - Public Holiday
- **6 May** - T3 ECAs start
- **9 May** - PTA Parent Workshop Series - Break your kids' screen time addiction now
- **15 May** - PTA Bingo Night
- **30 May** - ESF Wide Transition Day
- **6 June** - Y1 Bake Sale Fundraiser - Gates open at 15:00
- **12 June** - Glenealy Art Walk 17:00 – 18:30
- **16 June** - Y1&2 Dance Show 14:00 – 15:00
- **19 June** - T3 ECAs Finish
- **24 June** - Y6 Graduation
End of Year Letters & Move Up Day
- **26 June** - End of Year Reports Go Live
- **27 June** - End of Term: HALF-DAY

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/1aNKtK0vOujTkzPPsAH6jldhF9elkndlu/view?usp=sharing>

YEARBOOK FRONT COVER COMPETITION 2025

We are very excited to announce that we are holding a competition to find the design for the front cover of the Glenealy School Yearbook this year. All children in Glenealy school are invited to enter and the winning design will be printed on the front cover of the Glenealy Yearbook 2024 - 2025

If students would like to enter, they should please create their design on A4 paper or card and submit it to the box in the school office before Friday 16th May.

Please ensure students have written their name, last name and class on the back of their design.

Ideas for the design:

- Create an image which shows your favourite learning space in Glenealy School
- Create an image which shows your favourite thing to do in Glenealy School

Please DO NOT include writing in your design (the words Glenealy School Yearbook 2024 - 2025 will be printed by the publisher)

Entries should be:

- Size: **A4**
- Orientation: **Portrait**
- Image: **colour**

We are really looking forward to seeing all of your fabulous ideas and entries. - Good luck!

CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

ESF's cross-phase Sustainability team launched a fantastic initiative on Friday 25th April - the ESF City Nature Challenge. The challenge continues to run and will finish on Sunday 4 May.

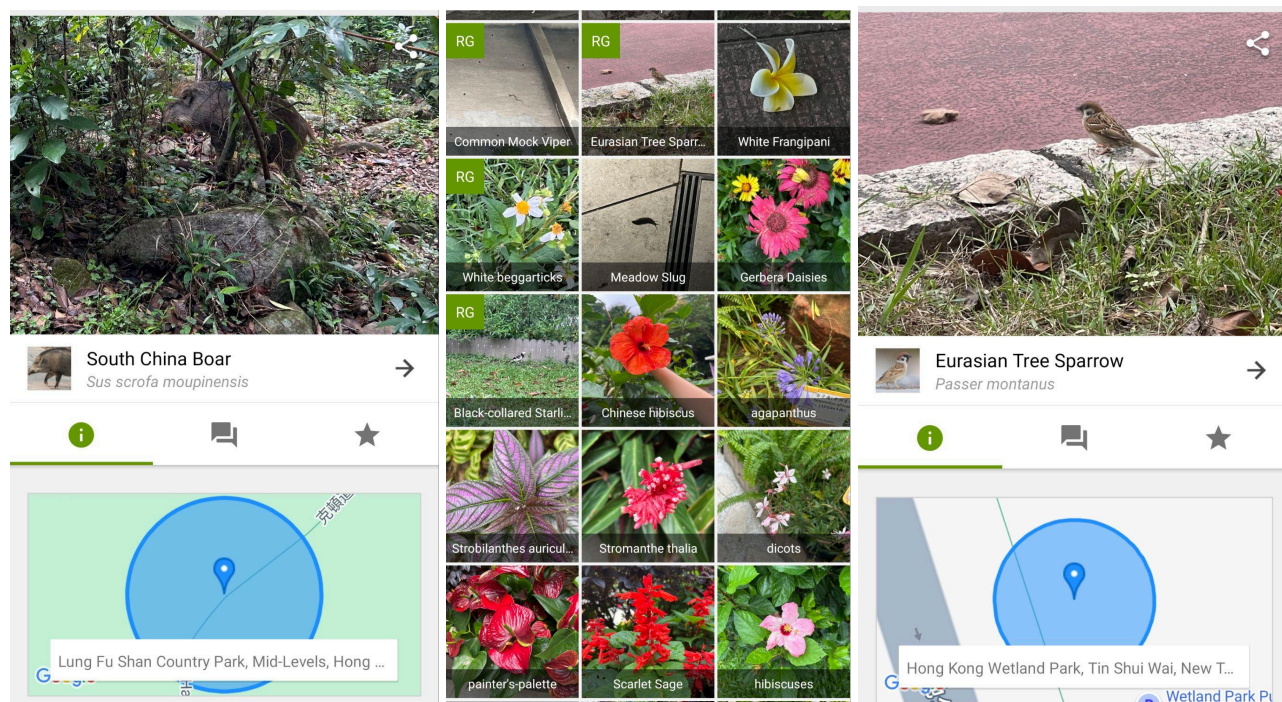
This citizen science challenge has been designed to support the annual global [City Nature Challenge](#). This global bioblitz at the end of April sees cities around the globe engaging in a collaboration-meets-friendly-competition to see who can document the most wildlife species in their cities. The data that we collect will support Hong Kong as it pitches itself against the likes of San Francisco, London, Cape Town, Sydney and Mumbai.

The initiative is simple to engage with- Download the iNaturalist app and photograph and document wildlife.

As a collaboration, ESF aims to document 500+ species. Glenealy students were introduced to the app last Friday. In this week along our school has already photographed and documented an amazing 70 different species. Sean and family have shared a bird called a Crested Myna. Constance and her family have shared an interesting plant called Ti with pink leaves. Scarlett and her family spent the weekend exploring many places in Hong Kong, photographing a huge variety of flowering plants, a Common Mock Viper and a South China Boar. Alric and his family have photographed a Meadow Slug, a Eurasian Tree Sparrow and some flowering plants.

We very much hope that with family support, we can actively and enthusiastically engage in this wonderful opportunity to document even more of Hong Kong's rich biodiversity.

This [slideshow](#) explains a bit more about the initiative, and this superb [website](#) gives further detail, including instructions for how to join and upload photos to iNaturalist and rules of what not to photograph.



Health & Safety News

Last Friday at school was quite eventful! Due to the humidity, the fire alarms went off multiple times, but students and staff handled each evacuation flawlessly. Although the system was quickly repaired, it still triggered three times, providing everyone with valuable practice in evacuating safely and efficiently. The local fire brigade also responded swiftly and professionally, reassuring us of their readiness in case of a real emergency. A huge thank you to all the students and staff for handling the unexpected alarms so well!



NEWS FROM THE HUB

REMINDER - PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES

Break Your Kids' Screen Time Addiction NOW! (without yelling, threats, or bribes)

Join Arcadia Kim in an informative presentation to help you put an end to screentime power struggles. You will walk away from this one-hour session with concrete strategies to bring serenity to your family and break your kid's screentime obsession.

Date: Friday 9th May 2025

Time and Date: 08:45 AM - 10:00 AM.

Venue: 2/F The Centre

[Click here to register your attendance.](#)

Registration deadline: Tuesday, 6 May 2025.

GLENEALY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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BINGO NIGHT - 15 MAY 2025 - SOLD OUT

Bingo Night is officially sold out. Thank you once again for your support.

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON GATEWAY AT
4PM ON 28 APRIL
HK\$100 PER PERSON
INCLUDES A SLICE OF PIZZA AND A BROWNIE

THURS DAY

5.00 PM TO 6.30 PM

15 MAY

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