NEWSLETTER 13/06/25

Dear Families,

I'd like to extend our thanks to everyone who joined us for our annual Art Walk event! It was wonderful to see so many families and friends exploring every corner of our school, which was transformed into a vibrant gallery showcasing the incredible talent of our students. From captivating sculptures and expressive paintings to innovative digital art and a mesmerising glow-in-the-dark art show, every piece burst with color and creativity.

A very special thank you goes out to the whole staff team and especially Ms. Lavery for her incredible dedication and hard work in coordinating all our creative work and putting the Art Walk event together. Her vision and effort make it all possible! Your presence and enthusiastic support made the day a memorable celebration of our children's artistic achievements.

The end of term is fast approaching, and next week sees the end of another full year of Extra-Curricular Activities at Glenealy. The ECA programme keeps going from strength to strength and has provided children with countless opportunities to follow their interests and try something new. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the entire Glenealy team for their support and commitment to the ECA programme and their hard work in developing the wide range of activities on offer. Special thanks to Marie Farry, who does an outstanding job at developing and leading our programme. We look forward to many more opportunities for children next year!

Have a great 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 3 - 2024/2025

- 16 June Y1&2 Dance Show 14:00 14:45
- 18 June Inter School Cheerleading Event at Glenealy 12.30 to 3pm
- 19 June T3 ECAs Finish
- 20 June T1 ECA preview live on the VLE
- 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: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aNKtK0vOuJTkzPPsAH6jIdhF9eIkndlu/view?usp=sharing</u>

GLENEALY SCHOOL TOUR VIDEO

We are thrilled to share some exciting news! On Friday 20 June, ESF will be filming a professional video aimed at showcasing our school, highlighting our core values, and providing a glimpse into our fantastic facilities.

Throughout the day, we will be featuring students in various segments, capturing the vibrant energy of our classrooms and the joyful interactions in our playgrounds.

We will also be reaching out to parents to participate in various segments throughout the day. If you're interested in getting involved, please feel free to reach out—we'd love to have you join us!

We look forward to celebrating our wonderful school community together, and we appreciate your support in making this video a success!

ESF ART SHOW

ESF will hold an art show to exhibit art works collected from all 22 schools. The art show is open to the public and admission is free. As a school Glenealy will have 7 artworks exhibited, all families are encouraged to visit the exhibition over the coming week. Details are:

- LOCATION: Exhibition Hall, 1/F, Low Block, Hong Kong City Hall (5 Edinburgh Place, Central, Hong Kong)
- ART EXHIBITION PERIOD: 19 to 22 June Free admission, open to public
- TIME: 10am 7pm (Daily), 10am 4pm (22 June)

CLASS ORGANISATION 2025/2026

Children will take part in 'Move Up' day on Tuesday 24 June. They will meet their new class teacher and spend some time in the classroom together. This will be followed by an introductory letter from your child's new class teacher. A reminder that classes are mixed at the end of Year 2 and the end of Year 4 only.

LOST PROPERTY

As we approach the summer break, we want to remind everyone that we will not be able to store any unclaimed lost items during this period. Please ensure that any lost property is collected by the end of the term, as any items that remain unclaimed will need to be discarded.

SUN SMART: HATS

At Glenealy, we teach students to be sun-smart and encourage them to wear hats during outdoor play and P.E. lessons and excursions. Please ensure your child has an appropriate hat for outdoor activities, especially when the UV index is high. You can purchase a school hat for next term from our new school website link <u>here</u>.



NEWS FROM THE HUB

Y1 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Last Friday, we held our final bake sale fundraiser for the year, and what a fantastic event it was! A heartfelt thank you to all the Year 1 parents who volunteered their time and efforts to make our summer bake sale a tremendous success. Your dedication truly made a difference, and we couldn't have done it without you!

What a fantastic conclusion to our bake sale fundraisers! We can't wait to team up with all of you again next school year.



Click here for more pics of the Y1 Bake Sale Fundraiser

PTA CHAIR - END OF YEAR SUMMARY

As we reflect on this incredible year, I am filled with gratitude for the achievements we've made together. Our events, from the PTA AGM Coffee Morning to joyful festivals like Diwali, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Eid, along with bake sales and Bingo Night, have not only generated revenue but also fostered a vibrant community spirit. Each gathering has strengthened our bonds and created a supportive environment for everyone in our school community.

This year was particularly special as we celebrated our winter fair alongside our school's 65th anniversary. It was a cherished evening to remember and provided the perfect opportunity to launch our new alumni platform. Special thanks to Ms. Geeta Sham for her hard work on the website, and to Anisa Naser, a former staff member at Glenealy School, for her support. The PTA funded the platform, which will serve as a vital connection point for former students, fostering a sense of belonging and community.

A highlight of this year was the realization of the long-awaited playground, partially funded by the PTA. Thank you, Mr. Chris Coyle, for your vision and dedication; it has turned out amazing, providing a wonderful space for our children to play and grow.

Additionally, our parents' workshops have been standout highlights, offering valuable insights into essential topics like growth mindset and managing screen time, reinforcing our commitment to lifelong learning.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated PTA committee members, teachers, and staff members for their hard work and enthusiasm. Special thanks to Ms. Jennie Harding for always being supportive in organizing PTA events. Together, we have created something truly special. Thank you all for your commitment and passion!

As I prepare to step down as PTA Chair, with my daughter moving up to Year 6, I want to ensure a smooth transition for the next PTA Chair. I will work closely with the committee to provide support and guidance, ensuring that our initiatives continue to thrive and our committee functions seamlessly.

It has been a privilege to work alongside such supportive parents and a wonderful school. If you are interested in this position, please email us at pta@glenealy.com. Your involvement is vital for the continued success of our community. Thank you all once again.

Glenealy PTA Chair Rashida Mithaiwala