

NEWSLETTER 24/10/25

Dear Parents,

We had an amazing Diwali celebration last week! A huge thank you to our fabulous dance instructor, Rani Gidwani, who turned the playground into a Bollywood dance floor. Students enjoyed dancing and engaging in creative arts and crafts. This wonderful event would not have been possible without the dedication of our parent volunteers!

We were delighted to welcome mathematics expert, Mr David Lyttle, to Glenealy last week. Our staff and students engaged in a full day of professional development, including workshops and lesson observations. David's expertise in inquiry-based mathematics, the PYP framework, and the use of manipulatives provided our teachers with powerful, research-based strategies to enhance our teaching and learning immediately.

Our staff have also been busy enhancing their skills, attending various workshops during the recent ESF CPD Day on topics including Universal Design for Learning, AI's impact, and brain development.

Our classrooms are very busy as usual! Year 2 students are building a strong foundation in numeracy by making and ordering 3-digit numbers. They also demonstrated fantastic teamwork by designing an outfit for a teammate using only newspaper. Year 5 students kicked off their unit by exploring 3D model-making, brilliantly recreating organisms using newspaper and tape. Their next step is to paint and add intricate details to bring their models to life.

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 our school website at https://glenealy.esf.edu.hk/parent/school_information/school_calendar/

Please make a note of the following events that will take place in Term 1:

KEY DATES Term 1 - 2025/2026

- **28 October** - Y3 Camp
- **29 October** - Public Holiday (Chung Yeung Festival)
- **30-31 October** - Y4 Camp
- **3-7 November** - Box of Hope Drop Off at School
- **4-7 November** - Y6 Camp
- **10 November** - CPD - No school
- **13 November** - Parent Workshop: Early Years
- **14 November** - PTA Christmas Celebrations - Arts & Crafts - Lunchtime
- **17 November** - Flu Vaccination - 2nd dose
- **21 November** - Y5 & 6 Athletics Meet
- Winter Fair 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
- **26-28 November** - Y5 Camp
- **27 November** - T1 ECA Ends
- **28 November** - Y3 & 4 Athletics Meet
- **02 December** - PTA Hanukkah Celebrations - Arts and Crafts - Lunchtime

- **05 December** - Christmas Carols
 - PTA Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser
 - T2 ECA sign-up opens
- **08 December** - HK Election Holiday (School Closed)
- **11 December** - Y6 Panto AM
- **12 December** - Term 1 ends: Half-day

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025/2026

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

<https://gloodle.glenealy.edu.hk/pluginfile.php/15220/course/section/3621/calendar2025-26.pdf>

Box of Hope – Let's Share Some Joy!

Glenealy is proud to support **Box of Hope** again this year! It's a wonderful way to spread kindness and help children in need.







Drop-off Dates: 3rd–7th November: Where: Lower Playground: **Time:** Before school, **8:00–8:30 a.m.**

After the mid-term break, you'll receive a special label showing what to pack and how.

Stick this label on top of your box. Extra labels will be available at the collection point and the school office as well.

What to Put in Your Box

If you'd like to start collecting items during the break, here's what to include:


-  A bar of soap
-  Toothbrush & toothpaste
-  Notepad & pen/pencil
-  Something small and fun (e.g. card game, puzzle)
-  Something active (e.g. small ball, skipping rope)
-  Something to love (e.g. a small toy)
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Visit www.boxofhope.org for tips, packing help, and stories about the children you're supporting. Check out their YouTube and social media for inspiration!

Let's make this festive season extra special by sharing kindness, love, and hope.

Thank you for helping Glenealy show we care!

FILL AND STICK ON YOUR BOX OF HOPE



BOX OF HOPE

WHERE SMALL GIFTS MAKE A BIG IMPACT

NAME: _____

SCHOOL/COMPANY: _____

☐ BOY
☐ GIRL
☐ NEUTRAL

☐ 3-6 YRS
☐ 7-10 YRS

Please include a notecard with a message for the child who will receive your gift:

HYGIENE (must include)

☐ bar of soap

☐ toothbrush & toothpaste

FUN e.g.

☐ UNO card game OR

☐ mini board game OR

☐ puzzle

STATIONERY (must include)

☐ A5 notepad

☐ pens/pencils

☐ eraser & sharpener

SOMETHING TO LOVE e.g.

☐ plushie/cuddly animal OR

☐ toy OR

ACTIVE e.g.


☐ ball (and pump) OR

☐ skipping rope OR

☐ yo yo


STILL HAVE ROOM IN YOUR BOX? PLEASE FILL IT UP WITH SOME EXTRA ITEMS:
 colouring pens and book, stickers, maths set, sunglasses, calculator, hairbrush, diary, cap, cans, fashion jewellery

FILL AND STICK ON YOUR BOX OF HOPE




BOX OF HOPE

Please donate \$30hkd to fund the delivery of your gift to a child in need. Thank you.






Scan our QR code to learn how to make your Box of Hope



LOVE YOUR BOX?

We will select four of the most beautifully decorated boxes to win our box design competition

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 @boxofhope

www.boxofhope.org

ROOFTOP PLAYGROUND DESIGNS

The Student Council have been busy preparing for the launch of an exciting new project- the re-design of our rooftop playground. Today, Friday 24th October, they presented in assembly, inspiring all the students with some ideas for the space.

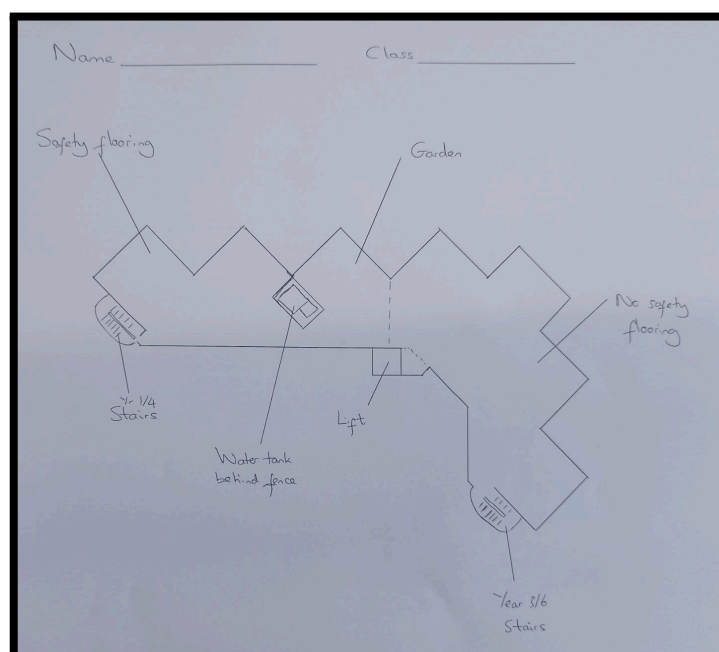
Designs could include: Equipment for climbing, balancing, hiding, scrambling, Space to walk and run, Seating, developments to the garden area or additional planters, Flooring considerations, including astroturf, woodchip or EPDM (which Vittoria explained is crushed rubber), Digging pits, cosy areas, Ball game, a Gymnastics area or Ball game areas. Cheryl introduced us to some new ball games, including Spike Ball and Teqball.

Design sheets are available in the Learning Commons. Please complete a sheet.

Designs can be drawings, printed images, writing or a mixture of all three. They can be black and white or you could use coloured pens or pencils.

Remember to put your name and class at the top so that the Student Council can involve you in further discussions.

Please submit sheets by the end of November.



LEARNING LINKS

ESF GLENEALY SCHOOL



In order to provide more specific information for families about what your children are learning in class, the class teachers will share a fortnightly newsletter called 'Learning Links' which will provide information about the previous week and the coming week in each year group, and also give ideas of ways parents can support their children at home. The Learning Links are also posted on each year group page of the VLE under the "Learning Links" heading.

[Year 1 Learning Links](#)

[Year 2 Learning Links](#)

[Year 3 Learning Links](#)

[Year 4 Learning Links](#)

[Year 5 Learning Links](#)

[Year 6 Learning Links](#)



NEWS FROM THE HUB

Y6 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

We had our very first bake sale fundraiser, and what a delightfully spooky afternoon it was! A huge shout-out to the amazing Y6 parent volunteers who worked tirelessly to create such a fun and festive atmosphere. From eerie treats to thrilling games, the event was a fantastic success, bringing our community together in the spirit of fun and fundraising. Thank you for your hard work and creativity! [Click here for pics of the spooktacular bake sale.](#)

PARENT SOCIAL

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for a night to remember! Nick Benzie, David Benzie, and Izzy Jose lit up the stage with their incredible performances, and the energy from the cheering crowd was electric!

Our surprise rockstar parent, Wayne Butcher, jumped in to join the fun, turning the night into an unforgettable jam session! It was a night filled with fun, music, and unforgettable moments. We couldn't have asked for a better way to celebrate together.

Thank you all for making it so special! We can't wait to do it again! [Click here for pictures and videos of the evening.](#)

DIWALI

Bollywood beats and bright smiles lit up the afternoon on October 16! We danced our hearts out to some killer tunes, got crafty with amazing art projects, and snapped the silliest pics in our Diwali photobooth! Huge thanks to everyone who made the afternoon one to remember! [Click here for pictures and videos!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

14 November - PTA Christmas Celebrations - Arts & Crafts - Lunchtime

21 November - Glenealy Winter Fair

2 December - Hanukkah Celebrations - Arts and Crafts - Lunchtime

5 December - Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser - 3.00 PM