

NEWSLETTER 30/01/26

Dear Families,

What an incredible few weeks it has been across the school. From our movie night in the Library to the cutting-edge labs of HKUST, children have been busy exploring, creating, and connecting.

Our Wellbeing Wednesday was a vibrant celebration of health and connection. The energy was high as Years 4–6 danced the afternoon away at their Disco, while our younger learners in Years 1–3 combined fine motor skills with fun at their Dough Disco. It was wonderful to see parents joining in for our Sing-a-long, and we are grateful to the library for highlighting books on gratitude. Between the Sunshine Drawing Club's beautiful thank-you art and the healthy snacks that fuelled our bodies, it was a great showcase of our positive school spirit. Thanks to Mr Benzie for coordinating the day.

Students in Year 2 and Year 5 recently took their learning to the next level during a visit to HKUST for STEAM Day. This hands-on experience allowed them to dive deep into Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths. Highlights included the thrill of controlling robot cars and the technical challenge of engineering the fastest paper aeroplanes. Visiting a university campus provided a fantastic glimpse into the future of innovation for our budding scientists and engineers.

Sustainability is continuing to take root in our playground! Year 3 children and our Forest School ambassadors have partnered with Camilla from Nature Makers Lab to begin replanting some outdoor spaces. The team has been busy on local nature walks, collecting seeds from native plant species. These seeds are now being nurtured in preparation for our upcoming Forest School sessions, ensuring our students play an active role in greening their own learning environment.

As mentioned at the beginning of the term, we are sadly saying farewell to Ms Robinson today, who is returning to Ireland with her family. Since joining Glenealy in 2022, Ms Robinson has been a fantastic teacher and colleague, providing our youngest students with a strong start to their educational journeys through her warmth, nurturing nature, and creativity in the classroom. We will greatly miss Ms Robinson and her family, and we wish them all the best as they embark on this exciting new chapter.

Have a great weekend!

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 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 2:

KEY DATES Term 2 - 2025/2026

- **02 February** - Home Learning Parent Forum
- **06 February** - Y1 Games Morning
 - Year 6 Pantomime performances

- PTA CNY Market Place & Y4 Bake Sale Fundraiser

- **09-11 February** - Vision Screening
- **13 February** - CNY Rotations & Celebrations
- **16-20 February** - ESF Mid-term Break
- **24 February** - Year 2 Camp 2M (All day)
- **25 February** - Year 2 Camp 2L (All day)
- **02-06 March** - Book week
- **04 March** - Y3 & Y4 Performing Arts Show - Alien Adventures
- **06 March** - Book Character Parade
- **09 March** - Year 1T Camp (till after lunch)
- **10 March** - Year 1R Camp (till after lunch)
- **12 March** - Frozen The Musical
- **20 March** - T3 ECA sign up opens
 - PTA Eid Arts & Crafts on the LPG
 - PTA Y3 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **25 March** - Y6 Exhibition
- **26 March** - MMR/HepB/HPV Vaccination Day
 - T2 reports go live
- **27 March** - End of T2: Half day
- **30 March-10 April** - Easter Break

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>

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Music Success

Congratulations to all students who have recently completed their ABRSM instrumental examinations. Special congratulations to Cheryl Poon (Y6), who achieved a Merit in Grade 5 Piano Performance, and Magnus Burns (Y4), who was also awarded a Merit in his Grade 1 Piano Performance examination.

Well done to both students on these impressive achievements.



Year 6 Pantomime Performances

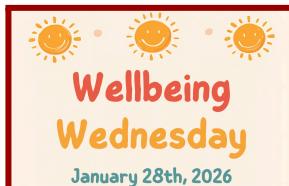
Next Friday, 6 February, our Year 6 students will present their annual Pantomimes. These performances are traditionally held during the Christmas season; however, out of respect for the victims of the Tai Po fire, we chose to postpone them to a time closer to Chinese New Year this year.

We warmly welcome Glenealy families and friends to join us in the Centre for the morning performances:

- 6F – The Ugly Duckling at 8:45am
- 6M – Hansel and Gretel at 9:30am

Following the family performances, both classes will share their pantomimes with staff and students during a special school assembly.

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY



Wellbeing Wednesday was full of joy across the school. We kicked off the morning with a lively Health Hustle in the playground, getting everyone energised for the day ahead. Y4–6 danced at our Disco, Y1–3 got creative at Dough Disco, parents joined our Sing-a-long, the library shared books on gratitude and invited students to add messages to our Gratitude Jar, and the Sunshine Drawing Club helped students express their thanks through art. Healthy snacks rounded out a day that truly nourished both body and mind.



Families can keep the spirit of Wellbeing Wednesday going at home with small moments of connection: sharing a mindful pause, taking an easy family walk, singing favourite songs, practising a calming breath, or ending the day by naming something you're grateful for. A good night's sleep also makes a big difference, helping children feel settled, energised, and ready for the day ahead. These gentle routines can bring a sense of balance and connection into everyday family life, just as we aim to nurture at Glenealy School.



NEWS FROM THE HUB

CHINESE NEW YEAR MARKETPLACE AND Y4 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER - 6 FEBRUARY 2026

Gong Xi Fa Cai! Join us for the **Year 4 Bake Sale & CNY Marketplace **next Friday, Feb 6th from 2:45 PM. Featuring: Fun games, Food stalls, calligraphy, baked goods and many more! Please bring notes in small denominations as we won't be able to accept coins. Let's make it a great afternoon!



PTA EVENTS GALLERY

- [Parent Social](#)
- [Y6 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)
- [Diwali Celebrations](#)
- [Christmas Celebrations](#)
- [Hanukkah Celebrations](#)
- [Winter Fair](#)
- [Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)