

## **NEWSLETTER 27/03/2026**

Dear Families,  
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As we approach our spring holiday, I want to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements of our students and community. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children for their outstanding work on the PYP Exhibition. This event represents the culmination of their primary school learning, and they showcased impressive knowledge, creativity, and commitment in their projects. From exploring the connection between culture and baking to the educational benefits of eSports, children engaged deeply with topics they are passionate about, presenting their findings with enthusiasm and confidence.

The PYP Exhibition truly highlights the skills and attributes fostered in the IB learner profile. Our Year 6 students have proven themselves to be inquirers, communicators, risk-takers, and principled learners. Congratulations to Year 6, you have made us all very proud indeed!

We had a fantastic time at our Eid Arts and Crafts event last week, where students created colourful decorations and let their imaginations soar. A big thank you to our wonderful PTA and parent volunteers for their support! I also want to extend thanks to our Year 3 families for their incredible contributions to last Friday's Easter-themed bake sale. It was a delightful success, and the children had a wonderful time.

You may have noticed that big things are happening in our Outdoor Classroom (formally the back car park!). Children have been enjoying working with Nature Makers Lab, hauling, shovelling, raking and pouring to create a wonderful new space to learn in the great outdoors! So far, children have built a pond, planted beautiful fruit trees, and positioned some natural outdoor furniture. There's lots more to come!

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday filled with joy and relaxation. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community.

Warm regards,

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/](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**

- **30 March - 10 April** - Easter Break
- **13 April** - Term 3 begins
- **14 April** - Term 3 ECA Sign Up Closes
- **17 April** - Parent Coffee Morning: Intro to ESF Hub
- **21 April** - Hearing Screening
  - Y6 IS Taster Day
  - Student Learning Conference (3:00 PM - 7:00 PM)

- **23 April** - Student Learning Conference (3:00 PM - 7:00 PM)
- **28 April** - Term 3 ECAs begin
- **29 April** - ESF Primary Choral Concert at QES
- **01 May** - Public Holiday (Labour Day)
- **08 May** - PTA Y2 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **14 May** - PTA Family Bingo Night
- **25 May** - Public Holiday (Buddha's Birthday)
- **29 May** - ESF Wide Transition Day
- **04 June** - Glenealy Art Walk (5:00 PM - 6:30 PM)
- **12 June** - Y1 & Y2 Dance Show  
- PTA Y1 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **19 June** - Public Holiday (Tuen Ng Festival)
- **23 June** - Y6 Graduation
- **26 June** - End of T3: half day

### SCHOOL TERMS & KEY DATES 2025/2026

Please find a copy of the School Calendar at the following links:

- **2025/2026:**  [GS Calendar 25\\_26.pdf](#)
- **2026/2027:**  [GS Calendar 26\\_27.pdf](#)

### GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for green thumbs (or those willing to get them dirty!) to help our rooftop garden flourish. We are inviting our registered volunteers to sign up for a weekly slot to support our students as they learn to grow, nurture, and harvest.

Whether you're an experienced gardener or just love being outdoors, your help makes a huge difference in maintaining our spaces and student access!

#### The Details

- When: Weekly, from 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM.
- Where: Glenealy Rooftop Garden. In the future this role may also be extended to include our Outdoor classroom
- Who: Volunteers will work with students across Years 1–6 during their lunch breaks (12.15-12.45 for Years 4-6 and 12.45-1.15 for Years 1-3)
- Start Date: Sessions will begin on Monday 20th April

#### What You'll Be Doing

You will be guiding our young gardeners through various seasonal tasks, including:

- Supporting students with watering and weeding, and recognising when not to water
- Supporting our Student Garden experts so that they can better guide their peers
- Helping to maintain and use our compost
- Cultivating seeds and transplanting young plants
- Growing fresh produce for use in the Glenealy Cafe

- Helping harvest items to be sold at our popular bake sales!

Please Note: Due to our playground rotation schedule, the students in the garden some weeks may not necessarily include your own child.

#### How to Sign Up

If you are a registered volunteer and would like to join the rota, [please sign up on this Google Form](#), detailing your preferred days.

Deadline for interest: Sunday, 12th April.

We can't wait to see our garden grow with your support!

#### **CITY NATURE CHALLENGE**

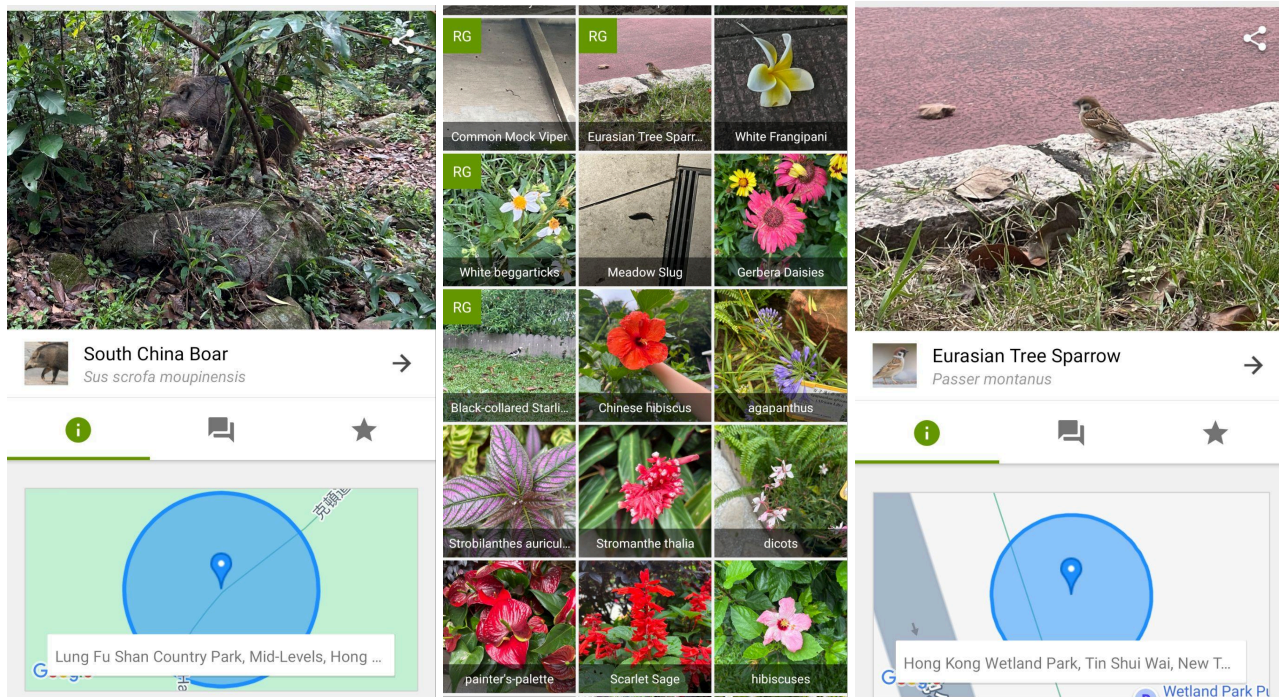
We are excited to announce the launch of the ESF Schools City Nature Challenge 2026, taking place from 17th April to 1st May. Families can prepare now by downloading the app.

The City Nature Challenge offers students a unique opportunity to become citizen scientists while learning about and appreciating Hong Kong's rich biodiversity. Observations can be made anywhere across Hong Kong, making this a truly inclusive event for all members of our school communities.

Families are encouraged to explore nature and record their findings. To participate, simply download the iNaturalist app onto your device, join the ESF project and start documenting the plants, animals, and fungi you encounter.

Last year our school made 126 observations. Let's build on our success from last year and make an even greater impact in 2026. Together, we can foster a deeper understanding of our local environment and inspire the next generation of sustainability champions.

Please find all the information you need on this [website](#) and download the app so that you will be ready for Friday 17th April.



### INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS FOR TERM 3

Places are limited and only a few spots remain. If you are interested in lessons for your child, please complete the Instrumental Enrolment for Term 3 form. I will then pass your details on to the appropriate instrumental teacher, who will contact you directly. If your child is already learning an instrument there is no need to re-enrol.

If you would like your child to learn Guitar, Piano, Violin, Drums, or Ukulele with one of our talented visiting instrumental teachers (who teach one-to-one lessons after school), please complete this [FORM](#).

### ESF CHOIR - YEAR 5

Year 5 families please see the important app message I sent yesterday with updates about attendance at the ESF Choir concert. The concert being over two nights we have decided to make this an optional event but I need to confirm attendance numbers asap. So please read the app message and respond accordingly. Your timely consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

### DISMISSAL SAFETY PROCEDURES

To ensure the safety and accountability of all students, we remind families that bypassing the established pick-up system, whether by entering through the back gate, skipping the line, or moving behind the staircase, creates significant safety risks.

There have been instances where children were collected without the class teacher noticing, resulting in students being temporarily unaccounted for. This is highly distressing for staff and families and compromises the safety of our dismissal process.

Moving against the flow of students also increases the likelihood of accidents at our small gates during peak movement times. Our procedures are designed to manage this safely and efficiently.

We ask all parents to follow staff instructions and adhere strictly to the designated routes. These procedures exist because unsafe situations and near-misses have occurred when they were not followed.

Your cooperation is essential to maintaining a safe environment for every child.



## NEWS FROM THE HUB

### PTA COMMITTEE VACANCY

We would like to share that three of our wonderful and dedicated PTA members will soon be moving to Island School. While we are excited for their new journey, this means we now have openings for new members to join our Parent-Teacher Association.

The PTA plays a vital role in strengthening the connection between families and our school, supporting events, initiatives, sharing ideas and the overall learning environment. We warmly invite parents who are interested in contributing to our school community to consider joining.

No experience needed, just enthusiasm and a few hours per month. Your involvement will make a meaningful difference to our children and the school community. If you would like to be part of the PTA, please reach out to us at [pta@gleanealy.net](mailto:pta@gleanealy.net) or speak with a member of the school office. Click here for the [PTA Committee Member Role Description](#).

Naqiyah Talib  
Glenealy PTA Chair

### Y3 BAKE SALE PICS

Last Friday, Year 3 had an amazing bake sale. We loved every minute—such fun and such great teamwork! Huge thank you to our Year 3 parents for all your hard work and support. Your dedication truly makes a difference! Here's a snap





[Click here for more pictures.](#)

## EID CELEBRATIONS

What an incredible Eid celebration we had! The joy in the air was truly special as everyone came together to share in meaningful moments and fun activities. The children were full of excitement, taking part with smiles and enthusiasm. It was truly a delightful day of community and celebration.



[Click here for more pictures.](#)

## PTA EVENTS GALLERY

[Parent Social](#)

[Winter Fair](#)

[Y6 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

[Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

[CNY Market & Y4 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

[Y3 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

[Diwali Celebrations](#)

[Christmas Celebrations](#)

[Hanukkah Celebrations](#)

[Eid Celebrations](#)

[Parent Workshop Series : Basic First Aid](#)