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Dear Families,

Building community is at the very heart of what we do. Our recent events have served as a reminder that Glenealy is not just a place of learning but a vibrant community where everyone truly belongs. These moments not only strengthen our shared spirit but also deepen the sense of pride and connection we share as a school.

**Bingo Night:** A huge, thanks to our amazing PTA, staff, and parents for putting together such a fun, memorable evening! The energy in the room was high, the pizza was tasty, and our community spirit was a "full house." Events like these remind us how wonderful it is to simply gather, laugh, and connect as friends and family.

**International Family Day Success:** Thank you to all our families who helped celebrate Family Day at Glenealy School - your energy and community spirit made the day truly special. It was a massive success from start to finish, kicking off with an upbeat, high-energy *Wake and Shake* led by our talented Year 6 dancers. This was followed by a joyful, whole-school picnic and an afternoon packed with fantastic, community-run workshops. Seeing families share their cultures and time so generously was a true reflection of our inclusive school culture.

**Year 6 "Sharing the Planet" Exhibition:** Our learning community extended into the classrooms as Year 6 welcomed parents to showcase their incredible eco-efficient building dioramas, as part of their Sharing the Planet unit. This exhibition was a wonderful opportunity for students to confidently pitch their designs while demonstrating a mature understanding of how our daily energy decisions impact both the environment and global society. We are now looking forward to our upcoming excursion to the Zero Carbon Building, where our students will see these sustainable concepts brought to life in a real-world, eco-efficient structure.

**Helper Appreciation Day:** Finally, I want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who supported our Helper Appreciation Day. We had a lovely afternoon making our home helpers feel deeply valued and appreciated. They are an integral part of our extended Glenealy family, and recognising their dedication is vital to the culture of kindness and gratitude we foster here.

Whether designing the green cities of tomorrow, sharing a picnic blanket, or celebrating the people who support our daily lives, these moments are the threads that weave our community closer together. Thank you for your continued partnership, enthusiasm, and commitment to making Glenealy School a warm, welcoming home for every student and family.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable holiday 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/](https://glenealy.esf.edu.hk/parent/school_information/school_calendar/)


Please make a note of the following events that will take place in Term 3:

## **KEY DATES Term 3 - 2025/2026**

- **25 May** - Public Holiday (Buddha's Birthday)
- **29 May** - ESF Wide Transition Day
- **04 June** - Glenealy Art Walk (5:00 PM - 6:30 PM; No ECAs due to the preparation for the art walk)
- **05 June** -Circus Experience whole school PTA event 1200-1315 PM
  - House Talent Show Final
- **12 June** - Y1 & Y2 Performing Art Show 14:00 – 14:45
  - PTA Y1 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **18 June** - Term 3 ECAs end
- **19 June** - Public Holiday (Tuen Ng Festival)
- **23 June** - Move Up Day
  - Y6 Graduation AM
- **25 June** - End of Year Reports Go Live
- **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

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

Last Friday, our school community came together for a wonderful celebration of the International Day of Families. From the high-energy "Wake and Shake" morning session to the diverse community activities in the afternoon, the vibrant Glenealy spirit was on full display!

A massive thank you goes out to our PTA and amazing parent volunteers. By running some of our afternoon workshops, you ensured our students had the chance to try something new, explore fascinating topics, or dive deeper into their passions. We couldn't have done it without you!

#### Smile for the Camera! 📷

For those families who had fun at our photo booth, you can find and download all the action shots in the folder linked [HERE](#).

### NEWS FROM OUR STUDENT LEADERS

We are proud of the hard work put in by our diverse student leadership teams, including the Student Council, Sustainability Squad, Forest School Ambassadors, Rooftop Designers, and our House and Vice Captains. Starting today, our newsletter will feature school-wide updates authored directly by some of these student leaders.

#### Student Council update

This week we have been working on making suggestion boxes. We are making our boxes using shoe boxes so that they are more sustainable. They save money and resources. The boxes will empower all children to share their thoughts and suggestions to Student Council so that we can help Glenealy be the best that it can be.

- Caleb 4Q

### House and Vice Captains update

So far, one of the house activities that we've organised is a talent show. Year groups 4-6 have already done their auditions on the 20th and 21st of May, and soon, we will be holding talent show auditions for Year groups 1-3 on the 28th and 29th of May. Then, the finalists will perform on the 5th of June during one of our assemblies. We can't wait to see what talent our houses have!

- Grace 6M

### Sustainability Squad update

Our newly formed Sustainability Squad recently held its first meeting to map out our goals for the last few weeks of term. Our focus is on reducing waste and improving our school's recycling habits.

- **Recycling Rota:** We are introducing a student rota to ensure Tetra Paks and packets are washed correctly, preventing contamination in our recycling bins.
- **Eco-Friendly Year 1 Bake Sale:** We are collaborating with the PTA to cut down on single-use plastics. We are aiming to eliminate plastic tablecloths, drink cartons, cling film, and foil.
- **Bring Your Own (BYO):** We encourage students to bring their own plates / snackboxes for treats and popcorn. We can use a measuring cup to ensure that the amount of popcorn given to each person is the same, regardless of their snackbox.

### Rooftop designers update

We have started designing a new rooftop playground for all the students. We have ideas that are safe and work well for all year groups from 1-6. We have new netting on the roof to make small, safe, ball game areas. We can use it in lots of ways like to play football, 2 square, 4 square, badminton, table tennis and netball. We are looking in magazines for exciting equipment for the rooftop. We have put the magazine in the Learning Commons so children from the Rooftop Designers group can give suggestions from their classes.

- Aila, 5S

### Forest School Ambassador update

This week we have installed wind chimes to create music. We used recycled bamboo to be more sustainable. We used a shear lash to tie all the bamboo into a tripod and tied the wind chimes to it. After that we started working on our pond, which now includes a solar power pump to filter the water so that no mosquitos stay away of our Forest School site.

- Raphael 6F



### NEWS FROM THE HUB

#### HELPER APPRECIATION DAY

Our recent Helper Appreciation event was a joyful celebration of the incredible individuals- Our Helpers/Aunties who support our families every day staying away from their own families. It was heartwarming to see everyone

enjoy the activities in such a warm and lively atmosphere from dodgeball, zumba dance, art & craft. A special thank you to our PTA members and Y6 girls for making it a memorable occasion for our helper community. Minds, bodies and tummies had a lovely afternoon at school. Apologies for those who couldn't register their helpers as we were at full capacity. In the future if we have more volunteers we could run a bigger Helper appreciation event.



[Click here for more pics.](#)

### **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Family Bingo Night at school. It was a wonderful evening filled with excitement, waiting for numbers to be called out and a strong sense of community. We are especially grateful to our PTA members, students who baked the brownies and generous sponsors for their support, which made the event and prizes possible. It was fantastic to see so many families come together and enjoy some Bingo Fun !





[Click here for more pics.](#)



### **SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 12 JUNE**

Mark your calendars, our last and final bake sale fundraiser of the year hosted by Year 1 is on Friday 12 June. Watch this space! Details to follow.

### **PTA EVENTS GALLERY**

[Winter Fair](#)

[Y6 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

[Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

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

[Y3 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

[Y2 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

[Diwali Celebrations](#)

[Christmas Celebrations](#)

[Hanukkah Celebrations](#)

[Eid Celebrations](#)

[Annual General Meeting](#)

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

[Family Bingo Night](#)

[Helper Appreciation Day](#)