

## Parent Information Sheet

Friday 31st May 2019

### House Points for LISTENING, RESPECT & MANNERS AND SPORT'S DAY for this week are...

Eagles - 224 points

Hawks - 206 points

Owls - 230 points

Falcons - 232 points

Well done Falcons- you are this week's **AND SPORT'S DAY** winners.

#### Staff Update

As you are all aware there have been a few staff changes this term with the departure of Mr Spillane. Over the last couple of months the Governors have been involved in the recruitment and selection process to find not only a new Vice Principal but also to recruit a new school secretary.

Unfortunately for us Mrs Cowan, who has been with us now for over five years is moving abroad with her family and relocating to Rotterdam. Whilst this is a very exciting new chapter in Lyn's life, for us, it is a massive loss. Lyn is more often than not the first voice or first face that families encounter when they either ring or visit the school and her warmth and welcome have been much appreciated by everyone during her time at Glenraig. As with Mr Spillane Lyn leaves big boots to fill - metaphorically speaking!

Governors have now completed the recruitment and selection process for both these posts. They are delighted to have recommended Miss Emma Finlay as the new Vice Principal of Glenraig. Miss Finlay is currently teaching in Omagh Integrated Primary School where I know she is going to be sorely missed. Miss Finlay will be taking up her post in late August, however we hope that she will be visiting school before the end of term in preparation for joining the staff team and of course to meet our current P5s who she will be teaching next year in P6.

The Governors have also recommended Mrs Donna Jackson for the post of Senior Clerical Officer. Mrs Jackson is currently employed in Loughries Integrated Primary School and we hope that she will also be joining the Glenraig family at the start of the new term but will have an opportunity to visit before the end of term and meet with Mrs Cowan in order to plan for a smooth transition.

We are all looking forward to working alongside both Miss Finlay and Mrs Jackson over the coming months and years and we hope that they will feel warmly welcomed and be very happy here in Glenraig.

The teaching structure for next year will be as follows:-

P1	Mrs Harte	P2	Mrs Brown	P3	Mrs Calwell	P4	Mrs Gough
P5	Mrs Millar	P6	Miss Finlay	P7	Mrs McChesney		
SEN Support & Additional teaching			Miss Yorke				

#### PTA News

Thank you to everyone who came along to the PTA quiz at Helen's Bay Golf Club on 17th June. It was a great evening and regardless of how their teams got on everyone had a laugh and enjoyed the craic. Thanks to the great support for the event the PTA raised £1053. This is a super figure, along with almost £90 from the Sports Day tea & coffee, and will be put to good use this week as we place an order for more ipads to make us up to a full class set.



The next event is the Summer Fair next **Friday 7th June. Having missed out on a sunny day for Sports Day we have not just our fingers but also our toes crossed for a sunny evening next week. You should have received a wee flier this week which hopefully will have tempted you to come along!** As well as a range of activities including active sports, football, drumming workshops, face painting and bouncy slide - all free of charge. There will also be entertainment from our Senior Choir followed up with more music from some of our parents including Chris Marsden, some of our Irish dancers will be performing as well as some Spanish Flamenco dancing again brought to you by some of our parents. We would love families to come along with their picnic and simply enjoy what the PTA have organised. Tea and coffee will be available.

## Sports Day

Unfortunately this year things didn't quite go as planned and the weather we had hoped for didn't arrive. However it could have been a lot worse and I know other schools who had to cancel Sports Days planned for later in the week due to the poor forecast. With such a busy and short third term we really didn't want to have to change plans and we would like to thank parents for their support and patience on Wednesday sitting through the early rain and picnicking in the hall. It didn't really create the leisurely atmosphere that we have been used to in other years but I guess living in Northern Ireland it's something we come to accept!

That all said weren't the children great? It takes more than a spot of rain to dull their enthusiasm!! Well done to everyone who took part, especially in the relay races when it was great to see the house teams competing in their year groups. To celebrate the success of the children who came first second and third in the events we will be presenting the children with medals (KS2) or certificates (KS1) in our normal assembly later in June.

## P1's First School Trip

On Tuesday the P1s headed off to Clandeboy Estate to become nature rangers! Although the sky was grey the children were ready for a fun day in the forest. Everyone was excited to meet Richard and skipped up the path to start their first activity. They enjoyed hunting for bugs, creating natural art and climbing a fallen tree. We finished the trip by eating "s'mores" around a campfire. Lorcan said, 'I loved everything about the day!'

## Visitor from Bryson House in P6

*"Also on Tuesday Rachel from Bryson House came to talk to P6. She talked to us about energy wastage, pollution and fossil fuels. She also talked to us about the different types of electricity, solar energy, wind turbines, boiler energy and making pipes in the ground for heat. It was a very interesting talk. We learnt a lot about energy and how important it is not to waste it but most importantly we all enjoyed it!"*

By Ellie Keatley and Sophie Murray.

## P3 Lead Assembly

On Thursday it was the P3s who reminded us all how we can support cocoa bean farmers by buying Fairtrade chocolate. The children did a fabulous job at presenting a range of facts about chocolate as well as highlighting some of the injustices of the supply chain resulting in some farmers being paid just 80p a day for their work on the cocoa bean farms!! Thanks to the Fairtrade organisation this injustice is being put right and farmers are being paid a fairer price for their crops allowing them to support their families and develop their business. Good news is that we can help buy simply choosing to purchase products, including chocolate with the Fairtrade logo!



## Key Stage 1 Summer Assembly

On the theme of assemblies the children in KS1 would like to invite their mums and dads along to a Summer Assembly on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am**. This is a casual event for mums and dads to come along to one of the children's assemblies. It only lasts about 20/30 minutes and we appreciate that not all of you will be able to make it. However you are more than welcome and you should be able to be out of school by 9.45am if heading in to work. It promises to be a lovely way to start the day and get us in the mood for the holidays!!

(The P1 – P4 to wear summer clothes that day!)

## Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June is a very important date in our school diary – especially for the P7s and their parents. That's the morning we bid a fond farewell to our most senior pupils and present them with their Records of Achievement.

**P7 Parents** are invited to attend the Leavers' Assembly followed by the presentation of the P7 Records of Achievement at 10.30am and then join with P7 pupils and staff for a sandwich lunch before the children leave us for the final time.

## P7 Schools

This Saturday is an important day for the P7s and their families as the children find out which post primary school they will be attending next year. It seems particularly late this year making it a very long wait for everyone involved - choices were made way back in February! We hope that all the boys and girls will be happy with their allocated schools. We are fortunate that we are surrounded by an excellent choice of schools and the schools are fortunate to be receiving such great children from Glen Craig - Our loss is definitely their gain!

## Nearly New Uniform Shop

Mrs White will have the rails out for one last time this year on Monday. If you are in need of any spares before the end of the year then you may want to browse through some of the items - they are very reasonably priced!

**Dates to put in your diary...**

**Friday 7th June**

PTA Summer Event

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

First Holy Communion at St. Colmcille's

**Tuesday 18th June**

KS1 Summer Assembly

**Tuesday 25th June**

P7 Leavers' Assembly (P7s Last Day)

**Friday 28th June**

12 NOON SCHOOL FINISHES FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS