



Parent Information Sheet
Friday 13th November 2020

Our House Points are back up and running and this week for the first time this year we have the scores on the doors...

Points for READY TO LEARN, SAFE AND RESPECTFUL for this week are...

Eagles - 305 points Hawks - 307 points Owls - 290 points Falcons - 310 points

Well done to the Red Falcons who have scored the most House Points this week. I wonder can you guys make it two in a row?

Cash for Clobber

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the Cash for Clobber collection. Who could have predicted when they set the date for the collection that it would turn out to be such a horrible day. The tent that the PTA had put the night before up for the collection ended up in the P1 playground on Wednesday morning and so we are very grateful to Nicola Bradley for organising at short notice the cattle trailer that turned out to be the perfect collection point.

The PTA want to thank you for the great response to the Cash for Clobber collection, everyone must have had a great clear out as we filled the cattle trailer full! Fundraising total to follow when we get it.

Recipe Book

Recipe Book sales are going well with over 100 copies 'sold' so far!! Please keep the orders coming in for the Friday 20th deadline. What a great Christmas gift for friends and family!!

Engagement Programme

We have been fortunate to have been allocated a small amount of money from the Department of Education to be used to support children as they transition back into school after a long period out of the classroom. It has enabled us to employ an additional teacher two days a week for fifteen weeks to be used right across the school in a flexible and varied way depending on the need of the teachers and the children in their classes. It means that we have been able to welcome to Glencraig Mr Wyatt who is an experienced teacher and will be supporting the learning in the classrooms alongside the class teacher. He may be taking a small group on an aspect of literacy or numeracy for a couple of sessions or work with an individual or small group for a number of weeks on aspects of PDMU as we have some children who have found the transition back into a long school day difficult. This is not special needs provision but simply an extra layer of support for both the teachers and pupils during this initial return phase.

We feel very lucky to have this support and the children are enjoying and responding well to Mr Wyatt's professional and child centred approach.

Remote Learning

As I write this I am touching wood!!!...Since the start of term we have worked hard to keep everyone safe and well and with everyone's help and a little luck we have not had to close any class bubbles due to positive cases of Covid-19 requiring staff and teachers to self-isolate. However, we are very aware that many schools have been in that position and it is very possible that at any time in the coming weeks we may be faced with that prospect too. Should this happen we are so much more aware and ready than we were back in March when the first lock down kicked in. My goodness we have learnt so much since then!! We feel that should a closure have to happen it would be good for parents to know in advance what to expect in terms of the continuity in teaching and learning and so this week I will be sending out a small A5 flier complied to outline how each class will respond should a bubble close. We hope that it will never be needed but we hope that it will take away any uncertainty should we find ourselves in that position.

Assembly - Anti Bullying Ambassadors

"We are the anti-bullying ambassadors. The anti-bullying ambassadors are people who try to prevent bullying in our school. If we see someone who is potentially being bullied, we will try to help. It may be that we can sort out a problem but we may also have to inform a teacher. We are trying to create a happy, friendly loving school. This week we made an assembly about bullying. We showed the different types of bullying in little plays. We talked about physical, cyber and verbal bullying. Next week it is anti-bullying week. Schools celebrate anti-bullying week to make everyone realise that bullying isn't right. The theme for this year is "United Against Bullying". We also talked about Odd Sock Day which is on Monday 16th November. Odd Sock Day starts anti-bullying week. We want to encourage people to wear odd socks to school along with their uniform. Odd socks could be stripy socks, spotty socks, fluffy socks, one could be long one could be short, one could be purple one could be black. It's your choice just any odd socks!!"



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Christmas is on its way...

To really kick off Christmas this year the Pupil Council are leading preparations for **Elf Day on Friday 4th December** in support of Alzheimer's Society. The Pupil Council are asking everyone to come dressed as an elf or wearing some elf related apparel. Donations to the chosen charity can be made in cash on 4th December by bringing along a donation to pop in the elf jars or we have set up a Just Giving Page and donations can be made online. Simply go to Just Giving and search Glenraig IPS Elf Day. The Pupil Council will be keeping you informed in the lead up to Elf Day!



To make Elf Day extra memorable the PTA are kindly organising a community Christmas tree for the front of the school. The children will be making decorations filled with messages of hope and inspiration for 2021. On Elf Day we will be switching the lights on to mark the start of the Christmas Season.

We missed bringing a theatre company into school last year because of Covid and there are no pantomimes to go to see this year so we have arranged for the Ulster Theatre Company's performance of the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk to be streamed to all the classes.

Dates to put in your diary...

Friday 4th December

Week beginning 14th December

Tuesday 22nd December

Kick starting Christmas with Elf Day in aid of Alzheimer's Society
Release of KS1 Christmas Concert
Christmas Jumper PTA Fundraiser
SCHOOL FINISHES FOR CHRISTMAS