

Parent Information Sheet
Friday 8th February 2019

House Points for LISTENING, RESPECT & MANNERS for this week are...

Eagles - 68 points

Hawks - 62 points

Owls - 73 points

Falcons - 65 points

Well done Owls! You have done it this week.

PTA Valentine Cake Sale

Building on the success of the first term the PTA have their next event on **Friday 15th February** when they will be running a **Valentine Cake Sale and coffee afternoon**. This was a very successful event last year and much enjoyed by parents who were able to browse the cakes and have a coffee before pick up time. The PTA will be setting up in the hall after lunch and will be selling tea & coffee as well as cakes and tray bakes from 1.00 - 2.00pm. (All the children finish at 2.00pm that Friday for half term). Cake boxes and further information will be going home in school bags on Monday. The PTA plan to have some spot prizes for the day so it promises to be a lot of fun, the children love to see their creations for sale!

PTA Meeting

On Monday the PTA met and were delighted that Julie McKusker one of our P4/P2 mums was elected as the new Chairperson of the PTA. Julie has been involved with the PTA for a couple of years now and has kindly agreed to take on the role in the knowledge that she will be well supported by the other committee members who work so hard to raise money for our school and provide activities to bring the community together. If you would also like to get involved then please speak to Julie or one of the other committee members and join in. It's a great way to get to know other parents if you are new to the school. It also doesn't have to be a mum or dad - grandparents are more than welcome!

Assembly - Chinese New Year

"This week Mr Spillane led our whole school assembly celebrating Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the pig. We learnt a bit about the animals that took part in the great race in China to decide which animal would come first in the Chinese zodiac. The animals were, rat, ox, dog, monkey, rooster, pig, sheep, tiger, rabbit, dragon and snake. We had representatives of each animal from their year from 2007 - 2014.

Then Mr Spillane set up a race where he brought through the animals with help from the vice captains and house captains in order. We also learnt how to say Happy New Year in chinese - Kung Hey Fat Choi!!!"

By Sarah McBrinn and Daniel Sinclair, Primary 7.

P7 Young Scientists in training!

On Tuesday we welcomed back Dr Patrick Dunlop from the Ulster University to begin a block of investigative science workshops with our P7s. The children will take part in 5 workshops learning all about how the quality of drinking water in Africa can be radically improved using innovative scientific techniques. In addition, Dr Dunlop also organises a full day visit to UUJ for our P7s as part of their shared education work with Holywood PS later in the year.

P1 Parent Workshop

We were absolutely delighted to see so many P1 parents come along to the information session run by the P1 staff this week. It was an opportunity for the teachers to share some fun teaching ideas. Mrs Brennan shared some numeracy games including Memory Match and Guess My Number. She also shared ideas on how to develop maths language through daily home routines. Mrs Harte shared some literacy ideas on phonics and reading. She modelled how P1 are learning to sound out each letter and blend the sounds together using the 'sound and say' strategy. She also shared some handwriting advice and introduced the home read books which P1 are starting next week. Thank you for taking the time to come along and engage with us so purposefully.

NI road safety quiz

A team of P7s headed off to the Schools Road Safety Quiz final on Tuesday morning accompanied by Mrs White. The team represented the school very well and came fifth out of 11 schools competing from all over Ards & North Down area. Well done to Beth, Lauren E, Fionn and Erin. When we got to the Queen's Hall in Newtownards we picked a table.

"There were eight rounds mostly consisting of road safety however one round was on general knowledge and another was name that item, which was a round in which you were shown part of an item and you had to guess it. All in all it was a good day out even if we didn't get into the top three."

By Fionn and Lauren E P7

Shared Education - Glencraig's P3s host return visit from Holywood PS!

“On Tuesday we made pictures of places like the Eiffel Tower and the London Eye. We used black markers on colourful pieces of paper. We went outside to the pitch and we played Shark Attack and Traffic Lights with our partners from Holywood. Unfortunately we didn’t get to go outside at lunch because it was so wet but we got to watch a movie in the hall instead. We practised writing our names and were challenged to see how many times we could write it in one minute. We then had to see how many star jumps, how many toe touches or faces we could draw in just one minute! It was a really great day because we love art!! It was very nice having other people from another school in our class. Oh and the movie was one of our favourites!!”

By Max, Lizzie & Aoife P3

Development Proposal

Please support the Education Authority’s proposal to establish a nursery unit in place of the current playgroup at Glencraig by responding to the current Development Proposal. The various documents can be accessed via the Education Authority website www.eani.org.uk and we have also saved a link to the consultation response document on our website. Paper copies can also be picked up from the school office.

Even the briefest of responses will be counted. You can respond by a quick email to Stephen.Martin2@eani.org.uk or use the consultation response and post it to Stephen.

Sacrament Dates

For families of those children taking part in the various sacraments this year these are the key dates that you might like to pop in your diary.

First Confession (P3): 12th March at 12.30pm

First Holy Communion: 8th June at 11am

Service of Light (P7): 9th May at 7pm

Confirmation (P7): 17th May at 6pm

Governors’ Annual Report

The Governors’ Annual Report on the 2017-2018 academic year is available from the link on the Information – Governors page of our website. www.glencraigips.co.uk

Website updates - online safety

In November we launched our Pupil Voice section of our website and since then we have been continuing to make a number of changes to our website including developing an area for online safety with;

- Hints about parent controls
- How to make screen time valuable
- Digital resilience

and some videos and activities for your to look at with your child at home about how to stay safe online and what to do if they come across something that gives them that funny feeling in their tummy.

Click on the link below to find out more.

<http://glencraigips.sites.schooljotter2.com/pupils/internet-safety>

Dates to put in your diary...

Fri. 15th February

PTA Valentine Cake Sale

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Feb

Half Term Holiday

Friday 2nd March

Family Culture Event

Week Beg, 4th March

Integrated Education Week

Wed. 13th & Thurs 14th Mar

KS2 Production of “OINK!”

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day

Monday 18th March

St. Patrick’s Day holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Wed. 3rd - Fri. 5th April

P6 Trip to Ganaway

Week Beg. 8th April

Parent Teacher Interviews

Week. Beg. 8th April

Book Week

Friday 12th April

SCHOOL FINISHES AT NOON FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS