

GLENDERMOTT NEWSLETTER



A warm welcome to all our new pupils and parents in the Nursery, and to those who have joined us further up the school. The children throughout the school have all settled very well, and are working hard in class.

We would ask that after the Halloween break, parents do not go up the main corridor to leave children at the cloakroom. We encourage independence in our kids from an early stage, and saying goodbye from the foyer is an important step - we hope you will support us in this.

Breakfast Club

It's great to see so many children using our Breakfast Club every day. We are very pleased to be able to continue to offer you half price menus right up until the end of March.



We are looking for parent volunteers to give us a hand one morning a week. If you feel you could give us an hour for the breakfast club, please let me know - we want to get as many of you active in the school as possible!

Dinner Money

It would greatly help if all dinner money for the week could be sent in on **Mondays** in the blue envelopes we have provided. Are you finding the envelopes useful? Please pop in and give us some feedback. Packs of 20 are available from the office for £1.50.

Nut Allergy

As we have a child in the school with nut allergies, you are asked not to send anything with nuts (e.g. peanut butter sandwiches) into school. Many thanks.

Weather

Autumn is here, (did it ever really leave?) so please make sure your child brings a coat to school every day.

We try to get the kids out for some fresh air and exercise every day, even when there's a very light drizzle of rain. A good hood or a cap will ensure they benefit from this important time out of the classroom.



Absence from school

If your child is absent from school, please phone us that morning, let us know the reason and we'll pass it on to the class teacher.



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After-schools Programme

This year we are keen to provide as many activities for out of school hours as we can. Our well established Breakfast Club continues to provide early drop-offs and healthy breakfasts for those families who need to be on the road early.

Karate Club on Monday and Wednesday afternoons has proved a huge hit, as has Jo Jingles with our younger pupils on Tuesday afternoons.



The Halloween Parade workshops have been extremely successful, and the props and costumes the children are making for the Derry City Council Parade are coming on a treat!

The P7 study groups on Wednesdays and Thursdays continue to be very well attended.

We hope to have our parent and child Gardening Club starting again soon, as we have a lot to do in Autumn to ensure we are ready for Spring/Summer!



Key dates
at a glance

Halloween Fancy Dress Day: Friday 28th October (£1 per child)

October 17th: Nursery class in until 1.30pm from today.

Mon 24th & Tuesday 25th Oct: Nursery, P1 & P2 parent meetings. Children in these classes go home at 1.30pm on these days.
** Please note, Jo Jingles will run from 1.00 - 1.30pm that Tuesday.*

Tues 25th - Thurs 27th Oct: Visit from our Czech link school principal and teacher.

Halloween break: Mon 31st Oct - Wed 2nd Nov inclusive

Friday 4th Nov: P5-7 Maths Fun Day with "Isak 9"

Mon 7th, Tues 8th, Wed 9th Nov P3-7 parent meetings. Children in these classes home at 2pm those days.

Mon 14th Nov: School closed for Staff Training Day

Friends of Glendermott

Our first PTA meeting went very well, and there was a great buzz about the activities we're going to do to raise funds for the school throughout this year. At a time of severe budget cuts, all schools are relying heavily on their community to raise money for much needed school equipment and resources, and we are no exception.

If you didn't make the first one, please come along to our next meeting—we need a range of skills and interests to make Glendermott Primary & Nursery School even better, and give your kids everything they deserve. I want to make a particular appeal to all the dads out there—our PTA need your support and help—it's not just for the women!

We are currently looking for people to help out in preparation for our Christmas Show. We need a large Christmas scene backdrop painted on the wall, curtains altered, props and costumes made. We had a great group helping us with costumes last year, and their work was very much appreciated. If you can help with any of these things, please pop into the office and let us know. We really need to get motoring with these things soon!

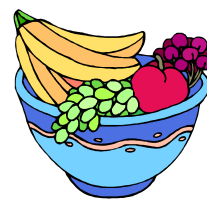
School Uniform

Please take five minutes to put your child's name on all his/her school clothes. We already have a pile of jumpers and ties in our lost property box which don't have names on them. If you're missing any of these items, please call into the office and have a look through the box. We know they're too expensive to keep replacing!



Healthy Eating

Thank you for supporting us in our Healthy Snacks policy. Just to remind you, at break time we only allow the following snacks ~



- Any fruit
- Any vegetables
- Any bread based products (pancakes, toast, plain scone, muffins, sandwiches etc) **WITHOUT** sugary spreads.
- Milk
- Water

Puppet Show



On Wednesday morning, Banyan Theatre Company will be performing "The Elves & the Shoemaker" for the children of

Glendermott. We're sure this professional show will be a lovely treat for all!

Book Fair

In early November we will soon be having our annual book fair. This is the perfect opportunity to stock up on children's books for Christmas gifts. Exact dates will follow shortly. Parent helpers are always required. If you can spare us some time, please pass your name on to the school.



PE

Making sure our children get enough exercise each week is very important to us here at Glendermott. You can help us by making sure your child has their PE kit with them every week. PE, basketball, karate, etc cannot be done in school uniform. Again, all PE kits and trainers should have names on them.