



Glynwood Community Primary School

Growing Together at Glynwood

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<u>02/02/24</u>
<u>February 2024</u>
Daisy Chain Project workshop for families - Thursday 8th February 1.15-3pm
Children's Mental Health Week - 5th - 9th February
Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 6th February
Tuesday 13th February - Years 1/2 Valentines Disco
Wednesday 14th February - Years 3/4 Valentines Disco
Thursday 15th February - Years 5/ 6 Valentines Disco
Last day in school before the half term holiday - Friday 16th February
Children return to school after the half term holiday - Monday 26th February
<u>March 2024</u>
Last day in school before the Easter holiday - Thursday 28th March
<u>April 2024</u>
Children return to school after the Easter holiday - Monday 15th April
<u>May 2024</u>
Bank holiday Monday - school closed to pupils - Monday 6th May.
Year Six SATs week - Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May.
Please do not book holidays for your Year Six child during this week.
Last day in school before the half term holiday - Friday 24th May.
<u>June 2024</u>
Children return to school after the half term holiday - Monday 3rd June.
Year Four Multiplication check - Monday 3rd June - Thursday 13th June (Children take one test at some point during this time.)
Year One Phonics Screening Check - Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June.
Occasional Day - School Closed for children - Friday 14th June
<u>July 2024</u>
Reports out to parents - Friday 12th July.
Last Day of term - Friday 19th July

Message from Mrs. Nellis:

We've had a busy week with a visit from the Local Authority looking at what Glywood offers in terms of children's **personal development**. Some of the children spoke about their experiences in terms of awareness days, charity events, trips and extra-curricular opportunities. As always, the children were very polite, enthusiastic and positive about their experiences.

We also welcomed 30 trainee teachers from **Newcastle University** on Wednesday, who participated in music sessions with our pupils. It certainly sounded like lots of fun and the children again behaved impeccably.

Next week is **Safer Internet Day**. Miss Lonsdale has been working hard this week organizing activities and presentations for the children. As parents and carers, internet safety and keeping our children safe online is one of the biggest challenges that we face. It is very easy for things to spiral out of control. It is so important that we work together to keep our children safe online and in school we have a very effective filtering system (that prevents children from accessing inappropriate material) as well as technology that carefully monitors pupils and staff's internet use.

There are things that you can put in place to **keep your child safe online at home**. Here is a link for a video that outlines some top tips. <https://spark.adobe.com/page/IMwEX3zu3wrRD/#video>

Closely linked to Safer Internet Day, is **Children's Mental Health week** that also takes place next week. Please find a flyer attached that includes information about how to support your child's mental health at home.

Valentine Disco - We will be holding our Valentine Discos again this year (please see the dates above) - tickets for the discos are available in the shop on Parentmail at £2.00 each, this will include admission, a drink and a snack. Discos will be 3.15 - 4.30pm; children should come into school on the day of disco wearing their disco clothes. Reception will be holding their own disco during the school day and more information will follow regarding this.

Collection at the end of the discos:

Y1 and Y2 - KS1 Playground

Y3 and Y4 - KS1 Playground

Y5 and Y6 - KS2 Playground

The Daisy Chain project is a charity that supports autistic and neurodivergent children, young people and adults. The project are running a parent/ carer workshop here in school on **Thursday 8th February between 1.15pm and 3pm**. This is around supporting children at home with meltdowns and shutdowns and developing a deeper understanding of autism and neurodiversity. Your child does not have to have a diagnosis in order for you to attend, which is why we are offering this workshop to all families who feel this may be useful.

With my very best wishes for a great weekend- thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Mrs. Vicky Nellis (Head Teacher)

Who to talk to if you have any concerns, questions, queries or comments:



Vicky Nellis (Head Teacher)



Simon Otterson (Deputy Head Teacher Y5/6 Lead)



Carolyn Dobbing (Home School Liaison Officer)



Esther Commons (SENDco/ KS1 Leader)



Jude Etherington (Curriculum Lead)

The above staff are also all designated safeguarding leaders or deputy leaders, so you can talk to any of them if you have a concern about a child.

Please remember that if you do have concerns about a child, you can speak to any of the adults above. If the concerns require an immediate response, then you should call the police or children's social care, where you can make referrals anonymously, if you wish. You can also call the NSPCC 0800 1111 for advice.

If you notice suspicious activity in the vicinity of the school, then please do report it via the police, or inform one of our designated safeguarding leads.

We request that whilst you are on the school site, or in the vicinity of the school, that you do not use bad language/ swear and also dress appropriately (no swimwear please).