



LET'S TALK GLAITNESS!

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Fundraising/Charity News



Children in Need

We would like to thank everyone who supported Children in Need on Friday 14th November by dressing up or by buying cakes and 'Pudsey' items. There were some fantastic outfits! We thought Mr Scott and Mr Mowat were really funny! You helped us to raise £421.71 which is great! Thank you again.



 **Bake Sales** A huge thank you to all the staff, parents and children who supported the P5A and P7A Bake Sale on 1st October. A grand total of £133.74 was raised which was split between the two classes in order to help fund new resources and trips for the children.

The Primary 7's also had a bake sale which raised £91.55 towards going on a kayaking session at the swimming pool.



We are very pleased to announce that the final total raised from the MacMillan Row was £1,076.50. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and moral support!

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2008



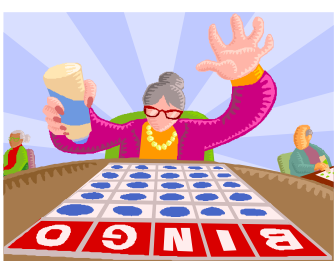
On Thursday 30th October, thanks to all your generous donations, over 90 boxes were shipped from our school to Blythswood for this year's shoebox appeal.

P7 Nethybridge Fundraising

- The Tesco Bag Packing raised £722.44.
- Thanks to everyone who attended the Party Night on Tuesday night. A total of £280.70 has been raised so far with commissions still to come.
- There will be Carol Singing on Sat 13th December at Glue's Garden Centre 12.30-1.30pm Everyone is welcome to join us. The pupils through it would be nice if everyone could wear Santa Hats and scarves.



Parent Council



Prize Bingo

The Parent Council are holding a Prize Bingo night at the school on Tuesday 2 December, eyes down at 6.30pm. Entry is £1 for adults and 50p for children.

Please come and bring your family and friends for an evening of fun, and who knows what Lady Luck will send you home with!

And to tempt you further, we will be serving a delicious assortment of home bakes for supper!

Glaithness School Tea Towels

Thank you to everyone who has bought a Glaithness School tea towel. There are still plenty in stock if you still wish to purchase one. They are £3 each and are available from the school office. If you are paying by cheque, please make sure it is made payable to Glaithness School Parent Council.



Extra Curricular Club News



FOOTBALL

Well done Glaitness United and their managers on their top place success in the league last Saturday!

Remaining session dates for block 1: 2nd December

Block 2 Dates:

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Jan, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Feb, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Mar 2009

NETBALL

Remaining session dates for block 1; 4th Dec,

Block 2 Dates:

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th January
5th, 19th, 26th February
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March
16th, 23rd April

OCTOPUSH

Remaining session dates for block 1: 2nd December

Block 2 Dates:

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Jan,
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Feb,
10th, 17th, 24th Mar 2009

BADMINTON

Remaining session dates for block 1 are;

28th November
5th December

Block 2 Dates:

9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th January
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th February
6th, 13th, 20th March



Light and Dark Story Telling Day - 31st October 2008



Staff and pupils dressed up and heard stories on the theme of light and dark. Here are some of the fabulous costumes which had been created!



Way Out West - 14 November 2008

Classes 3 and 4 joined with Scottish Opera in a performance of 'Way Out West'.

It was a really fantastic achievement, learning so many words and actions in such a short space of time and performing with such confidence and enthusiasm. Well done to everyone!



Class News

STOP PRESS: P4's Get the Scoop on Children in Need Day! Primary Four have been learning how to write newspaper reports over the last two weeks. Here some of Primary Four's roving reporters write about Children in Need day at Glaitness:



Let's Think Children in Need

On Friday 14th of November Glaitness School raised £421.71 for Children in Need. The Pupil Council and Ms Rosie helped organise the day.

Pupil Council member, Claire Rendall said "I though it was quite hard organising the day".

Glaitness School pupils and teachers dressed up for Children in Need. It cost 50p to dress up and nearly everybody dressed up. Miss Spence said "I liked all the colourful costumes, especially Mrs Scott's clown outfit." The children had great fun and the children in need will be happy too.

Leah Garriock

Pudsey Comes to Glaitness

On Friday 14th November Glaitness School raised money for Children in Need. Some pupils dressed up funny and the janitors dressed up as funny looking ladies. The pupils had a good laugh. Mrs King said "I t was a hectic day but we raised over £400. Everyone had fun."

Pupil Council made the cakes and everyone liked it. "Mmmm" they said. We could buy cakes, bandanas, badges and pens, lanyards and balloons. Everyone was tired after but the pupils had fun.

Lylah Shearer

Silly day at Glaitness

On Friday 14th November Glaitness School raised money. They raised £421.71. Pupil Council member, Cameron Fraser said "I t was okay because it was quite fun selling stuff. People were crowding round making lots of noise." The children thought the cakes were great. A lot of people dressed up. You had to pay 50p to dress up . Some boys dressed as girls, some girls dressed as boys. Leah and Claire dressed up in swimming costumes! The children had great fun that day.

Jordan Brown



P5 Hoy Trip

P5 had a very

successful and enjoyable trip to Hoy last term. The pupils had a great outdoor experience in the woods with a blindfold obstacle course, art and literature activities and some themed challenges.

They even loved the rough trip back on the boat! A big thank you to parents for organising transport.

KGS Swing Band

The whole school was treated to the fantastic sound of the KGS Swing Band at Assembly on Friday 14th November. It was a brilliant display of musicianship from the young instrumentalists. Great to see former Glaitness pupils in the band too. It was a half hour of pure inspiration for our current young players. We hope other musical ensembles from KGS will take the opportunity to perform for the primary school pupils.



Hubble, Bubble, Toil and Trouble!

5A had fun making 'Bubbling Wizards Brew' at the end of last term.



They mixed together vinegar, bicarbonate of soda, washing up liquid, food colouring and glitter to make a sparkly foaming brew!



Christmas Performance The Christmas performance this year is a nativity play called 'Are We Nearly There Yet?' It will be performed in the Glaitness School Dining Hall by the Early Years classes, supported by the school choir and orchestra.



School pupils will view the performance on Wednesday 10th December.


There will be two opportunities for everyone else to view the performance, one at 2.15 - 3.15pm and the other at 6.30 - 7.30pm on Thursday 11 December.


Entry will be by **ticket only** as fire regulations limit the numbers we can accommodate. Tickets will be sent to those who have already indicated their preferred performance. There are some spaces left for the afternoon performance, please contact the school office by 5th December for tickets. A silver collection will be taken for school funds.

Dates For Your Diary

Winter	Primary Netball League		Saturday 29 Nov & 6 Dec 2008
	Parent Council Bingo	6.30pm	Tuesday 2 December 2008
	Early Years Christmas Performance	2.15-3.15pm 6.30-7.30pm	Both performances Thursday 11 December 2008
	Christmas Parties		Friday 12 December (P1,P1A, P2 & P2's from P2/3) Tuesday 16 December (P3 & P4) Thursday 18 December (P5, P6 & P7)
	P7 Carol Singing at Glues	12.30-1.30pm	Saturday 13 December 2008
	End		Friday 19 December 2008
	Spring	Start	
	P7 Nethybridge Parents Meeting	7pm	Wednesday 7 January 2009
	P6/P7 Primary Netball Tournament		Saturday 17 January 2009
	P4 & P5 Primary Netball Tournament		Saturday 31 January 2009
	In-Service		Thursday 12/Friday 13 February 2009
	Parents Evening		Tuesday 3 March 2009
	Parents Evening		Thursday 5 March 2009
	Final Nethybridge payment due		Friday 6 March 2009
	Easter Service at St Magnus Cathedral & End Term	2pm	Friday 27 March 2009
Summer	Easter Monday		Monday 13 April 2009
	Start		Tuesday 14 April 2009
	Make A Difference Day 4 (MADD4)		Wednesday 22 April 2009
	P7 Nethybridge Trip		Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May 2009
	Mid-term break		Monday 4 May 2009
	Junior Instrumental Course		Monday 11 May 2009
	Transition Sports Day		15/20 May 2009 (TBC)
	Primary School Athletics		Thursday 28 May 2009
	Sports Day		Friday 29 May 2009
	P4/P5 Football Competition in Dounby		Monday 8 June 2009
	End		Friday 26 June 2009
Autumn Term 2009	Staff start on Monday 17 August 2009 and Pupils start on Tuesday 18 August 2009		

School Closure Procedures


Information about school closures will be available from 7.30am every morning by phoning the Council's main switchboard number on 873535


 You can also listen to Radio Orkney at 7.30 am and 12.55pm for school closure info.



If school is closed during the day, only school staff will call parents to advise of arrangements for getting pupils home.

Please don't call each other or the school unless absolutely necessary to ensure that home, mobile and school telephone lines are kept clear.

(Extra-curricular activities, ie badminton, netball, football and octopush are automatically cancelled if school is closed).

And Finally...

Firstly I must thank everyone for their support during my recent absence your kind thoughts and words really helped in my recovery. I would particularly like to thank the Senior Management Team ably led by Ms Rosie, for coping brilliantly at such short notice. The whole school team has continued to work very hard together on moving the school forward for the benefit of the children's learning experiences.

I was very pleased that the snow had postponed the P7 assembly, as I was then able to attend, and I must congratulate the Pupils and Ms Mackay on an excellent performance. I am delighted to say that the school is busy with practicing for the Christmas performances and I do hope you will be able to come along and support the children during the two performances. I would also ask that you support the bingo night being organised by the Parent Council, if you are unable to attend, please make sure you support the event by sending in a prize or home bake.

Let's hope that we don't have too many more 'bad weather days' but please remember to keep listening out for announcements on Radio Orkney should the weather forecast be poor.

Valerie Bleakley