



LET'S TALK GLAITNESS!
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 Head Teacher: Mrs Valerie Bleakley
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Fundraising/Charity News



Carol Singing

On Saturday 13th December P7 donned their Santa hats and, backed up by a few parents and members of staff, went carol singing at Glues Garden Centre. A total of £101.24 was raised towards the class's trip to Nethybridge.



Other Nethybridge News

Party Night

Thank you once again to everyone who attended the Party Night back on Tuesday 25th November. All commissions have now come in giving us a final total of £604.88 for the night!

Beetle Drive

The next event will be a Beetle Drive to take place on Wednesday 4th February at 7-9pm. Entry will be £2 per adult, £1 per child, light refreshments provided. There will be a bottle stall.

Disco

The final event will be the disco at MatchMakers for P4-P7 pupils from all schools on Thursday 12th February 7.30-9.30pm. Entry will be £3 on the door. Refreshments will be on sale.



Red Nose Day will be taking place on Friday 13 March. P5 will be organising events for the big day and we will be giving you further details in due course.



Parent Council

Glaithness Parent Council is not simply a fundraising body. They meet together regularly to share ideas, issues and good practice.

If you have any contributions to make to policies and developments at school, please contact your parent rep—you can make a difference!

The reps are happy to relay any comments to the school, good or bad. If you want us to put you in touch with your parent rep, please contact the school office.

Here are your parent reps:

Steven Russell	Pre School Parent Rep
Lynn Rendall	P1 Parent Rep
Kath Fennell	P1A Parent Rep
Charlotte Milne	P2 Parent Rep
Ruth McCurrach	P2/3 Parent Rep
Vacant	P3A Parent Rep
Gillian Brown	P4 Parent Rep
Sheena Leask/Bridget Moodie	P5 Parent Reps
Vacant	P5A Parent Rep
Linda Tait	P6B Parent Rep
Heather Scott	P6R Parent Rep
Alice Cant	P7 Parent Rep/Chair
Sarah Harcus	P7 Parent Rep/Treasurer
Karen Jackson	P7A Parent Rep



Prize Bingo

A Prize Bingo night was held at the school on Tuesday 2 December. A total of £370.40 was raised. A big thank you to everyone who attended!

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	NETBALL	BADMINTON
Block 2 Dates: 27 th January 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th February 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th March	Block 2 Dates: 22 nd , 29 th January 5 th , 19 th , 26 th February 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th March 16 th , 23 rd April	Block 2 Dates: 23 rd , 30 th January 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th February 6 th , 13 th , 20 th March

OCTOPUSH
There will be no regular octopush sessions this term as we have been unable to get our regular slot at the KGS Swimming Pool. A letter has been sent to those affected. We will be reviewing this for term 4.

 **Badminton News** 

Orkney Badminton Under-13 Singles Competition

Here are the results from the Orkney Badminton Under-13 Singles Competition held on 30th November 2008.

Boys	1st	Liam Delday (St Andrews)
	2nd	Thorfinn Miller (Glaitness)
	3rd	Andrew Reid (Glaitness)
Girls	1st	Victoria Linklater (Glaitness)
	2nd	Claire Johnstone (KGS)
	3rd	Thora Cant (Glaitness)

Congratulations to Victoria Linklater who not only won the Under-13 event but also won the Under-15 event beating much older opponents! That made it a hat-trick of wins for Victoria as she had previously won the Girls Under-12 event at the Highland Competition held in Fortrose on 15th November. Well done also to Thorfinn Miller, Andrew Reid and Thora Cant on their top three finishes.

Orkney Badminton Association Primary Boys/Girls Singles and Doubles Competition

Congratulations to all our pupils participating in the OBA Badminton on Sunday 18th January. Here are the results!

- Girls Singles - Victoria Linklater (Glaitness)
- Boys Singles - Liam Delday (St Andrews)
- Girls Plate - Ruth Clark (Glaitness)
- Boys Plate - Fergus MacIvor (Glaitness)
- Girls Doubles - Victoria Linklater (Glaitness) & Paula Bonner (St Andrews) , Runners-up - Ellen Rendall & Lillie Flett (Glaitness)
- Boys' Doubles - Andrew Reid (Glaitness) & Liam Delday (St Andrews)

 **ACTIVE KIDS**

Last year Active Schools ran an after school club for primary 3 and 4 pupils on a Tuesday afternoon. This club was very well received by the pupils who attended it. They hope to run another block of sessions for this age group during the next couple of months and are looking for volunteers to help deliver the sessions.

Once there are enough names to help with this club Active Schools will run a training session for volunteers. This will help with the delivery of a programme of activities. Active Schools will provide advice and support to enable this club to take place. If you feel you would like to see this club up and running please contact Active Schools by telephone 873535 ext 2441 or email Catherine Johnson, Active Schools Co-ordinator at catherine.johnson@orkney.gov.uk

P5 Ceilidh

The P5 Ceilidh took place on Monday 1st December and was performed to an invited audience of family and school staff. The dancing, singing, poetry, jokes and sketches were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Here are a few photos to give you a flavour of the talents displayed:



Christmas Performance

The Christmas Performance was held on Thursday 11 December. The Early Years Classes performed a Nativity play called 'Are We Nearly There Yet?' supported by the school choir and orchestra. A silver collection was done which raised £237.80 for the school fund. Here are some pictures from the performance.



Times Education is offering every school in the country the chance to increase the number of books in their library - absolutely free. The aim is to help encourage pupils to read, giving them the chance to develop their imaginations and improve their literacy skills.

The first sets of Books for Schools tokens have appeared in The Times and The Sunday Times. These will appear every day for a period of 12 weeks from January 2009. At the end of this period, we will be asked to count up the number of tokens collected, select our free books from the book catalogue and post our tokens to, together with our book order.

The more tokens each school collects, the more opportunity it has to claim hundreds of free books. You can help enlarge our school library, ensuring that the pupils have a wider range of titles to choose from - including some great modern classics. Anyone can collect tokens on the school's behalf and there is no limit to the number of books our school can order. With some titles on offer for only 10 tokens and at least one token in paper every day, it won't take long to boost our school's library resources. Glaitness School have placed token collection boxes at Tesco, Spence's Paper Shop, and in the school at the Pre-School entrance and at the main entrance.



New Homework Policy

Our new homework policy can now be found on the school website at:

www.glaitness.orkney.sch.uk/policies.html



Just a reminder that we are still collecting Nestlé box tops. Simply collect tokens from Nestlé Cereals and post them into the school collection box in either the preschool or main reception foyer. You can check out more info on the scheme by clicking on this link: <http://www.boxtops4education.co.uk/parents/default.aspx>

Dates For Your Diary

Spring	P4/P5 Primary Netball Tournament		Saturday 31 January 2009
	Beetle Drive	7-9 pm	Wednesday 4 February 2009
	Disco in Matchmakers		Thursday 12 February 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)
	P6 Hoy Trip (Group 1)		Monday 25-Wednesday 27 May 2009
	P6 Hoy Trip (Group 2)		Wednesday 27-Friday 29 May 2009
	Primary School Athletics		Thursday 28 May 2009
	Sports Day		Friday 29 May 2009
	P4/P5 Football Competition in Dounby		Monday 8 June 2009
	Summer Fair		Saturday 13 June 2009 (TBC)
	End		Friday 26 June 2009
Autumn	Start (Staff)		Monday 17 August 2009
	Start (Pupils)		Tuesday 18 August 2009
	End		Friday 9 October 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...

Our thoughts continue to be with our Head Teacher, Mrs Valerie Bleakley. We wish her well with her ongoing treatment and hope she is back with us soon. We will shortly be welcoming back Mrs Ingrid Rendall who returns on Monday 26th January after maternity leave, and who will be Acting Head Teacher until the return of Mrs Bleakley, I will be continuing as Acting Depute. Could I take this opportunity to remind parents that laser pens are extremely dangerous and are strictly forbidden in the school. Thank you for your continued co-operation and support. I wish you all the best for 2009.

Angela Rosie
Acting Head