



## **Glaitness School Parent and Carers Update, February 2023**

Welcome to another update. Following a meeting with Friends of Glaitness School and feedback from this group, we will be aiming to send out a whole school update at the beginning of each month so do look out for this. It will include key dates for the month with general reminders and information. There will be a summary list at the start of each one as below.

- School Communication Methods
- Internet Safety
- School Library Developments
- Pupil groups update
- Rights Respecting School Award
- Primary 1 enrolment
- Zones of Regulation sessions
- Dates for the month - February

### **School Communication Methods**

The Friends of Glaitness have had some enquiries about the different communication methods that we use as a school and why we use each of them. To clarify this, there will be an overview page shared with you very soon explaining the different ways we use.

### **Internet Safety**

It is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. The link below leads to some really helpful information for parents and staff alike. The internet is constantly changing. It can be really useful, but it is also essential we keep children safe when operating in the online environment. The resource below provides lots of helpful material.

[Safer Internet Day 2023 - Resources - Safer Schools \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](https://oursaferschools.co.uk)

There is also an updated school policy you can find on our website. Follow the link below.

[2023-01-Glaitness-Online-Safety-Policy.pdf \(orkney.co\)](#)

## **School Library Developments**

We are in the process of updating both our library spaces. If as a parent, you are interested or able to help in any way with this do get in touch with the school office and we shall get together to share the plans.

## **Pupil Group Updates**

There are several pupil groups now in operation at school. The Net Zero Heroes and The Rights Respecting School Group include pupils from all stages of the school.

There are also a number of P7 led community groups that are making a difference in school. They are the Junior Road Safety Officers, Drop Everything and Read, Health and Wellbeing, Charities and Pupil Ambassadors. They are all making plans, will be leading assemblies, and also sharing information with the wider school community.

It is hoped that the Pupil Ambassadors will also begin to lead a wider group of children from across the school.



## **Rights Respecting School Award**

We are well on our way towards Bronze and should have everything ready to submit for this very soon. The group have met several times already this term and have led a whole school assembly to raise awareness of rights. A questionnaire has been issued to pupils and staff and the information from this will be used to create an action plan that we will follow to take us from Bronze to Silver. Resources have been ordered which will help support pupils learn about rights. The Rights Respecting Schools group will spend time familiarising themselves with the resources in the first instance and will then share them with the rest of the school.

## **Primary 1 Registration**

Registration opens on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 9am until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm.

If your child is five years old on or between 1 March and the first day of the school term, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023, your child will start school this August.

If your child is five years old on or between Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August and the last day of February 2024, your child can start school on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023. However, you have the option to defer your child's entry to school.

From August 2023 a change in legislation means that all children who are eligible to defer as above, will automatically be able to access an additional year of funded Early Learning and Childcare.

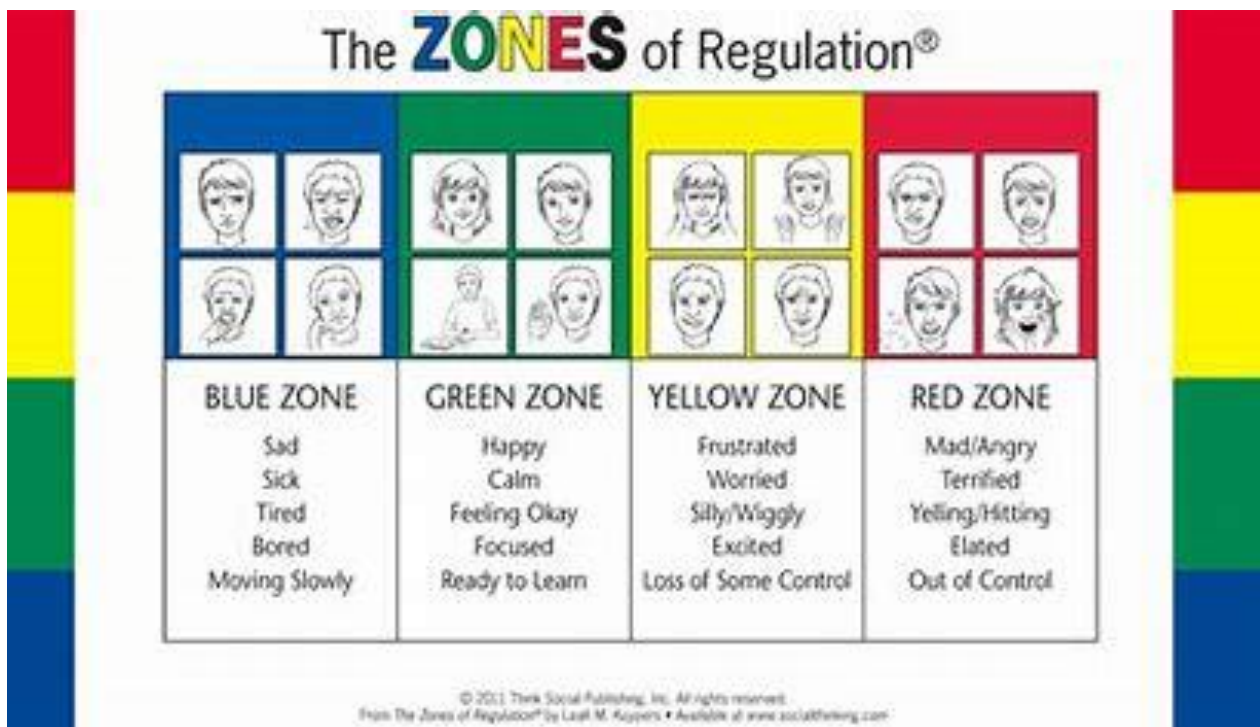
Parents who wish to enrol their child(ren) for Primary 1 are required to complete the online registration form during registration week. This can be accessed under 'schools' in the Education/Learning from the Orkney Islands Council website [www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk) where information on starting Primary 1 will also be available.

Please let the nursery know if you plan to defer your child/ren.

### Zones of Regulation Sessions

We use Zones of Regulation across the school to help support children with understanding and regulating their emotions. We have three lunchtime parent sessions available, starting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. There will be further information sent separately in relation to this. We look forward to giving an opportunity for family learning and to offer parents the chance to find out more and how this can also be used at home. Here is a link if you are interested to find out more.

[THE ZONES OF REGULATION: A SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING PATHWAY TO REGULATION - Welcome](#)



## Key February Dates

Date	Event
6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week "Let's Connect" is the theme
7 <sup>th</sup> February (Tues)	Safer Internet Day
7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> February (all Tuesdays)	Child's Plan meetings for specific pupils
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February inclusive  14 <sup>th</sup> February - Tuesday	School closed to staff and pupils  School closed to pupils - staff doing in-service training
15 <sup>th</sup> February (Wed)	Net Zero workshops for pupils
17 <sup>th</sup> February (Fri)  17 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Random Acts of Kindness Day  Primary 1 registration opens until Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb at 5pm
27 <sup>th</sup> February (Mon)  27 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Zones of Regulation session for parents from 12.30pm - 1.30pm led by Cathy Lyner.  Fairtrade Fortnight

### And finally...

Please get in touch with the school office if you have any further queries.

Kind regards

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