



Glaitness School Parent and Carers Update, March 2023

Here is the update for this month with a summary of what it covers below.

- Pupil group updates
- School library developments
- Parent communications - Expressions app.
- Uniform amnesty
- Zones of Regulation sessions
- Friends of Glaitness updates
- Dates for the month - March



Pupil Group Updates

The charities group did a presentation at assembly recently promoting some of the work they are hoping to undertake this term and next. This includes some activities for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day (Friday 17th March). Watch out for further information.

The Health and Wellbeing group have also led an assembly, promoting kindness and also creating an acrostic poem about Glaitness. They have also compiled a list of resources which will be used to create wellbeing baskets to use throughout the school. It is hoped that they will also be present at Parents Night to share more information with you.

The Rights Respecting Schools Group are continuing to lead us towards achieving a bronze award and to create a plan to work towards the next level.

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.



Don't forget to download the Groupcall Xpressions App (available on Apple iOS and Android) for free notifications from Glaitness.



We have been investigating the different ways we communicate with parents and the associated costs of different methods. It would be really good if you could download the Expressions app onto your phone as this allows us to message you and vice versa for free. Each text we send out costs 4p per parental contact so that soon adds up when sent out to all families. Sending an email is also free.

We are very conscious of reducing costs and ensuring we direct as much money to enhancing the pupils' learning.

Uniform Amnesty

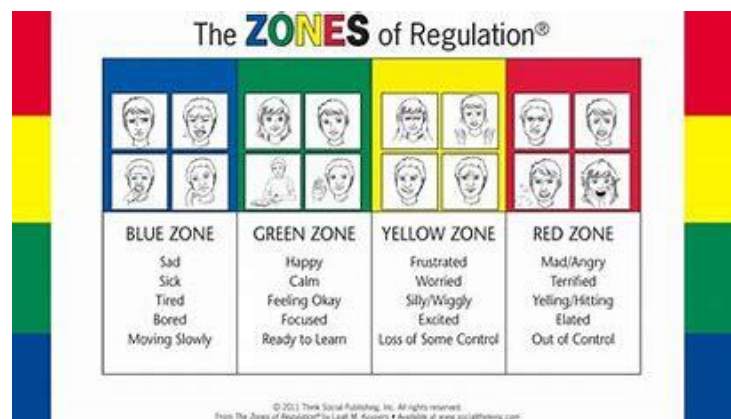
We will be having a preloved clothes rail available at Parents Evening. If you have any school uniform, you do not need please can you drop it by the school on or before then ideally.

Also, we are still very much in favour of children wearing our school uniform so please do promote this at home. It removes the pressure of having to wear expensive brand names and allows for a greater sense of school community.

Zones of Regulation Sessions

We use Zones of Regulation across the school to help support children with understanding and regulating their emotions. The next parent session will be on Monday 13th March at 12.30pm. 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. We are also hoping to share information at Parents Evening and to arrange an evening session next term.

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



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Friends of Glaitness Update

The FOGS have been working hard to raise awareness of ensuring that traffic is adhering to the 20mph zone on Picky Road at the start and end of the school day. The police have been in attendance to support this. Going 10mph less for a few hundred metres will make a huge difference if a child were to step out on the road and make little difference to your day.

The group report that the cones set out in the main car park are partially effective. Please do not park in this area as it needs to be kept clear.

Key March Dates

Date	Event
27 th Feb - 12 th March	Fairtrade Fortnight
Tuesdays - 7 th , 14 th and 28 th March	Child's Plan meetings for specific pupils
Thursday 9 th March	Art exhibition for P6/7F parents at 2.30pm
Wednesday 15 th March	Art exhibition for P6/7T parents
Tuesday 14 th and Thursday 16 th March	Parents Evenings
Thursday 16 th March	Strings Day in Shapinsay for selected P4-7 pupils
Friday 17 th March	Orkney Parasport Festival and Red Nose Day
Tues 21 st - Friday 24 th	Fluoride varnishing in school
Week of 20 th March	Walk to School Day (Details TBC)
Week beginning 27 th March	World Autism Awareness Week
Wednesday 29 th March	Easter Assembly at the East Kirk (pupils only)
Friday 31 st March	End of term

And finally...

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

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