

EDUCATION, LEISURE & HOUSING Glaitness School

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Glaitness School Parent and Carers Update, April 2023

We are delighted to welcome everyone back for the final term of the year. It has lots packed into it, so watch out for updates via Seesaw and email.

There are some photos of P3 out and about, learning about Skara Brae and other exciting things on this update too.

Here is a quick update with a summary of what it covers below.

- May holidays
- Coronation celebrations
- Scholastic book fair
- School library helpers
- Staffing updates
- Diary dates



May holidays

We have two Monday holidays coming up. These are the May Day holiday (Monday 1st May) and the additional day to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III (Monday 8th May).

Coronation Celebrations

We are hoping to have a Coronation celebration picnic on Friday 5th May. We would like the children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue for the occasion. Anything, you feel merits the occasion but is practical too.

Some classes will also create crowns and undertake other related learning.

Scholastic Book Fair

Please do come and see what books are available to purchase this week. A flyer made by the DEAR group has been sent to you all with a QR code attached. The school earns free books through orders being placed too!

School Libraries

We are looking for some parent volunteers who may be able to come in and help keep the school library areas tidy and perhaps create a display or two. Please contact the school office if you can help. Thank you.

Staffing

We presently have some staffing vacancies and impending changes. These include a clerical assistant vacancy, created when Linda Donaldson took on a new role and SfLA hours. There are two temporary and a permanent vacancy in our support team. The permanent vacancy is advertised now alongside the clerical one.

We also have interviews for the Business Manager post coming very soon, as Helen Killeen is taking a career break.

Further to this, we have Shannon Tait returning from maternity leave in the next couple of weeks and Paige Archibald going on maternity leave. Paige's P2/3 post and her hours in P6/7T (covering PT time) will be filled by Kayleigh Macnamee-Peace who is presently in Shannon's post.

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

Kind regards

Ingrid

Ingrid Rendall, Head Teacher

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Week of April 24th	*Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 1 st May	Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd May	P67T Tour Guiding Launch
Thursday 4 th May	P6/7F Tour Guiding Launch
Monday 8 th May	Holiday
Week of 15 th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Wednesday 17 th May	Nursery & Class Photo's
	Norwegian Constitution Day
	FOGS (Friends of Glaitness School) meeting at 7pm - parents welcome
Mon 29 th - Fri 2 nd June	P7 trip 1
Tues 30 th & Wed 31 st May	Bikeability Group 1
Thursday 1st June	Primary School Athletics
Monday 5 th June	Holiday
Tues 6 th & Wed 7 th June	Bikeability Group 2
Tues 6 th - Friday 9 th June	P7 trip 2
Mon 12 th & Tues 13 th June	P7 transition days to KGS
Thursday 15 th June	Sport and Wellbeing Day
Week of 21st June	Reports out to parents
Thursday 22 nd June	Back up Sport & Wellbeing Day
Tuesday 27 th June	Leavers' Assembly
Wedneday 28 th June	End of term





P3 learning outside of school.