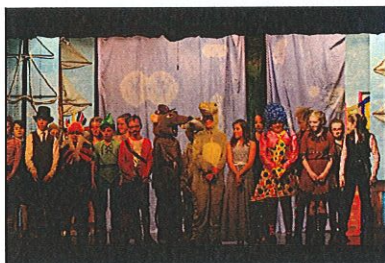




Captain Hook's Revenge!



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Carol Service

What a super joint event for Glendale Middle and Wooler First School. The collection raised £120 which will be split between Panchsheel School and Berwick Food bank. Thank you for joining us at the church and supporting us.

Poppy Appeal

Glendale Middle and Wooler First Schools raised £223.52 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. Thanks go to our collectors in Year 8 for their efforts.



Glendale Middle and Wooler First School raised a total of **£402.15** with our non-uniform day. A great deal of fun was had by all on the day.



Headteacher Headlines

On the last day of the school year 2017 it is an opportune time to both reflect on the past and look to the future. It has again been a very busy year for the School. We all said a sad farewell to Ms Borthwick as she started her well-earned retirement in November after over a decade of service to the children and families of Glendale. It has been a particularly busy autumn term as we have had two of our teachers away from school with health issues. We have been fortunate to bring in experienced teachers to cover this absence and to ensure that everything continues to run smoothly here at school for the children. Our thanks to all of the staff for pulling together so magnificently this term and to those teachers who have stepped into the breach – particularly to ensure that the Glendale Panto went ahead as usual (and it was fantastic – see more pictures and information inside). We are looking forward to having Ms Creigh back with us at the start of the new term in January and hopefully Ms Breckons and Mr Pearse a month or so after. The children have all been fantastic adjusting to changes in timetables, welcoming new teachers to our school and working really hard across the curriculum.

The year ahead looks to be full of both opportunity and challenge which, in the best Glendale tradition, we will grasp with equal enthusiasm. The turbulence linked to the reorganisation of the Alnwick schools continues to bump along and it is important to remember all of the aspects that make Glendale special. The quality of the staff; the breadth and depth of the curriculum; the fantastic trips, visits and events that make your children's learning journey special and the excellent educational facilities and caring and 'family' nature of our learning environment. Glendale is a special place and our children are fortunate to have such a great place to learn and grow right here in our community. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to everyone who has helped and supported the school over the past year. The continuing work of all staff, governors, families and the wider community makes our school a special place indeed. I hope you will enjoy looking through the pages of this bulletin and all that has been achieved by the children this term.

On behalf of everyone here at school I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

E-safety message

Many children will most likely receive phones and computer devices over the Christmas period. There are some excellent resources available to parents and carers to manage these devices with their children. You may wish to look at www.getsafeonline.org or <http://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting.html/#> both of which provide good advice for keeping children safe online.



Get Safe Online
Free expert advice

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NEWS FROM GLENDALE COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Harvest Festival

On the 13th of October, Glendale Middle School put on a celebration for harvest. The Glendale pupils brought in food to the food bank community in Berwick and Alnwick. First of all Mr Deane-Hall greeted all the parents. After that friendly greeting we sang our first hymn: 'Colours of Day.'

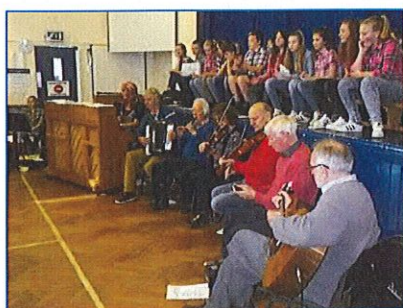
When all the pupils and parents sat down, Year 5 did their dance: Pater Cake Poker. It was very smooth and easy. After they did their dance, they asked their parents and friends to come up and do the same dance, but they had to dance with them. When all the parents were tired, they sat down and we sang our second hymn - 'Autumn Days.'

After Autumn Days, Year 6 did their dance 'The Dashing White Sergeant.' Their dance was a little more complicated but it was very good. After they did their dance, they asked their parents to come and dance with them.

After that, we sang our third hymn 'Best Gift.' Then, Year 7 did their dance 'Strip The Willow.' Our dance was very dizzy and very tiring. Once more parents were asked to dance. The final hymn was 'I Watch The Sunrise.'

Following this, the Ceilidh Band played a couple of songs which were really groovy!

To finish Year 8 did their dance 'The Riverside Jig.' Parents were happy to know that they didn't have to join in. It was a really good ending to this wonderful celebration.



Year 6 Trip to SafetyWorks!

On Tuesday 5th December 2017 Year 6 went on a fantastic trip to SafetyWorks! in Newcastle.

This trip was about our safety and the decisions we make in our life.

There were different subjects and they were: road safety, railway safety, ambulance work, fire safety and police. In road safety we were taught to cross roads without getting hurt.

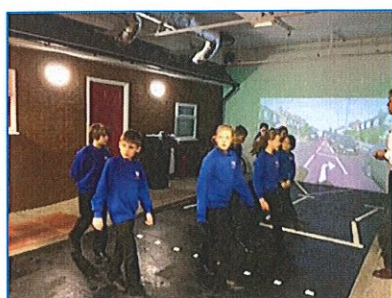
After that we did railway safety. We were told not to go on the track for any reason.

Later on in the day we did ambulance work. In the room there was a kitchen that had different hazards and we had to tell the man and he would let you go and fix them.

Next we did fire safety: you had to sit in a room and you had to look in a room and there was a red flashing light and you had to get outside and call the fire fighters.

At the end of the day we did police work. The lady told us to never get a criminal record.

It was a great trip!



Year 7 Trip – Ford & Etal

On Monday the 13th Year 7 visited Ford and Etal Estates to learn about forestry (and to get our bird box wood). We learnt all about the money made, workers needed and the machines that they use. One of the main small machines can chop down a standard tree in a matter of seconds; this amazing piece of technology believe it or not is just like all your games consoles and is specifically designed to be like this! And best of all we got to watch one work - it was amazing! The only downside to this amazing machine was its cost - £70,000! The large part cost nearly £45,000 and the small part cost nearly £30,000! The people who work here only go to each wood every 5-7 years; this process is called thinning. They originally plant thousands of trees but over the years they take out the weaker ones. Next we moved on to the sawmill (where we would receive our planks.) We saw how they cut square fence poles out of circle trees. Believe it or not each tree was only worth £18. However square poles are no longer the best kind of pole; circular poles are far more resistant and durable than square poles as they have more of the strongest part of the tree (the centre) in it. Next we received our planks, thanked our guide and got on the bus home. When we got home we placed our planks in the technology room, thanked Mr Deane-Hall and went home.



Remembrance

On the 10th November 2017 we celebrated Remembrance Day. A call from the Western Front Association had come a few weeks before hand to tell us about a WW1 letter writing competition. For this competition we had to write a letter from a person involved in WW1, whether it be a soldier, a girl in the factory, a mother, or anyone else, to a friend or family member. The winner was to be announced in our Remembrance assembly.

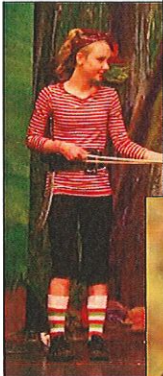
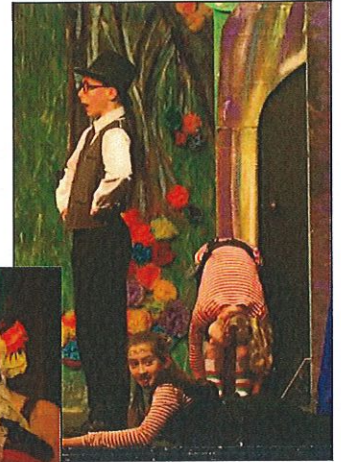
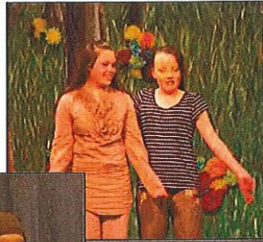
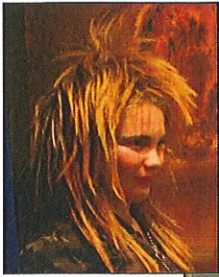
So, the day of the assembly arrived, and we had all prepared the letters. However, first, the real deal. We were actually here to remember all the brave people who fought-both home and away- to give us the future that we all are so fortunate to have. The soldiers, the people at home and the school children, who were just like us, that witnessed four horrible years of war.

We talked about the war, we watched a video about war inflicted countries in the present day, and we paid our respects by holding a two-minute silence.

We all had a great time writing a letter and I think it was a brilliant assembly and we learnt a lot.



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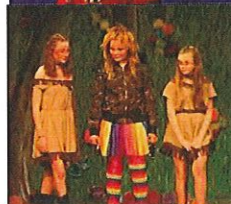


"I had one of the songs about me. I achieved more than I thought I could."

"When we did the pantomime it was great! Everyone had fun and laughed together. The atmosphere from the crowd just summed everything up to make it the best panto in the history of Glendale!"

"I liked the pantomime because I got along with more people, I got more self-confidence and I had lots of FUN"

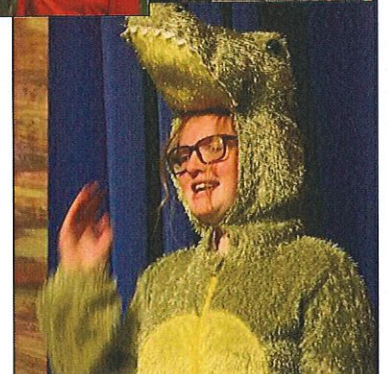
"The pantomime was a great way for me to get to know my new class. When I came on stage I thought it was my time to shine, then my underwear flashed but that was funny. In the end though it was really fun and I had a great time."



"It was really fun and I enjoyed it. I learnt not to be shy on stage."

"I love the pantomime. I was scared when it was my part, Jayleigh as well. My favourite character has got to be Dotty (played by Lewis). I loved her make-up. Thanks to all the teachers who helped make this panto the best Panto ever!"

"We loved one of the scenes that much that we did it twice!"





"A New experience; and who knows in the future some of us may be performing on the West End stage!"

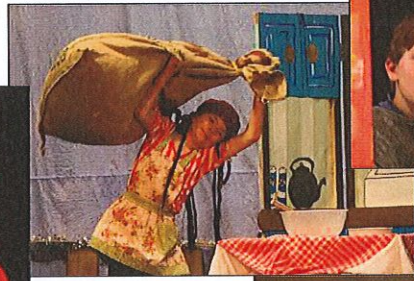
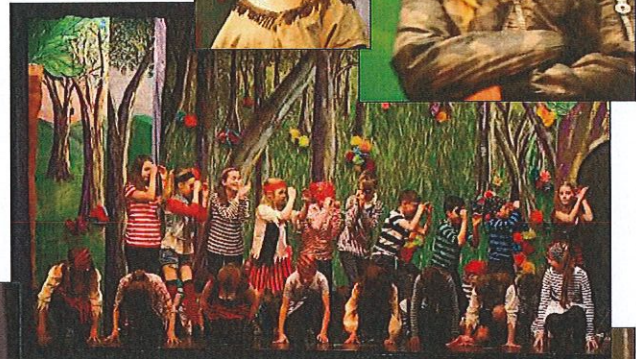
"I found my experience great fun and I interacted more and got a few laughs unexpectedly. When I told my dad who I was, he thought I was an actual slug! P.S. my name is Slug Bucket."

"Tinkle Tonkle really enjoyed it but it was stressful. It was really good in the end though".

"Splat! The cake scene was brilliant and I really enjoyed it a lot! Being the CHIEF was the best!"

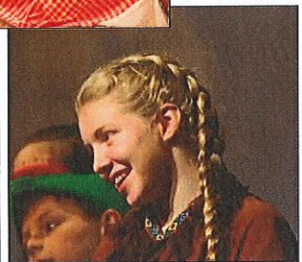
"I liked wearing my costume and it was exciting!"

"I felt excited when I heard about getting a role for the panto. It was a year 8 part. When it got closer and closer to the actual panto I started to get nervous. I really enjoyed doing it."



"Well, tick tock, tick tock, tick blooming tock. First it was very stressful but I really enjoyed it!"

"I got so confused and stressed because there was literally not a scene where I actually had a clue about what I was doing. However I had fun and luckily my character was meant to be stupid so it didn't show too much!"



"The pantomime on Wednesday night was better than on Monday night and it made me more confident."

"The smallest mistakes were always funny and we all loved the pantomime!"

What a super show – congratulations to all involved in the Glendale Panto 2017!

Glendale Sport

Area Cross Country Championships

Glendale took 40 strong team members to the Area Cross Country Championships. The weather was freezing with a very strong wind. As is tradition, Glendale athletes performed very well with numerous qualifiers for the county finals in early 2018. Well done to all runners.



Matches against Berwick Middle

Glendale took an U11 and an U13 football team to Berwick Middle School as well as Yr 7 and 8 Netball teams. All teams played well. The Yr 7 netball team lost 7-4, while the Yr 8 netball team drew 8-8 all. The junior boys lost 3- while the senior boys lost 4-1.



Matches against Tweedmouth

Glendale Middle took 4 teams to Tweedmouth: a junior and senior football team as well as Yr 7 and Yr 8 netball teams. The senior boys lost 5-0, however the juniors won 4-1. In the netball the Yr 7 girls lost 11- 8 and the Yr 8 girls once again drew 9-9.

Matches against Rothbury

Glendale took junior and senior football teams to Rothbury to play matches. The juniors continued their winning streak with a strong 4-1 performance and the seniors racked up their first win of the season with a 2-1 win.

Thank you to the staff & volunteers for teaching, coaching and organising our many sporting trips, competitions and events throughout the year. Well done to all of the children who participate so well to maintain the strong sporting tradition at Glendale.

Glendale Sport

Junior Hockey – Area Championships

Glendale took 2 teams to the U11 Area Hockey tournament at Longridge Towers. Both teams played very well. The B team finished 3rd out of 6 teams and the A team finished 2nd, narrowly losing out to Longridge A Team.

Glendale Cross Country House Competition

It was a beautiful morning for a run! The whole school was out yesterday morning for our annual inter-house cross country competition. The children have been training hard over the past weeks building stamina and aiming to reduce their times over the local course. Everyone did really well with some children taking over 3 minutes off their best time. Well done to everyone for an excellent effort and congratulations to our key stage winners.

Special thanks to our Year 8 children for their support and leadership with the Key Stage 2 event.

Senior Hockey – Area Championships

Glendale took 1 team to the U13 area Hockey tournament at Longridge Towers. They played very well, finishing second to Longridge Towers. All girls played very well.





Dates for your Diary



DATE	WHAT IS HAPPENING	NOTES
Mon, January 8	Staff Training Day	
Tues, January 9	School starts again	8.50am start
Mon, January 15	Y6 Mock SATs Week	More info to follow
Wed, January 17	Friends of Glendale meeting 6:30pm	Please join if you want to help
Mon, February 5	Year 6 Parents' Evening	TBA
Thurs, February 8	School Disco	Tickets £2.00 per pupil Family Ticket £3.00 (brothers/sisters at Glendale). Parents welcome to come and help
Fri, February 9	School closes at end of day for half term holiday	
Mon, February 19	School starts again	
Thurs, March 1	World Book Day	
Thurs, March 1	Year 7 Parent's Evening 4.15 – 7.15pm	You will be invited to make appointments with staff
Wed, March 7	Year 6 Hindu Temple visit	More information to follow
Thurs, March 15	Year 8 Reports issued	
Thurs, March 15	Year 5 Synagogue visit	More information to follow
Wed, March 21	Year 7 Mosque visit	More information to follow
Fri, March 23	Non-uniform day – Comic Relief	Donation of £1 per pupil to come to school out of uniform
Thurs, March 29	Year 6 Reports issued	
Thurs, March 29	School closes at the end of the day for Easter Holidays	
Monday, April 16	School starts again	

Uniform Reminder

Please can we remind all parents and carers of our school uniform policy. We have seen an increase in children wearing trainers to school and some children, particularly girls, have been wearing jean type trousers. Your support in maintaining our smart and suitable school uniform is appreciated - thank you.



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Our Thanks To...

Everyone involved with and connected to our school for their time, support and commitment to the children's learning and their development throughout 2017.

New Mobile Phones

If you have been lucky enough to get a new mobile phone this Christmas, please let us know your new number so that we can contact you in case of emergencies. Thank you

Absence Reminder

Please can we remind all parents and carers to contact the school office before 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the first day of absence for your child. Messages can also be left on our answering machine. Thank you.



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