



Headteacher Comments

Another busy term comes to an end at Glendale. You will read in this edition of the Bulletin all about the very many activities that have taken place this term and also about our plans for this academic year.

It was good to be able to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the school with pupils, staff and parents, past and present. We were able to host the reunion for pupils and staff who were at the school when it was a secondary school between 1953 - 1977. Over 250 attended and many memories were exchanged.

We also welcomed, for the first time, the Wooler Wheel cycling event with 450 cyclists taking part. They plan to return in October 2014.

For the first time our school canteen is supplying the lunches for the Glendale Gathering which is held at the Cheviot Centre on Mondays and Thursdays. We are very pleased to be able to support the Royal Voluntary Service and this valuable community provision.

I am delighted to be able to report that both the National Government and Northumberland County Council have listened to the plight of rural middle schools and we have been granted increased funding from April 2014 (for two years). This is great news and will allow us to continue with our wide curriculum supported by specialist teachers.

You will have read in the press about the OFSTED inspections of schools in Northumberland and the County Council. Although the County Council had some very negative comments about their lack of support for schools, I would like to reassure you that we continue to do our utmost to provide high quality education at Glendale.

It is now nine years since I came to Glendale Middle School and there have been many changes to the school and the curriculum in that time. I am very proud of all we have achieved and the progress the children have made. Glendale is a very special place and we are lucky that we have such a great team of staff who go far beyond their brief to provide the best. It is with this knowledge that I have decided it is time for me to retire. I will be finishing at the end of the summer term. Although it will be sad to leave, I am sure the school will continue to go from strength to strength. The school governors are now planning for the future. Their discussions are taking place together with the governors from Wooler First School, as Mrs Currans is also leaving. They are looking at the possibility of sharing one headteacher between the two schools which is a very exciting prospect. We will keep you informed about future plans.

In the meantime, I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and I hope that 2014 will prove to be a very successful year for us all.

Ruth Bull

Beauty & the Beast

See inside
for more
pictures



Important Notice

Due to the increase in our phone bills and in an attempt to make children more responsible, from January we will not be ringing parents if children forget equipment, homework, PE kit, etc., Obviously if a child is ill or in an emergency we will, of course, contact you.

Staff News

Mrs A Villeneuve Newies will return after Christmas following her adoption leave. We are very grateful to **Mrs K Nixon** for replacing Mrs Newies this term.

Mrs Nixon will be returning after Christmas to give support to pupils who we feel are behind their peers and need extra help in English or in Maths.

Mrs E Walsh, lunchtime supervisor, has been away following a fall. We wish her well with her recovery and look forward to her returning when she is fit again.

**SCHOOL OPENS AGAIN on
Tuesday 7th January 2014**



Harvest Festival

Glendale Middle School held a Harvest Festival on Wednesday 9th October 2013. Parents could come and have lunch, also dance. We collected cans of food which were sent to The People's Kitchen in Newcastle.

Year 5 did the Pat a Cake Polka, Year 6 did the Dashing White Sergeant, Year 7 did the Strip the Willow and Year 8 did the Riverside Jig.

After the dance (that the pupils did) they can choose a partner and do the dance again. Everyone was really hot! At the ceilidh there was a music band, they played the music for us to dance too. There were two bands, one from school and one which came all the way from Scotland.

We had to wear either a checked shirt or a plain top with dark coloured trousers. The parents enjoyed the Harvest Festival and so did we!

Olivia Wilson and Kate Renner Y6



Poppy Appeal



We raised £37.10 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year.

Thanks go to our collectors in Year 8 for their efforts.



Children in Need

We raised a total of **£140.00** with our non-uniform day. A great deal of fun was had by all on the day.

The Friends of Glendale Coffee Morning

On Saturday 12th October the Friends of Glendale held a Coffee Morning at the Glendale Hall in Wooler. There was a tombola stall, raffle and cake stall.

Many thanks to all who helped on the day and donated prizes and cakes.

A TOTAL OF £382.50 WAS RAISED.



Huge thank you to everyone. **2745 vouchers** were collected which means we can get 6 fruit trees, a grape vine and a sack of seed potatoes.

Ms A Borthwick



On 25th September pupils and staff walked to Wooler Common and enjoyed a packed lunch. A procession then took place following a Scottish piper to the Field of Hope and then there was a short service led by Canon Burston. We then had fun planting thousands of daffodil bulbs. We look forward to seeing them flower in Spring. **We raised £160.80 with a non-uniform day for the Marie Curie Appeal**



CHARITY SHOP

The **Friends of Glendale** ran a Charity Shop in Wooler High Street. It was open over a period of four days, with at least three volunteers running the enterprise.

A grand total of **£1257.60** was raised

Thanks to everyone who donated, bought or helped it was much appreciated.

Key Stage 2 Results

As you will be aware our year 6 pupils take the Standard Attainment Tests. Here are the results for this year.

Due to changes in the English SAT exam, results have to be presented differently this year.

		2013		
		National	Northumberland	Glendale
English Reading	%level 4+	86	86.9	83.9
	%level 5+	44	46.6	58.1
English Writing	%level 4+	83	85.0	90.3
	%level 5+	30	33.2	35.5
English Grammar Punctuation & Spelling	%level 4+	74	71.2	71.0
	%level 5+	47	43.8	38.7
Maths	%level 4+	85	84.8	90.3
	%level 5+	41	40.1	61.3

To calculate the English and Maths combined results, Reading, Writing and Maths results are used and to qualify pupils have to get at least level 4 in all three areas.

English + Maths	%level 4+	75	76.3	80.6
	%level 5+	21	21.8	32.3

Please note: External SATs tests in Science ceased in 2009, however we continued to test in school.

Science	%level 4+			90.6
	%level 5+			53.1

The shaded boxes show where our results are better than Northumberland and national results.

Here are the results from previous years so you can compare:

		2011			2012		
		National	Northumberland	Glendale	National	Northumberland	Glendale
English	%level 4+	81	79	97	85	86.1	93.9
	%level 5+	29	28	19	38	38.2	51.5
Maths	%level 4+	80	79	100	84	83.4	97
	%level 5+	35	32	48	39	37.1	55
Science	%level 4+	N/A	N/A	100	N/A	N/A	100
	%level 5+	N/A	N/A	59	N/A	N/A	54.5
English + Maths	%level 4+	74	71	97	80	79.3	90.9
	%level 5+			10	27	27	42.4

Congratulations must be given to staff and pupils for these results. Maths results continue to be good and the increase in level 5 results is excellent. The results for the English Reading and the new Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test were a little disappointing but are not too dissimilar to those of the rest of Northumberland and nationally, bearing in mind that at Glendale one pupil counts for 3%. Science results are pleasing and maintain the results of last year. This particular cohort did have two pupils who were not entered for the English examinations and three that were not entered for the maths examination due to their low attainment and so this affected the overall results.

One of the indicators that is used to show progress is to see whether pupils have made the expected 2 levels of progress between KS1 and KS2 results.

		2010	2011	2012	2013
English Reading	% pupils making 2 levels of progress	62	67	74	45
	% pupils making 3 levels of progress	10	26	23	39
	% pupils making expected progress or more	72	93	97	84
English Writing	% pupils making 2 levels of progress	38	52	65	55
	% pupils making 3 levels of progress	5	4	35	39
	% pupils making expected progress or more	43	56	100	94
Maths	% pupils making 2 levels of progress	72	71	63	55
	% pupils making 3 levels of progress	21	21	33	35
	% pupils making 4 levels of progress			3	0
	% pupils making expected progress or more	93	92	100	90

Pupils have made good progress over the four years (from end of KS1 to year 6) although results in English are lower than in Maths and Science. As you will realise, two of these years take place in our feeder first schools and so it is vital we work closely with them to ensure pupils learning is secure.

Overall it is very pleasing to note that our results are higher than similar schools nationally. Our Average Point Score in English Reading is 29.3 (compared to 28.5 nationally), in English Writing 28.7 (compared to 27.5 nationally) in Maths it is 30.3 (compared to 28.7 nationally).

Very well done to pupils and staff.

Key Stage 3 Results

Pupils in year 8 take Optional Standard Attainment Tests and these are the results for this year.

		2011	2012	2013
English - Reading	%level 5+	73	90	97
	%level 6+	49	61	83
English - Writing	%level 5+	70	90	86
	%level 6+	49	49	40
Maths	%level 5+	84	85	100
	%level 6+	68	76	91
Science	%level 5+	97	90	100
	%level 6+	62	78	74

The results are very pleasing in English Reading, Maths and Science all increasing their results. English writing was lower and an area for us to work on.

Pupil attainment on entry (year 4) and then on leaving (year 8) is used to evaluate the work done in schools and the expectation is that pupils will make at least two levels of progress. This can be measured in Maths and English (although not in Science as there is no data for this in year 4).

		2011	2012	2013
English	% pupils making 2 levels of progress	53	77	60
	% pupils making 3 levels of progress	26	17	20
	% pupils making expected progress or more	79	94	80
Maths	% pupils making 2 levels of progress	24	14	4
	% pupils making 3 levels of progress	35	69	64
	% pupils making 4 levels of progress	32	6	32
	% pupils making expected progress or more	91	88	100

This data indicates that the level of progress in Maths is very good but that progress in English is not as good.

This measure is not as accurate as it should be as we have 10 pupils where we have no year 4 levels as they joined the school since year 5 and so could not be included in this data.

Our Average Point Score in English Reading is 37.1(the highest ever achieved at Glendale and compared to 36 in Northumberland), in English Writing is 34.8 (compared to 35 in Northumberland) and in Maths is 41.2 (again the highest yet compared to 37.5 in Northumberland).

Very well done to staff and pupils.

School Development Plans

Each year we decide on our priorities for school improvement, this year they are:

- Sustainability of Glendale**
 Planning is taking place to ensure Glendale continues to provide high quality education for all, for years to come.
- To ensure staff keep up to date with all changes within their subjects**
 To provide high quality education it is vital that staff attend suitable training to enable them to keep up to date with their subject knowledge and methodology.
- Develop Schemes of work in all subject areas to meet the requirements of the new curriculum for Sept 2014**
 A new National Curriculum is being introduced in Sept 2014 and all subjects need updated schemes of work to ensure they meet the guidelines. Staff are planning for this.
- Maintain/improve pupil progress in all subject areas**
 Pupils should make at least 2 sublevels of progress in each year in each subject and it is important that we ensure that all our pupils do this. We are tracking our pupils progress carefully and putting intervention strategies in place where required.
- Further develop Literacy across the curriculum**
 To enable progress to improve further, it is essential we continue to develop literacy in all subjects, with particular reference to Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.
- To respond to the outcomes of the pupil and parent surveys**
 Following the surveys at the end of the summer term the following are areas we are working on: the continuation of anti-bullying strategies, staff and pupil relationships, homework, further improve the school website.
- Further develop liaison at KS2 with our feeder first schools**
- Further develop liaison at KS3 and transition with the high schools**
- Further develop community activities at Glendale to make the best use of our site**
- Continue to develop International awareness across the school**

Sponsored Walk

YEAR 6

On a cold and windy day all of Glendale Middle School went on a sponsored walk. Before we left we had a kit check not all of us had the right kit but we did well. At half past nine we left school, we went to the caravan site and we went up a steep muddy vertical hill nearly everyone fell over. The first check point was at the front of the plantation, then the second check point was at the Pin Well. The legend was if a woman dropped their hair pin in the well they would dream about their husband. Me and Archie said that "the hill looks like someone was lying down". The hill was very steep and it had gorse bushes so it was tiring to get to the top. When we looked down we could see year 5. At the top of the hill we stopped for a snack and a rest. Miss told us a story that the old Wooler Golf Course used to be on top of this hill I said "I would not want to play golf on top of a hill".

The next check point was at the start of the Duck Ponds. Mrs Simpson gave us a stamp and we set off again lucky for us the sun started to come out. When we got to the start of the Duck Ponds the boys went to the toilet. We had to go in the forest and all the boys said "We are marking out territory". We set off again. The next stop was the old carriage at the bottom of Humbleton. We stopped there because we could not go up Humbleton so we waited for year 5. When they got there we decided that year 6 (us) would go round Humbleton and year 5 would go back.

We set off again but then the sun went away and it started to get very windy and cold. It was nearly lunch time so we had to find a sheltered place to eat. After a while we found a place to eat and we started eating. Eventually we finished lunch and we started walking again, we were heading for Gainslaw. At the top of Gainslaw we met year 7 and 8, we all stopped for a bit and looked at the beautiful views it was lovely. We headed back to the carriage, we stopped for a bit and then we went back to school and we played for a little while.

Sam McWilliams Y6



Year 8

Every year all of the school go on a sponsored walk to raise money for trips (buses). It is a very fun but tiring activity. We will miss the sponsored walk as we leave next year.

Charlotte Robinson 8P



YEAR 5



The year 5 sponsored walk was 7.5 miles long. We could not walk all of the way up Humbleton Hill as the wind was too strong - so we walked around it instead.

The walk was amazing because of the views of Wooler. We passed the old Wooler Golf Course, The Pin Well and several other points of interest.

We had our picnic at The King's Chair, where we met year 6, who had just finished their picnic lunch.

Along the way a few year 5's got blisters so as we reached Wooler Common, Miss Bull allowed them to go back to school.

Altogether the walk was outstanding, and I saw views of Wooler which I had never seen before.

Harriet Robson Y5

**Sponsored Walk
has raised
£2276.70**

This is a fantastic total. Very well done to all

Year 7

On Wednesday 23rd October, the whole school took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for activity week and other school activities.

When we set off we felt very energetic. At our first stop Mrs Logan told us about the football that used to happen in Wooler. The pitch used to stretch over loads of fields and people used a blown up pig's bladder as a football.

At the top of the hill we were told about the old golf course.

After lunch we started to walk back to school. It was quite easy as it was all downhill.

At the end we were exhausted but glad we did it.

Lucas English Y7





I was the witch and will never forget the pies and Boos! Boos!
Arran Lewis 8T



In the panto I was the Clock, I just marked the passing of time for example it may seem like a couple of days since the panto but it's actually been two whole weeks!

Conrad Clarke 8P



I was Charity and I will remember feeding a carrot to the horse.

Rachel Smailes 8T



I got picked. I will never forget the humour of Egor and Eyegor. I loved doing the pantomime.

Holly Cowens 8T

I was the Beast in the panto. I will never forget it because I got to shout at people a lot!

Gordon Rae 8P



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



I was Prince Paval and I liked the round of applause at the walkdown.

James Huntly 8P



In the panto I was Igor 1 (eegor). I'll never forget when I got to pie Arron (the witch).

George Dodds 8T



I was chorus 2 so I was a couple of different people. I'll never forget making Mrs Bustle look silly after 'running down from the Cheviots'.

Natalie Price 8T



I was the merchant and I will never forget the scene where I got piled up to my eyes in teddies, cloaks, frilly knickers and loads of other weird items.

Gavin Hogg 8T



Jupiter Art Land

On the 19th September 2013 some pupils from Glendale went to Jupiter Art Land in Edinburgh. Everyone lumbered onto the mini-bus and got ready for the 2 hour journey, but the time flew by. So when we got there we all walked to 'The Classroom'. This is where we put all of our bags. We all put our ponchos on and set off looking at all the art work. We saw some big mirrors that were facing a forest. This piece was called 'The Forest' because you could see the forest and what was in it. Then we walked through a forest and saw a lot of art work like statue goblins, a big gun, a man that looked like he had fallen over and a little bridge made out of stone. Later on we saw a little passage way that led to a room full of crystals, they were beautiful. Next we saw some trees that had big rocks in them. That took 2 years to do. But overall I loved painting the crystals and putting all the sparkles on. I had a fantastic day and thank you Miss Hall for taking us.

Niamh Jones Y6



Science Festival (KS3)

On the 12th September, Years 7 and 8 were invited to Newcastle University for a day jam-packed with science. We travelled by bus to the university, where we were greeted by one of the events volunteers. They showed us to the main exhibition hall where there were all sorts of science stalls, featuring chemistry, biology, physics and engineering. Although this was very interesting, we didn't have very long to explore, as we had arrived late. Soon we were whisked away to a lecture theatre to see a demonstration all about fire. This was very exciting, with a great deal of audience participation.

Next we went and had lunch, where we were joined by St Paul's School from Alnwick. After this we went into another lecture theatre where there was a talk connecting science and super heroes! The lecturer explained how the powers of some Super Heroes could be explained by science, and he was very amusing and informative. Following this we were whisked off yet again, this time to group activities. Our activity was all about the discovery of DNA. All too soon it was time for the journey home. The day out was thoroughly educational and tremendously pleasurable.

George Dodds 8T



Youth Club

On Thursday nights after school from 7.15 – 9.00pm we have had a Youth Club for KS3, this is run by Kath Lohfink, Luke Strangeways and Fiona Gilles. During this time we play games, play table tennis and play outside. Each night usually has a theme examples of some of the themes so far are: sports night, movie night, table tennis competition and loads of other different themes. It is £2.50 each night so why not come along and have some fun!

Natalie Price 8T

KS2

I meet up with my friends on a Thursday evening. We play games, watch DVD's, chat and there is a tuck shop so we can spend our pocket money on a few sweets. We do different things every week, we do lots of fun activities, we do very interesting things.

Selena Rodrigues Y5

VISIT TO THE SCIENCE FESTIVAL (KS2)

On Tuesday 10th September Y5 & Y6 hopped happily into Glendale Middle School as the bell rang. We were off on a science trip to Newcastle College! Our visit was part of the National Science Festival. The Festival has been held all over the country in the past and this year it was Newcastle's turn.

We scrambled excitedly onto the bus. An hour of chatting later we arrived at Newcastle College, jumped off the bus and lolloped into the building. Year 5 were taken off to do a CSI-style crime investigation. Meanwhile, Year 6 made music with fruit! We attached sensors to fruit with crocodile clips and fixed the other end onto a Makey Makey circuit board. This was plugged in to a computer. Wired up like this, the fantastic fruit acted as keys for a virtual piano and we had fun making up some terrific tunes.

After a scrummy lunch we headed to the sports hall. Our mission was to find out the effect that exercise has on your body. There were a number of different exercise stations, including javelin, throwing, balancing, standing long jump and triple jump, and speed bounce. At the end we were put into teams and had to answer a quiz about exercise and how it affects your body. The lucky winners each got a special Science Festival wristband.

It was time to rush off and catch the bus, at the end of a fab day. It was a memorable experience and we learned a lot. What a great science day out!

Newcastle College

On Wednesday 20th November four pupils from year 8 top set science (Conrad Clarke, George Dodds, Harriet Renner and Joseph Carrdus), went to a science demonstration at Newcastle College. The demonstration was in theme with the health week going on at the college. However, the people running the demonstration were chemists so they added an exciting twist to health. They explained elements that we use in our bodies and are vital for our survival. To then show off each element they performed an experiment causing a chemical reaction that would usually be an explosion of a colourful flame. These flames were made with different metals that made beautiful colours when burned. My favourite colourful flame was the potassium flame that made a really good pinky-purple colour. Another cool experiment was when they filled a balloon with dry ice and it slowly got bigger because instead of the dry ice melting as you would expect, it went straight to a gas and this process is called sublimation. This trip was extremely fun and was very educational. We learned a fair bit and had fun at the same time, what could be better than that!

Conrad Clarke 8P

Hello !

Well, Youth Club is up and running! It started in September and is going really well (is it Christmas already?!) Me, Luke and Fiona are down at the youth block on a Thursday night to work with the young people, help them plan the activities and give them something positive to do on a night-time. Oh and of course, have some fun !

There are two sessions each Thursday: one for the years 5 & 6 and one for years 7 & 8. Approximately 20 young people have been attending each session every week and have been taking part in indoor and outdoor activities, depending on the weather!

There have been sports nights on the yard, quizzes, talent shows, table tennis table competitions and more! There is a Tuck Shop too and each group has a rota so that they take it in turns to have a go at being in charge of the shop.

It's been great getting to know the young people and meeting the parents. The Youth Club is a brilliant opportunity for the young people to be able to let off some steam, burn off some energy, hang out in a safe place with their friends, plan their activities and maybe try something new.

If there's anything you would like to see happen at Youth Club, or any particular skill/interest you have that you think you could run as an activity one night – do let us know via the school office.

Let's see what gets planned for 2014 !

Kath Lohfink



In English Year 6 have covered different types of writing.

Mystery

A dark mysterious creature lurked in the deep fog. It was following me like a shadow does. Fortunately there was a big enough tree for me to silently hide behind. I crouched and peered round the tree, at last I caught a glimpse of a small girl not much younger than me with huge eyes and smooth ebony skin. I had never seen a girl like this, I started to walk slowly towards her.

When I felt confident I tossed a pebble to see her reaction; scared and didn't know what to do. She started to mumble then move and finally talk "H-He-Hello" she said quietly. I started to think she wasn't a demon after all, suddenly before I could talk a gun shot and crows flew above our heads. Then we could hear faint crunches of fallen leaves leading towards us.

Without a mistake it was a mighty, strong maybe hungry "hunter!" we said simultaneously. We both ran as fast, but steadily trying not to fall over as we could. Helen was much, much faster than me I was about to call help when I walked into a sign that said "Beware of hunters!" I felt so stupid but frightened at the same time.

I was knocked out and when I woke up ... I was in a small cave with Helen sitting beside me ... Somehow I sensed that I was no longer endangered to the hunter, I was wrong. The demonic hunter was still lurking above our hidden hideout.

I felt a slight ache in my arm, an unknown force was telling me to look at it, I moved my head to see a black infected scab. At first I almost fainted but I realised Helen was gone. "Hmm?" I thought to myself "maybe she returned to her home planet".

Suddenly a scream that sounded like a girl calling "Craig!" came from above the cave. A bat flew over my head, another then another! Mysteriously there were hundreds of bats flying over my head forming a gateway that led elsewhere. Soon I began to think this amazing thing was Helen's home planet (inside the portals).

Craig sprinted to find Helen, he saw her lying on the floor with the hunter nowhere to be seen. A flame no bigger than a pin dripped on my forehead I looked up where the hunter was starting to light a fire. This phenomenal forest would be put to flames in minutes.

I helped Helen get up and carried her to the cave. I put her down and she got up and said "Thanks" before you knew it she was gone. I had to possibly restore the forests life (put out the flames). Amazingly there was a big enough stone for me to pick up and throw at the hunter. So I picked it up, and launched it at the hunter, about three seconds later I heard a SPLAT! and closed my eyes in disgust. I began to walk home and forget about this. "It never happened" I said to myself.

George Niles Y6

Biography of Charles Dickens

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be one of the world's most famous authors? Charles Dickens was this!

Charles John Huffam Dickens was born on the 7th February 1812 in Portsea (new Portsmouth). His parents were Elizabeth Dickens and John Dickens (a pay clerk in the Navy Office). He was second of eight children.

In 1816 he moved to Kent for a good education, although he moved back to London in 1822. As his father went to prison for not paying his debts, he had to go to a blacking factory where they handled shoe polish.

When his father was released, he finished his education at a school run by William Giles and became an office worker at the age of 15.

In 1832 he worked as a reporter for a London newspaper. During the following years he did sketching for newspapers. In 1836 he released his first book; Sketching for Boz.

Later that year charming Charles got married to Catherine Hogarth. In 1837 Charles Dickens Jr was born, named after his father.

In 1838 he released Oliver Twist. It sold very well but some didn't; Nicholas Nickleby and Barnaby Rudge are some examples.

In 1842 Charles went to America to do a four month lecture. In 1844 Francis Dickens was born. Later on in 1845 Alfred was born.

Sadly, in 1851 his father, John, died. Charles, now extremely sad, wrote several books in this decade.

In 1858 he got divorced.

In 1859 he published one of his most famous books: A Tale of Two Cities. In 1861 he published another of his famous stories, Great Expectations. It was based on his life.

Later that decade, in 1865 something terrible happened. The train that Charles travelled in went off the track. Luckily Charles survived, although others weren't so fortunate.

On June 9th 1870 Charles died from a stroke. His last words were "Be natural my children, for the writer that is natural has fulfilled the rules of art". He was buried in Westminster Abbey. He will always be remembered.

Shoes for Africa

Following an appeal by the 1st Whittingham BP Scouts, we collected a number of bags and boxes of shoes. Over 500 pairs were collected by the scouts and these were taken out to Lesotho.

A batch of shoes was sent out last month and these



Many thanks to all of you who donated to this very worthy cause.

School Council

This term the school council met several times to discuss how things in school are progressing and to discuss fund raising ideas for Children in Need. The feedback was very positive with school dinners and Wednesday Enrichment getting rave reviews.

Class	Reps	
5	Eve Cowens Kate Henderson	Jay Malthouse Tom Hume
6	Caitlin Brown Niamh Jones	Cole Harris Kieron Redpath
7	Lottie Hume Rosie Purves	Brodie Purves Leon Buckham
8	Harriet Renner Jordan Hedgecock	Gordon Rae James Huntly

Chairperson	Gordon Rae
Vice Chairperson	Jordan Hedgecock
Secretary	Harriet Renner

NETBALL AT SEAHOUSES

On Tuesday 1st October Y7/8 went to Seahouses to play Netball after school. It was very cold and windy day which made it very hard to shoot. Lottie Hume hurt her finger so she couldn't play.

The scores for year 8 were 6:2 to Glendale. It was a good game and everybody enjoyed it!

Kyra Caldwell 8P

Football

On Tuesday 22nd October Y5, 6, 7 & 8 travelled to Seahouses to play football against Seahouses. Glendale Middle School set off to Seahouses to play football. Once we arrived we all got told the line-up. We then saw our opponents training. The referee blew the whistle and the game was underway, the first goal was scored by Seahouses. That made us more determined, we then scored just before half time when Thomas Grey with a lovely ball and a sliding effort from Cole Harris, the score is now 1-1 after half time there were no substitutes. The second half was off, Seahouses pulled in front and the final score was 4-1. We all played very well and gave Seahouses a round of applause.

Cole Harris Y6 and William McArdle Y7

Hockey at Longridge

On the 6th November all the girls from KS2 (Y5/Y6) were invited to play hockey at Longridge Towers School near Berwick. We all climbed on the bus and travelled there. When we go there we hung our coats up in the changing rooms and met the Longridge PE teacher Mrs Sharp. Firstly we did a few skills that might be used in a game such as Indian dribbling. We all had a great time and it was a great success. The best bit was getting a free Kitkat and juice! NO the hockey was. It was a great experience mixing with Longridge pupils! Thank you to Mrs Thompson for taking us there!

Caitlin Brown and Georgia Moore Y6

Football against Rothbury

On Tuesday 22nd, Rothbury brought their junior team up against Glendale at Glendale. Rothbury won 2 – 1 but it was a good game. Their goal keeper was shouting KEEPERS every time the ball came to the goal. Liam Nesbit scored in the top corner from the edge of the box. Glendale thought Rothbury's first goal was offside but it wasn't and then they scored again.

Thomas Grey Y5

Area Hockey Match at Berwick

On 22nd November 2013 year 6 took part in an Area Hockey match at Berwick Middle School. When we arrived we took off our trackies and were the only people who started to warm up, we did lunges and reverse sticks. The A team played Tweedmouth first and won 1 – 0. After a 5 minute match the B team played St Mary's Middle School and drew 0 – 0. After that the A team played Longridge and drew 0 – 0. The B team did extremely well and beat Berwick 2 – 0. The next A team match started great but started to go down-hill as the team captain Kate Renner, who deserves a special mention as she got a nervous A team playing brilliantly despite her injury, cut her knee! The other team captain Lauren Shepherd deserves a special mention as they were playing very good and rough teams!

Olivia English and Ruby Wyld Y6

Area Cross Country

On the 4th of December Glendale took over 40 pupils to the Area Cross Country Championships at Druridge Bay. All runners performed well and among them were some stand out performances. In the girls U11 race Ellie Henderson, Harriet Robson and Jessica Malthouse claimed gold, silver and bronze honours respectively.

In the U12 boys, Nathan Crombie and Cole Harris both progressed to the county finals held after New Year; finishing 3rd and 9th. In the U12 girls Ruby Wyld and Lottie Hume also qualified for the next round finishing 2nd and 7th.

Well done to all runners.

Mr Pickup

Bikeability Results 2013

Level 1

Niamh Shiels
Kiera Gardner
Kate Henderson
Sarah Moulding
Ellie Henderson
Daniel McGlyn
Selena Rodrigues
Sophie White

Archie Allan
Thomas Grey
Eve Cowens
Josh Matthewson
Eloise Hedgecock
Jessica Westland
Jonah Wood
Brandon Snowdon

Level 2

Charles Redpath
Harriet Robson
Jay Malthouse
Antje Hall
Lee Armstrong

Thomas Hume
George Balmbro
Mikolaj Tomaszewski
Brooke McFarlane
James Matthewson

Well done to all of year 5

Area Hockey Y5 & Y6

On Friday after an early lunch, we set off for the bus to play a hockey match. There were only girls because it was an only girl's hockey match.

When we got there we played 5 matches out of 6 teams.

The year 5 team came 4th whilst the year 6 team came 4th. Year 5 scored 4 goals altogether, the goals were scored by Jessica, Antje, Ellie and Brooke.

Ellie Henderson & Harriet Robson Y5

AREA HOCKEY Y7 & Y8

On Wednesday 27th November year 7 and 8 girls went to Berwick Academy to play a hockey tournament. First, we had to get accustomed to the 'astroturf'! The schools that were there were Longridge, Belford, Berwick and Tweedmouth. The year 7 team won one, lost 2 and drew 1. The year 8 team lost everything but played well. At the end we got juice and a kitkat each, and overall it was a

SPORT

Pupil's Card Is A Winner

William McDougall (year 7) has won a competition that sees his Christmas card design being sent to 10 Downing Street.

Following all pupils designing their cards this year, a selection were entered into the competition organised by Anne-Marie Trevelyan, Conservative parliamentary candidate for Berwick.

William beat hundreds of other entries from throughout Northumberland to win the competition. Anne Marie Trevelyan attended our assembly on Wednesday 4th December and presented William with copies of his card and also £50 of Argos vouchers, she also asked William to sign the card which was then sent to the Prime Minister.

Over 1000 copies of William's penguin themed card will be sent out to hundreds of individuals across Northumberland.

Anne-Marie said: "I thoroughly enjoyed receiving the entrants. William's creativity and use of colour stood out and brought a smile to my face when I saw it".



Primary Maths Challenge

Gold Lily May Dodds Y6, James Matthewson Y5

Silver Silas Lloyd Y6, Kate Renner Y6, Antje Hall Y5, George Balmbro Y5, Jay Malthouse Y5, Eve Cowens Y5

Bronze Megan Spours Y6, Ellie Henderson Y5

Those who took the challenge –

Year 6 – Lauren Shepherd, Archie Herdman, Olivia English, Haylie Carter, Niamh Jones,

Shoe Box Appeal

Every year at Glendale we have a Shoe Box Appeal. Some of the pupils decided to put together a shoe box – it is where you wrap a shoe box and put some toys and things in and a small donation of £2.50 for the less fortunate around the world. Mrs Thompson lead an assembly on it, we watched a small clip of the less fortunate and explained how some children would just appreciate the colourful wrapping paper never mind the bits and bobs inside.

Haylie Carter Y6

Vocal Weekend

We went to Ridley Hall on a weekend away to improve our voices' performance. We did all sorts of warm-ups to help us get started each morning and then we learnt to harmonize, sing and work with 12 other children which was quite a good experience.

The meals there were delicious, we enjoyed them. We were also assigned rooms (we got to choose who you could be with) and they were much more modern than you would expect, we had our own desks, wardrobes and space and the beds were comfortable as well. Overall we loved it so much and we would recommend it for 8+, you don't have to be experienced or anything, it's just something to enjoy!

Charlotte Robinson & Harriet Renner 8P

Sports Leaders

The Sports Leaders are a group of year 8 pupils who lead clubs and run activities for other pupils in the school. In year 7 a group of pupils were chosen to do Sports Leader training with Mr Hodgson, we all passed and became Sports Leaders. We all now lead clubs, some of the clubs are netball, active students and football.

The Sports Leaders are:

Jack Balmbro
Conrad Clarke
George Dodds
Arran Lewis
Ross Edwards
Jordan Hedgecock
James Huntly
Ellie McReavy
Abby Gair
Natalie Price
Harriet Renner
James Huntly 8P

SENIOR FOOTBALL

During the first half of this term, the school's senior football team was challenged to a football match by Rothbury Middle School. It was a home fixture, taking place on the school field. We kicked off. Both teams were quite evenly matched, but it was Glendale who were ahead at half time. The score 2 – 1. However, after the restart, Rothbury scored two quick goals, taking the score to 2 – 3. Glendale were playing well, but their forward play was disjointed and chances were few and far between. Then, as if from nowhere, Gavin Hogg walloped the ball from right outside the penalty box into the bottom left hand corner of the net! Before we knew it, another goal was scored, this time direct from a free-kick. Glendale hung on for the rest of the match, and won their first match against Rothbury for what seems like years. The score: a well-deserved 4 – 3 to Glendale!

George Dodds 8T

Rugby Festival (Tag Year 7 & 8)

This term Glendale held a rural schools KS3 Tag Rugby Festival with Rothbury Middle and Belford Middle also participating. All teams had a great afternoon and Glendale capped it off by winning both the Year 7 and Year 8 competitions.

On the 29th November Glendale took a year 5 and year 6 team to Berwick Middle to compete in the Area Boys Tag Rugby Festival. Both teams played well however year 5 played some great rugby and remained undefeated throughout the whole tournament being captained superbly by Harriet Robson

Mr Pickup

ANTI-BULLYING

From the 18th to the 22nd of November was Anti-Bullying Week. On Monday, the Buddies read out poems about bullying and we talked about the activities the whole school were going to take part in. We had to draw posters, write poems, complete comprehension tasks, and act out small scenarios, based on bullying. On Friday, the winners were announced in assembly and they won a small packet of sweets.

Gordon Rae 8P



Dates for your Diary



Date	What is happening	Notes
6 th January	Staff Training Day	
7 th January	School starts again	
22 nd January	Friends of Glendale Meeting 6.30pm	Please come along and share thoughts about the school
5 th February	Year 6 Parent's Evening 5 – 8pm	You will be invited to make appointments with staff
14 th February	School Disco – 7 – 9pm	Tickets £2.00 per pupil Family Ticket £3.00 (brothers/sisters at Glendale). Parents welcome to come and help
14 th February	School closes at end of day for half term holiday	
24 th February	School starts again	
26 th February	Year 7 Parent's Evening – 5 – 8pm	You will be invited to make appointments with staff
3 rd March	Full Governors Meeting – 5.30pm	
13 th March	Year 8 Reports issued	
14 th March	Non-uniform day – Sport Relief	Donation of £1 per pupil to come to school out of uniform
27 th March	Year 6 Reports issued	
28 th March	School Disco – 7 – 9pm	Tickets £2.00 per pupil Family Ticket £3.00 (brothers/sisters at Glendale). Parents welcome to come and help.
4 th April	Swimming Gala – 10.35am – 12.35pm School closes at the end of the day for Easter Holidays	
22 nd April	School starts again	

Heritage High Jinx hits Glendale Middle School

Fake war wounds, excavating coprolites (fake poo!) mummifying oranges, cave painting and decorating roman mosaic biscuits were a few of the fun activities pupils enjoyed at Glendale Middle School's Heritage Open Day.

Pupils and staff from Glendale Middle School, Wooler along with Northumberland National Park Archaeologists and representatives from various local history societies including Homildon Hill Battlefield Community Project, joined together to celebrate the 611th anniversary of the Battle of Homildon (Humbleton Hill) on Saturday 14th September.

This heritage day was also used to unveil a large painted wall hanging, created by the pupils in the style of the Bayeux Tapestry, which told the gory story of this famous battle where the English archers routed the Scots. This art work was created during a project where the pupils worked with the Northumberland National Parks Authority and various local history groups to learn more about this battle. Pupils participated in field trips and geo-caching activities exploring the battle site in more detail, bringing the events of the battle to life.



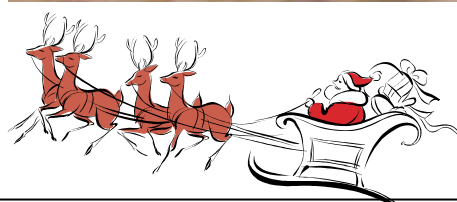
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Also, thanks to Farm to Freeze for their donation of hearts and lungs to the Science Department

If we have forgotten anyone, we apologise and you will get a mention next time



Year 7 Birdboxes



Year 6 Tie & Dye



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