



Goldilocks and the Three Bears

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Reminder

Please can you make sure that we have your up to date contact telephone numbers.

Headteacher Headlines

It has been a super first term here at school and as you will read in this bulletin the school has been as busy as ever. I hope you enjoy reading about what the children have been up to as much as they enjoyed doing it. Particular highlights this term have been: the Harvest Ceilidh, competitive and friendly sporting events (where Glendale has again performed 'above its weight' against larger schools), the marking of Armistice Day and the centenary of the start of WW1, the whole school sponsored walk, Steel Pan drumming for Year 7 (who put on a cracking performance for us), the thoughtfulness of the children during our recent anti-bullying week and of course the annual Christmas specular which is the Glendale Panto. All of these things enhance the wider learning and development of the children and happen alongside their learning across the curriculum each day. Our thanks go to all of the staff, volunteers, families and children whose effort and determination make our school such a great place to learn and work.

Your children may have told you about our 'Snack & Chat' sessions in school that have started over the past few weeks. Every other week 6 children from across the school meet with Miss Borthwick and I to share their thoughts regarding the school, their learning, behaviour and safety. Miss Borthwick and I also look at the children's work giving them (and their teachers) feedback. Every child will engage in a Snack & Chat session during their time at Glendale and I would hope that they discuss this experience with you at home.

For the start of the New Year in January there is one particular change for families to note. From next term onwards the children will be expected to write using only black pen, we will also be working with the children to further improve the presentation of their work and insist upon joined handwriting as appropriate.

Finally, it is good to share with you the work of the school's governing body alongside that of the First School. Both governing bodies have agreed to pursue a joint governance structure for the schools giving a strong single voice for the education in our community.

On behalf of the school, staff, governors, volunteers and children I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

M.Deane-Hall

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SCHOOL OPENS AGAIN on Tuesday 6th January 2015



We raised a total of £164.60 which was shared between Children in Need and JDRF.



Harvest Festival

On Thursday 9th October 2014 Glendale Community Middle School had a Harvest Festival. All of the children brought food to give to the People's Kitchen in Newcastle. The people we give the food to cook it up into hot meals at lunchtime then homeless people can come and get food to eat. The first dance was year fives it was called the Pat-a-Cake-Polka. The year fives were nervous because it was their first dance at Glendale. They had to dance with a girl. Some year six boys had to dance with year fives; why are there so many girls? After the adults had to have a go at the dance, I think they were a bit embarrassed.

Soon after the year sixes had to perform their dance, it was called The Dashing White Sargent, the dance is very fun to do. Again some boys from year five had to join in. When it was the adults turn George picked my mum, she wasn't very good at the dance (she had no idea of what to do) I just sniggered to myself.

Soon year seven performed their dance it was called Strip the Willow, this dance looked quite easy because all you did was spin around. While the dance was going on my sister and Sarah Larmour came off the stage to play a piano duet. It turned out very well.

Now it was time for the year eight dance, The River Side Jig, this dance is very hard and extremely dangerous, luckily nobody got hurt. Because this dance is dangerous the adults weren't allowed to join in. After this dance the Head Master Mr Deane-Hall gave a little speech. If you were lucky you were allowed to go home early.

Tom Hume Y6



Primary Maths Challenge

Gold Ellie Henderson Y6, Ava Wild Y5

Silver Ellie Turner Y6, Annabelle Turner Y5

Bronze James Matthewson Y6, Mia McLintic Y5, Koen Ross Y5, Frances Maxwell Y5

Those who took the challenge –

Year 6 – Brooke McFarlane, Tom Hume, Thomas Grey, Daniel McGlyn, Harriet Robson, Jay Malthouse

Year 5 – Ethan Herron, Zoe Lindsay, Joshua

LEGO CLUB

Lego Club is excellent it gives you an opportunity to make new friends, to make anything you want and meet up with your friends. When you come in you are always greeted with a warm welcome and get signed in. It is perfectly free to come in Mrs Thompson Mondays. It lets your imagination go free and no one can stop you building (except when the bell goes) there are loads of cool themes every week. Roisin Lyst and Charlotte Osmond run the club. Ptolemy Rudge and Daniel Bickmore Y5



Poppy Appeal

We raised £79.03 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year.



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

Shoe Box Appeal

The pupils of Glendale took part in the Annual Shoebox appeal. I would like to thank our pupils and parents who supported this very worthy cause. We collected 15 boxes which I took to Berwick for transportation.

This is less boxes than usual but the economic climate and request to put new items only in the boxes restricts the amount we achieve.

Hopefully at least 15 children will have a very happy Christmas because of our thoughtfulness.

Mrs Thompson

Pizza Bake-Off

On Wednesday 15th October 8T2 had a pizza bake-Off. The pizza bake-off consisted of 6 teams which Battle with their opponents to become the Champions of the Glendale Middle School Pizza Bake-Off.

The teams baked pizzas of different styles which were judged by two of our governors – Mrs Rae and Mrs Burston – and also by two of our teachers – Mr Tong and Ms Borthwick. The results were collected.

Next day in assembly the winners were announced.

The champions were ... Team Boris Johnson, the team members are; Ruari Fletcher, Connor Richardson and Patrick Deane-Hall. We won with a four cheeses pizza and got rewarded with fish slices and the pride of being better than our class mates.



Ruari Fletcher and Connor Richardson Y8



Huge thank you to everyone. 2128 vouchers were collected which means we can get 5 Heritage fruit trees, a blackberry bush, leeks and tomato seeds.

Ms A Borthwick

Ford and Etal Sawmill

On Tuesday 7th October Technology group 1 went to Ford and Etal Sawmill and one of their forests. Firstly we went to the forest and watched a tree get taken down (felled) snedding, which is when the branches get taken off, and that was with a chainsaw. Did you know that discos are louder than a chainsaw? When you use chainsaws you have to wear special clothes, such as chainsaw trousers, which are made of protective material, helmet with protective screen and earmuffs, high vis clothing so when they are taking down a tree they know where they are, and boots with steel toe caps and gloves. There is a machine called a harvester. It does exactly the same as the chainsaw does but it is much quicker. It has a little computer in it so it can measure how long the wood is. In the sawmill there are lots of machines for cutting the wood. There are different machines for cutting different sizes of wood. I really enjoyed my time at the sawmill and the forest, I learnt lots of things.

Georgia Moore Y7



LAST POST

On Saturday 8th November, Wooler commemorated the 'fallen' of Wooler from WW1 with an evening of music and words.

Our school were asked to read pieces of work which last year 8s had done. We read poems, diary entries and letters home. Sarah and Ruari read from their diaries about going to Northern France to see the battle sites.

The evening was very emotional and memorable and we all felt good about going.

Heidi Bell 5P

Bare Toed Dance Co

Northumberland Arts Development are funding a Youth Dance Group to work with

professional dancer Lynn Campbell from the Bare Toed Dance Company.

The group will create a short routine with opportunities for aerial and anti-gravity dancing.



Visit to the Battlefields

A few months ago, Sarah and I went to Belgium as a part of a Government programme. We went to different WW1 memorials in places around Belgium and France area. For me the most memorable moment was when we went to Tyne Cot Cemetery. There were pillars with the names of men who lost their lives on the back wall and there are numerous graves of many men. One of the men - whom we visited the grave of - was named Jimmy Riddell, he was a Northumberland Fusilier and the highest ranking soldier in Tyne Cot - a Brigadier General - He was born at Bewick Folly near Eglington.

Ruari Fletcher Y8



On Sunday 21st September, Miss Hall, Ruari and I set off from Newcastle on our World War 1 adventure. We travelled down to near London on a bus with the rest of our group. Ruari and I made friends with a couple of children called Olivia and Joseph. We stayed at an activity centre and did some team building games.

The next day we went on a train in the Euro Tunnel. This was the first time I had been abroad so I was a bit nervous. Over the next few days, we visited a lot of emotional places like Thiepval, Tynecott and The Last Post ceremony. The trip was an amazing trip and a great opportunity. It really gave me an idea of what the war was like. I would recommend anyone, given the opportunity, to go and see for themselves.

Sarah Larmour Y8



GOLDILOCKS AND THE 3 BEARS



A lot of effort has been put into the panto.

Lucas English

It was really fun especially when the kitchen fell down on Wednesday night!

Lara Hindhaugh

There is an awesome atmosphere all the time at the panto.

Leon Buckham



It was an amazing experience and loads of fun – Sarah Carmour

Amazing panto, great experience. Awesome face paint! Rosie Purves

Really fun and funny I loved being a tree! Daniel Moulding





*It was a really good experience
and I really enjoyed it!*

Lottie Hume



*I love this pantomime, it's really funny! ☺
Choppit (Kacper Tomaszewski)
Once you started getting into character it
was very fun.*

Ruari Fletcher



It's a good experience for us.

Roisin Lyst

*An amazing experience for one and
all!*

Alfie Rowe

*The panto was very enjoyable and I think
everyone performed well. Callum Hindhaugh*



Sponsored Walk

YEAR 6

On Wednesday 22nd October 2014, Glendale Community Middle School went on our annual Sponsored Walk across the hills.

We set off after having a thorough kit check. I had everything. We then left Brewery Lane and entered the Riverside camp. Miss Riches led us through the campsite.

When we left the campsite Miss Riches told us about the Uppies and the Downies football field, and you had to be the first team to score.

Next we climbed up the Pin Well, Miss Riches dropped a pin in the well and walked around the well 3 times backwards.

Then we walked up the hill then onto the King's Chair, at the top we had a drink and a snack before we set off again. When we were running down the hill I army rolled in some heather, meanwhile other people were running down the hill.

We climbed Humbelton Hill at the top, Charlie shouted "I'm going to fly!!" (that's how windy it was). When we got to the bottom we cheered "Yeahhh!!" because it was lunch time now (finally I was starving).

We set off after lunch. We travelled through some heather that was almost up to my belly button. After we got out of the heather we walked what felt like 20 miles until we reached the duck ponds we had a little rest at the information point.

After we had a rest we set off again and finally we could see Wooler and before we knew it we were back at school.

When we were at school we went straight out to play. At the end I went home knowing now I can do anything involving walking.

I loved the sponsored walk so much the next day I walked up Humbleton Hill again. "I loved it!"

Brandon Snowdon Y6



YEAR 5



On Wednesday 22nd October 2014 we went on our Sponsored Walk.

When we got to school we went inside the school and did our kit check with Ms Borthwick. Once Miss Borthwick had done our kit check and we had all gone to the toilet we were off!

First, we walked along the road until we reached the caravan park.

When we got to the other side of caravan park we went on to a long grassy path. We soon ended up on a little country road and that was the first check point!

Next we almost walked into the quarry because Mr Pickup didn't see the yellow sign that was hidden in the grass! All of us went on a netty path and we all had to put our hands in the air. We then caught sight of the Pin Well. Then Mr Pickup told us about the Pin Well. The Pin Well is where you throw a hair pin in the well, walk around it three times and you will dream of your future husband! Lexi tried it. We sat down there and had our snack. I had a drink and three squares of chocolate. It was really tasty. Once we had all had our snack we set off again.

Some of us dawdled at the back (including me) so we got a bit more time to rest! After getting past the Pin Well we had to walk up Humbleton Hill, it was massive! When I walked Humbleton it was so scary, everytime I took a step I thought I was going to fall! When we got to the top we had to go left and go back down again because all the teachers thought it was too windy at the top. It would be more sheltered at the bottom. When we got to the bottom again we actually got our lunch! Then (once more) we were off. We then went across the moor, I ran most of the way.

Eventually we got back to school. I was so tired but all in all I think I had a good day and I hope to do it next year!

Zoe Lindsay Y5

Sponsored Walk has raised £2,359.50

This is a fantastic total. Very well done to all.

Year 8

On Wednesday 22nd October 2014 Glendale Middle School did their sponsored walk. All year groups did really well. Year 5 walked five miles and so did year 6. Years 7 and 8 both walked close to eleven miles.

Despite the gruelling weather (we got soaked and wind chilled up on the moor) everybody stayed cheerful. Well done everyone!!

Alyssa Baxter Y8



Year 7

On the 22nd October all of the school went on the annual sponsored walk. Everyone's challenge was to finish the walk and succeed. Year 5, 6 and 8 walked up Humbleton and Year 7 took a different route. Year 7 walked up on the moors and it was fairly windy!! Year 5 did 7.5 miles, Year 6 did 9 miles, Year 7 did 11.7 and Year 8 did 12. Everybody enjoyed that day but they were tired!

Niamh Jones and Lois Day Y7



Netball

Earlier this year, KS3 girls played netball games against Seahouses and Rothbury. Both of our teams won but all the teams played brilliantly and the atmosphere was amazing. It was great fun and a good experience. We hope to, in the near future, play more games to prepare us for the area netball tournament later on this year.

Sarah Larmour & Lottie Hume

NETBALL

On Tuesday 14th October we played a netball match against Rothbury Middle School. It was a really good enjoyable game everyone was really friendly. We won however Rothbury played very well. After our match we played a game on the other court whilst year 8 played their game. It was really fun and we got to know them quite well. We all loved it very much.

Ruby Wyld and Lily May Dodds Y7

On Thursday 16th October, KS3 played against Seahouses in a netball tournament. We won, however Seahouses played fantastically! Some KS3 pupils got picked out for the team, we had reserves. We thoroughly enjoyed playing with them, we hope to play again with them!

Kate Renner and Olivia Wilson Y7

Hockey at Longridge

On Wednesday 5th November, year 5 girls went to Longridge Towers School to play hockey. The Longridge girls didn't take their mouth guards out for some reason. To start off with we played a game of dishes and domes. After that we learnt how to dribble the ball and pass it properly. Then we were told about Quick Stick rules for hockey. At the end we played some games of hockey. We also got Kit-Kats and a juice. Everybody had a great time even though we did have a few panics!

Frances Maxwell, Hannah Armstrong & Zoe Lindsay Y5

Football – Junior

On Tuesday 14th October we played Rothbury, juniors got beat 3-2, Thomas Grey scored one and George Balmbro scored one. All of the team played well and were looking forward to playing them again in the Spring term.

On 21st October we played Seahouses, the juniors won 6-0 Koen Ross scored one, Thomas Grey scored three, Jay Malthouse scored one and George Balmbro scored one. Everyone played outstanding, we are looking forward to the next game against Seahouses, we hope we'll win.

Koen Ross and Lewis Robson 5T

Bikeability Results 2014

Level 1

Caleb Milburn
Samantha Thompson
Max Armstrong
Mia McLintic
Amy Moore
Katy Porteous
Lauren Robson
Jessica Deane-Hall
Rosie Matthewson
Teagan Davidson
Ava Wild
Andrew Shell

Heidi Bell
Jayleigh Guthrie
James Young
Hannah Armstrong
Ptolemy Rudge
Senna McLintic
Laura Cockerton
Amber Tate
Emily Redpath
Scott Anderson
Rebecca Gray
Sophie Hornsey

Level 2

Frances Maxwell
Annabelle Turner
Kelsey Logan
Ellie Turner
Ethan Herron
Charlotte Wilson

Lewis Robson
Koen Ross
Finley Ross
Josh Mungall
Zoe Lindsay
Lexi Westland

Running Club

Every Wednesday night running club takes place where we run around the moor.

Mrs Thompson and Mary Logan take us for a jog while Ms Borthwick and Ms Creigh take a group of walkers around the moor.

It takes us around an hour to get back depending on the distance we run (usually 3 – 4 miles).

Running club is a great way to exercise and to improve on running skills.

Patrick Deane-Hall and Nathan Crombie Y8

Tag Rugby

On the 28th November Glendale Middle School took a year 5 and a year 6 tag rugby team to Berwick to take part in the area tag rugby festival. Both teams performed well with the year 5 team finishing joint 3rd of seven teams. The year 6 team, captained by Harriet Robson played exceptionally well finishing only 1 point behind the winning team. Well done to all who took part.

Football - Senior

On the 14th October Glendale seniors had a challenging match against Rothbury. The scores first changed by a thunderous strike from William Temple. Rothbury tried to pull it back but were unlucky. Liam Nesbit had a skilful run at the defence and scored. The final score was 2-0 to Glendale. What a game.

Glendale seniors had a match against the well-sided Seahouses. The conditions were not great as Seahouses pulled forward by 1 great goal.

Glendale's heads started to go down as Seahouses racked up more goals which ended as 6-0.

Glendale were very unlucky as they played some great football.

Liam Nesbit and Kieron Redpath Y7

Area Cross Country

On Wednesday 3rd December Glendale took a team of over 40 athletes to Druridge Bay Country Park for the North Northumberland Area Cross Country. All athletes performed well and qualifying for the Inter-Area Cross Country.

Stand out performances included Harriet Robson in Y6 who came 3rd, Ellie Henderson in Y6 who ran for Y7 girls, Ruby Wyld who won the Y7 girls race. Callie Henderson in Y8 won the Y8 and Y9 girls race and Nathan Crombie coming 4th in Y8 and Y9 boys race.

We had brilliant weather for running and overall it was the best results for Glendale.

Callie Henderson Y8

SPORT



Dates for your Diary



Date	What is happening	Notes
5 th January	Staff Training Day	
6 th January	School starts again	
21 st January	Friends of Glendale Meeting 6.30pm	Please come along and share thoughts about the school
4 th February	Year 6 Parent's Evening 5 – 8pm	You will be invited to make appointments with staff
13 th February	School closes at end of day for half term holiday	
23 rd February	School starts again	
25 th February	Year 7 Parent's Evening 5 – 8pm	You will be invited to make appointments with staff
12 th March	Year 8 Reports issued	
12 th March	Year 6 Hindu Temple visit	More information to follow
13 th March	Non-uniform day – Red Nose Day	Donation of £1 per pupil to come to school out of uniform
19 th March	Year 5 Synagogue visit	More information to follow
26 th March	Year 6 Reports issued	
26 th March	Year 7 Mosque visit	More information to follow
27 th March	Swimming Gala 10.35am – 12.35pm School closes at the end of the day for Easter Holidays	
13 th April	School starts again	

School Council

Class	Reps	
5	Amy Moore Koen Ross	Joshua Mungall Finley Ross
6	Kate Henderson Antje Hall	Josh Matthewson Charles Redpath
7	Lois Day Jessica Crossman	Ben Murray John James Cook
8	Sarah Larmour Alyssa Baxter	Shane Telford Alfie Rowe

Chairperson Sarah Larmour
Secretary Alyssa Baxter

Our thanks go to
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Burston, PC Andy Clark., Joe Johnson, Mary Logan and
Lauren Rathbone

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



Lighting the 1st advent candle



Steel Pans



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