



Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

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E-safety message from Judith Davis – Community Safety Officer.

Coming home via email is a letter and an information leaflet from Judith regarding the safe use of social media by children. This is particularly relevant as many children will most likely receive phones and computer devices over the Christmas period. The information will also be available on the school website.

Headteacher Headlines

As we near the end of another year 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 Mrs Thompson as she started her extremely well earned retirement after over 40 years of service to the children and families of Glendale. Mrs Junges-Stainthorpe also moved on from Glendale in the Summer – both of these departures presented some challenges in recruitment for the school. We have however been very fortunate to have been able to recruit three excellent teachers in Miss Dunn, Miss Johnston & Miss Parkin who have quickly settled into life here at school. They join our existing teaching staff and together have created a formidable teaching team with excellent specialist knowledge and skills to enrich and develop the children's educational journey. We will also be welcoming Mrs Kate Thompson, a very experienced P.E. teacher and sports coach, to our team in the New Year. Mrs Thompson will be joining us on Friday afternoons to further strengthen our girls P.E. and Sports capabilities.

The year ahead looks to be full of both opportunity and challenge which, in the best Glendale tradition, we will grasp with equal enthusiasm. 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 in 2016.

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

Children in Need

Glendale Middle and Wooler First School raised a total of £355.90 with our non-uniform day. A great deal of fun was had by all on the day.



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.



**SCHOOL OPENS AGAIN on
Wednesday 4th January 2017**

**A Happy Christmas
to all our readers**

SPONSORED WALK

On Thursday 21st October Glendale Middle School took part in their annual sponsored walk to raise funds for the school. Years 5 and 6 walked their standard route of 8 miles up through the duck ponds and up Humbleton. Years 7 and 8 went a little further reaching just over 11 miles. The conditions were a little wet but luckily all the pupils were well prepared and all had a great time. The staff at Glendale would like to thank all who walked and all who contributed in the form of sponsorship money raised.

Mr Pickup



**Sponsored Walk has raised
£2,313.19**

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

Hawkhirst

The annual Year 5 residential trip to Hawkhirst took place from Wednesday, 2nd to Friday, 4th November. All thirty-three children were able to go and they had a great time. The challenges started on arrival when the children discovered that they had to make their own beds. There were some very interesting duvet cover techniques, from putting it over your head to bundling the rolled up duvet inside! Beds made, we headed off for the first activities – bell boating and raft building. Afterwards, despite a water temperature of around 9c, several children decided that they weren't wet enough already and took the plunge off the end of the jetty! Day two and three brought a whole range of activities; abseiling, archery, climbing, crate stacking, orienteering and the dreaded zip line. The staff were really impressed by how the children approached these, some were more confident than others but they all tried their best and were very enthusiastic.

Some quotes from the children:

"The breakfasts were not what I was expecting – toast, sausages and bacon. Yummy!"

"Best trip EVER!!!"

"The zipline was really fast and fun!"

"I was the first to do abseiling, it was fun and I felt very proud."

"Hilarious." "Climbing was scary but fun."



Harvest Festival 2016

On Thursday 13th October Glendale Middle School had their Harvest Festival. Each year group did a different country dance, with a live ceilidh band playing for them. Year 8's dance was the most fun with a lot of doesy doing, skipping and running. Overall everyone had an amazing time.

Ellie Turner 8T



English Dept.

On Thursday 6th October, Glendale Middle celebrated National Poetry Day. The theme, this year, was 'messages' and pupils across the year groups wrote poetry which coincided and was based on the end of the Rosetta spacecraft expedition which landed on the Comet 67P Churyumov-Gerasimenko. The winners of the competition were: Year 5: Verity Schmidt. Year 8: Carly Hindaugh, Ellie Turner and Thomas Grey. Congratulations goes to them and their work can be read in the School Library.

Miss J Dunn
English Subject Leader

Seven Stories National Centre for Children's Books

On Friday 30th November 2016, Year 5 and 6 were very lucky to have funded a school trip to the National Centre for Children's Books by the Robson, Patterson and Ancrum Trust. Pupils had a fantastic day in Newcastle exploring the Michael Morpurgo Exhibition at the centre, which showed the various and familiar themes in Michael's story telling – war, the countryside and farming; the Scilly Isles and friendship, using atmospheric soundscapes. During the day, students were taken on a tour; took part in an exhilarating drama workshop and relaxed to an inspirational story time session. KS2 had a thoroughly engaging day out and much thanks goes to the Trust for facilitating this learning opportunity. Here are some comments from Year 6 pupils:

"It was a great school trip and a really fun experience" – Harry Gooden

"I really enjoyed learning about Michael Morpurgo" – Chloe Purvis

"The drama workshop was fantastic. I would like to go back again" – Yasmin Ducker



ANGEL DELIGHT

A ukulele group has been formed with the help of volunteers from the adult local ukulele band 'Angel Delight'. Funding from the Glendale Music Trust purchased a set of ukuleles and tutor Anna Gillings from Hexham puts the children through their paces. Thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly with the children and fund the tutor.

Mrs E Breckons

Music

Year 5 are currently enjoying a music project which is provided by 'Music North' a partnership which aims to give children the opportunity to learn an instrument. The instrument being learnt is the violin under the guidance of tutor Frances Orde. Year 5 have just made their debut by performing Silent Night and Jingle Bells at the schools Carol Service. Well done year 5.

Mrs E Breckons

Operation Christmas Child

This year Glendale collected a grand total of 32 shoeboxes. All of these will be received by children in less fortunate countries. We all hope this will help these children have a better Christmas.

Eva Moor and Ruby Naylor 6J

SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS



I think the panto was a great way to have fun and to become more confident in front of crowds. You don't need to know all your lines, you can ad-lib (make it up). Just great fun in every way.

William Richards 8T

The panto was definitely the best one yet (because it had me in of course) It really does boost your confidence and makes you want to do more.

Written by Prince Justin of Tmberlake

a.k.a. Brandon Snowdon 8T



This year I especially loved the panto because it helped year 8 come together as a team and make everyone more confident.

Snow White (Ellie Turner 8T)

I loved the panto because it was fun to rehearse. It was great because I was the Evil Queen!
Ellie Hedgecock



Junior Girls Area Football

In October Glendale took two teams to Tweedmouth Middle School to compete in the Area Football competition. Against strong opposition both teams played particularly well and should be very proud of their achievements. The B team finished fifth out of 9 teams and the A team, led by Eden Ross finished a credible third. Well done to all players.

Mr C Pickup

Senior Girls Area Football

In October Glendale took two teams to Tweedmouth Middle School to compete in the Senior Area Football competition. In poor conditions both teams performed well picking up victories and valuable experience. The B team finished fifth out of seven teams and the A team, led by Harriet Robson, finished second to a strong Tweedmouth team. Well done to all players.

Mr C Pickup

Junior Girls Area Hockey

In the annual Area Hockey Championships Glendale took one Key Stage 2 team to compete against five other schools. In wintery conditions all the girls played well and really improved as the tournament progressed. In the end they finished in third place.

Senior Girls Area Hockey

In the Senior Area Hockey Tournament Glendale senior girls played very well against strong opposition from six other schools, winning two games and drawing another two. Glendale Ladies finished in the bronze medal position. Well done girls.

Senior Boys Area Rugby

On the 1st of December Glendale took 1 year 8 boys team to the Senior Area Rugby Championships at Berwick Middle School. Against skilled opposition Glendale boys dominated, showing a good mix of skill and physicality. Remaining undefeated throughout the entire tournament Glendale took the title and will now progress to the County Finals held early next year. Well done to Archie Allan, Tom Hume, Thomas Grey, Dan McGlyn, Josh Matthewson, James Matthewson, Lee Armstrong, Jay Malthouse, George Balmro and Mikolaj Tomszewski.

Area Cross Country

On the 2nd of December Glendale took a 40 strong team of athletes to Druridge Bay to compete in the 2016 Area Cross Country Championships. In near perfect running conditions all runners performed superbly. In the Junior events (KS2) our athletes were very competitive, several finishing in the top 10 in their respective events. Bailey Burnlees, Patrick Scott and Eva Moor were all near the front of their races. In the year 7 events Glendale dominated, the entire girls team finished in the top 18, and 7 girls have qualified for the county round held early next year. The boys also excelled with 5 qualifying for county finals and Max Murray-John, Senna Summers and Koen Ross all finishing top 5.

In the year 8/9 race the competition was strong with many club runners taking part, even so Glendale still competed well and Thomas Grey and Ellie Henderson will both represent the Area at the upcoming County Finals at South Shields.

Well done to all runners who took part.

Bikeability Results 2016

Level 1

Adele Lambert
Alyssia McFarlane
Daisy Wait
David Todd
Eden Ross
Finley Tait
Hannah Brown
Jasmine McCulloch
Makoto Kurio
Portia Poppitt
Skye Waite
Tamara Rae
Yasmine Ducker

Alexander Jell
Brosnan Brown
Danny Brindley
Dylan Page
Emma Stoodley
Fiona McIntosh
Iona Revell
Kieran Mitchell
Nathan Cummings
Rachel Moses
Sophie Wakenshaw
Verity Schmid

Level 2

Alexander Baxter
Charlie Smith
Connie Turner
Fran Taylorson
Henry Bell
Olivia Purvis
Ryan Cowens
Sophie McLaren
Zak Wilson

Ben Brindley
Chloe Hodgson
Ewan Withrington
Frankie Redpath
Lily-Mae Tannock
Patrick Scott
Ryan Faircloth
Tayler Grey Flannigan

Well done to everyone who took part



Football/Netball Fixtures

At the start of October Glendale took 2 netball/football teams to Seahouses Middle – all teams played well. The girls comfortably won both their fixtures with the junior and senior boys both losing by the odd goal – 4 to 3.

Mr C Pickup

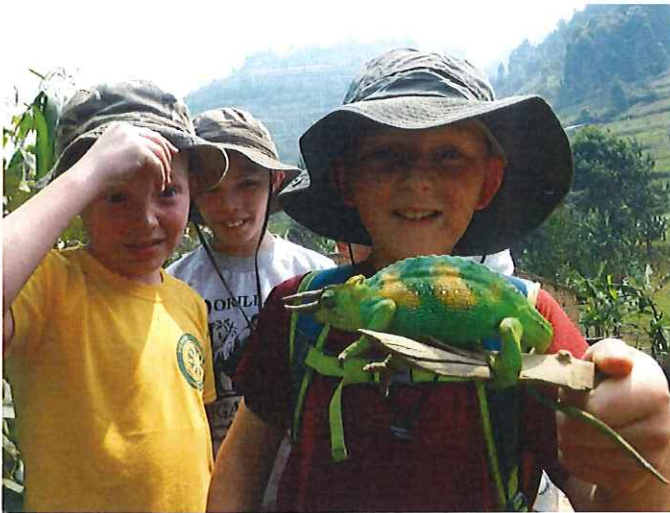
SPORT

UGANDA VISIT

During our three week trip to Uganda we spent 7 days taking part in project work in the lush, green, mountainous and remote Bwindi Impenetrable Forest where we spent our time working on environmental projects with a local charity. Bwindi is home to the mountain gorillas, and is an ancient forest which is under pressure from the people living and working there. We took part in projects which seek to help educate the people about how they can protect and live in harmony with the forest. We collected indigenous tree seedlings, assisted local nurseries, worked in local schools, and even helped to build two Smokeless ovens that the school canteen staff were very grateful for. We also got involved with community reforestation initiatives. In the schools we also discussed health issues, and helped them learn the importance of basic hand washing, as well as learning ourselves about local traditional practices. At the end of each day, the team discussed the high points they enjoyed, and challenges they faced.

The children also visited safari lodges and took part in two safari drives across the plains of Uganda, witnessing hippos, Elephants, Lions, Cheetahs, Crocodiles and lots more amazing wildlife.

During one night in a safari game park Hippos came into camp and wandered around our tents. We had to stay in the tents until they had gone.



Bradley making friends with A long horned Chameleon.



Daisy helping to plant a tree with a member of a school we visited



Daisy mixing mud and water to make the mortar to bind the brickwork of the school ovens together.



Bradley making his way through the rainforest whilst planting Saplings of mahogany trees.



Dates for your Diary



| Date | What is happening | Notes |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| 3 rd January | Staff Training Day | |
| 4 th January | School starts again | |
| 18 th January | Friends of Glendale Meeting 6.30pm | Please come along and share thoughts about the school |
| 6 th February | Year 6 Parent's Evening 4.15 – 7.00pm | You will be invited to make appointments with staff |
| 13 th February | School Disco | Tickets £2.00 per pupil Family Ticket £3.00 (brothers/sisters at Glendale). Parents welcome to come and help |
| 17 th February | School closes at end of day for half term holiday | |
| 27 th February | School starts again | |
| 2 nd March | Year 7 Parent's Evening 4.15 – 7.15pm | You will be invited to make appointments with staff |
| 8 th March | Year 6 Hindu Temple visit | More information to follow |
| 16 th March | Year 8 Reports issued | |
| 16 th March | Year 5 Synagogue visit | More information to follow |
| 22 nd March | Year 7 Mosque visit | More information to follow |
| 24 th March | Non-uniform day – Comic Relief | Donation of £1 per pupil to come to school out of uniform |
| 6 th April | Year 6 Reports issued | |
| 7 th April | School closes at the end of the day for Easter Holidays | |
| 24 th April | School starts again | |

School Council

| Class | Reps | |
|-------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 | <i>David Todd</i> | <i>Ryan Faircloth</i> |
| 6 | <i>Eva Moor</i> | <i>Hayden Shepherd</i> |
| 7 | <i>Frances Maxwell</i> | <i>Ellie Turner (Y8)</i> |
| 8 | <i>Brandon Snowdon</i> | <i>William Richards</i> |

Our thanks go to
 Claire & Thomas Todd, Fionna Robson, Emily Pearse,
 Vickie Grey, Lauren Rathbone,

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



Year 5 Hawkhurst Residential



Y8 Pizza Bake Off



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