



'Strive to Achieve'



2nd September 2010

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

It has been a great week with lots of fun and exciting things happening in classrooms. The Year 5's have been meeting many famous and influential people this week as part of their Unit of Inquiry such as Empress Cixi, the late Lady Diana, Mozart and J K Rowling to name a few. This has been a fabulous experience for the children to reflect upon why people are considered famous and whether these people have been influential in their lives and the lives of others.

Other Units of Inquiry are well underway and in walking around the school it is evident that children are really enjoying their studies and doing some fabulous work.

Having met many new families who are new to an IB School, they are asking what it means and how it is different?

What makes the International Baccalaureate® unique?

- High quality education and a curriculum that draws the best from many different countries rather than an exported national system.
- The curriculum and styles of learning and teaching focus on local and international perspectives.
- Students are encouraged to fully explore their home culture and language.
- There is a focus on learning a second language and the skills to live and work with others internationally—essential for life in the 21st century.
- A positive attitude to learning is fostered by encouraging students to ask challenging questions, to reflect critically, to develop research skills, and to learn how to learn and take action. (Inquiry)
- IB teachers participate in a wide variety of training opportunities to constantly update their knowledge and share their expertise with colleagues around the world.

The teachers will give you further practical information at the Meet the Teacher Evening next Tuesday, 7th September and our Curriculum Coordinator Michaela Stephan is always available to ask any further questions. We will also be running a variety of information sessions for parents and look forward to sharing the children's work with you.

School Nurse Update

We have gone through the first round of recruitment and unfortunately have been unable to make an appointment. Two of our parents who are registered nurses will fill this position until we find a suitable person for the job. Jo Clarke will work every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and O'Shan Wong will work every Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact them if your child needs any medical assistance.

Farewell to Wendy Iverson

Wendy resigned from her post over the summer after many years working as an EA here at Glenealy. We wish her well and thank her immensely for being such an able, dedicated and wonderful Educational Assistant.

We look forward to seeing all new parents at the coffee morning tomorrow (refer to the PTA news further in the newsletter) and to the rest of you all at next week's Meet the Teacher evening.

Kind Regards

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MANDARIN DEPARTMENT – PARENTS’ INFORMATION MEETING

There will be a Parents Information Meeting on Thursday 16th September at 8:15am – 8:45am in the school hall. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the Glenealy School Mandarin programme, including the course work, teaching resources, methodology and policies (assessment, homework, etc.). We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you,

The Mandarin Team

Reminder: Meet the Teacher Evening - Tuesday 7th September 2010

Please note that the timing and format has changed slightly from previous years – note below.

	1st session 6.15-7.00pm	2nd session 7.00-7.45pm
Years 1,2,5	In classrooms with teachers	In hall - Presentation of our Strategic plan for Glenealy
Years 3,4,6	In hall - presentation of our strategic plan	In classrooms with teachers

Hopefully by dividing the sessions into 2 timeframes, some of you may be able to attend more than one of your children’s ‘Meet the Teacher ‘ sessions, (obviously you can choose to do this instead of coming to the hall).

SCHOOL HATS

Thanks so much for purchasing a school hat for your child. These are compulsory for all students who are playing in the sun during the hot months.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

A reminder that children should bring their school lunches to school in their school bag. Please refrain from sending helpers to school with lunches during the day.

GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

Children should be at school before the bell rings at 8.30am. Teachers are now using an electronic attendance system and do this as soon as students get to class. If your child is late to school it is very important that they register in the school office before going to their classroom.

YEAR ONE APPLICATIONS - 2011

CHILDREN BORN IN 2006 – APPLYING FOR YEAR 1 AUGUST 2011

Application for children born in 2006 can be submitted online to the ESF Centre from 1st – 30th September 2010 and **not** to individual schools. Information on the admission procedure and online admission process can be found on the ESF website www.esf.edu.hk under Admissions. There is a HK\$150 application fee payable online at the time of submission. This also applies to siblings of children already enrolled in any ESF School.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a few pairs of eye glasses and some watches in the lost property box in the school office which have been there since last year, if you think they may belong to your child please call in to the office to check.



MEDICAL ROOM NEWS

STUDENT HEALTH & SCHOOL DENTAL CARE SERVICE

The Student Health and School Dental Care Service of the Department of Health are enrolling primary school students for the new academic year.

An Administration Fee of **HK\$20** per child per year is requested for the School Dental Service by the Department of Health

A joint application and consent form will be sent home to all students **tomorrow, Friday 3rd** September. If you wish to enrol your child please complete both forms and return to the Medical Room along with the \$20 by Friday 10th September 2010.

HEAD LICE

There has been a case of head lice reported in year two, would all parents/caregivers please check your child's hair and if you find any lice carry out the necessary treatment before allowing your child to return to school.

If you are unsure of the correct treatment please call the school, 2522 1919 and speak to Nurse Jo for advice.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If your child has to take medication of any kind during school hours you are required to complete a 'Medication Authorisation Form'. These forms are available along with the 'New Guidelines of Drug Administration' as advised by the ESF, on the school website

<http://www.glenealy.edu.hk/at-school/medical>

PART TIME EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT

Glenealy School has the following employment opportunities:

Part time Educational Assistant

17.5 hours per week, term time only

Responsibilities will include supporting teachers in the classroom, supporting children, including those with individual needs and supervising children during their snack and lunch breaks

Applicants should be fluent in both spoken and written English, have previous experience working in a school setting and hold a valid visa permitting them to work in Hong Kong.

Applications should be submitted via the ESF's on line recruitment system by Sunday 5th September.

Please visit www.esf.edu.hk and click the 'Working with Us' tab to apply.

Thank you.

SCHOOL NURSE POSITION

We are currently in the process of recruiting a school nurse/health professional.

If you are a registered nurse in HK or another country and would like to be considered for this rewarding post, please visit the ESF website at www.esf.edu.hk and click the 'working with us' tab to find out more details and submit your application.

YEAR 6 DVD's (June 2010)

DVD's of the 'Year 6 Production' and combined 'Gymnastic Display and Graduation Ceremony' are available at \$50 each. Please complete the order form and return along with payment by either cash or cheque (payable to "Glenealy School") to Mrs Nasser in the school library.

Year 6 DVD Order Form	
Parents Name :	Students Name:
Contact Telephone Number:	
Title of DVD	Number of copies
Year 6 Production	
Year 6 Gymnastic Display and Graduation Ceremony	
Total amount enclosed:	

PTA NEWS

*****Calling all Parents*****

**Please join us for a Welcome-Back Coffee tomorrow morning
on Friday 3rd September 2010 from 8.30am on the playground**

Please stop by to enjoy a cup of coffee and a warm welcome from our Committee before you start your day!

*****Mark your diary for BINGO NIGHT*****

Bingo Night is coming on Thursday 16th September 2010, from 5 to 7pm.

Ticket order forms will be coming home next Wednesday 8th September.

The deadline for returns will be Tuesday 14th September.

Be sure to get your order form in as soon as possible as spaces are limited!

Best of luck and we look forward to seeing you there.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GLENEALY BROWNIE PACK

The Glenealy Brownie Pack which meets on Tuesday afternoons at school from 3:00 - 4:30pm has a couple of places available. If your daughter is in Years 3 - 6 and is interested in joining please contact Penny Donowho on 9181 7318.