

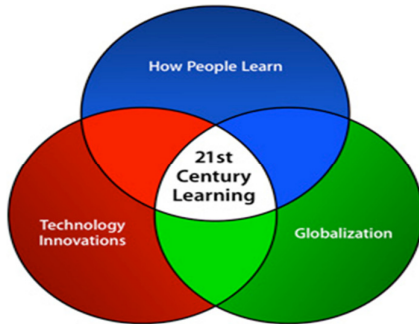


'Strive to Achieve'



10th March 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,



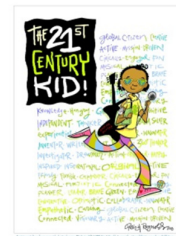
Children of Today! Our 21st Century Learners

Continuing from my piece last week on 21st century learning I would like to share with you some interesting information shared at a recent conference I attended. Ian Dukes was the speaker and is a well-known guru in the area of 21st century learning and thinking. He shared some of the significant attributes of digital learners (your children!) I'm sure you will see some of these attributes in your child!

Digital learners:

- Like quick information from a variety of sources.
- Prefer images, videos and graphics to text.
- Learn and retain less when there are no visuals.
- Expect that words will compliment visuals – not visa versa, which is the case for many of us.
- Have highly developed spatial abilities and are becoming more right-brained.
- Are light and sound trained – compared to us who were paper-trained?
- Are visually strong.
- Thrive on 'just in time' learning (need it now) versus 'just in case learning' (for later on).
- Enjoy instant gratification and rewards
- Love digital games because they give them what they want: attention, affirmation (by moving up levels), and interaction with others. What they do determines what they get! Decisions need to be made every 1-2 seconds and they get instant reward hence their engagement!
- Love to be active, argue and inquire.
- Learn when they can make connections and the content is meaningful.
- Require a balance between their world and ours, especially involving technology.
- Believe that interest precedes learning.
- Are rarely oral learners – they are mainly visual or kinaesthetic (learn by moving and doing)
- Like the problem first and the teaching next.

Interesting food for thought!



Farewell to Mr Garnett!

We will be holding a special assembly on Friday 25 March from 2.20pm to farewell Bill officially from Glenealy. This will be followed by a casual coffee in the playground for parents to say their own goodbyes to Bill.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards
Brenda
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LEARNING CENTRE NEWS

Great news Glenealy! As of Monday, March 14th, the Learning Centre will be open every day from 1:05-1:30pm for all students. If you want to come in and read a book, check one out or want to sit back and relax on one of our beanbag chairs please come on down and have a look around!

Michaela Stephan
PYP Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SKILLS WORKSHOP

If you have signed up for this very interesting workshop with Jennine Harding don't forget to come along tomorrow morning, Friday 11th March at 8:35 – 10:00am approx, in the Learning Centre. There are still a few places left so if you would like to attend please email Jane by end of today please on

enquiry@gs.esf.edu.hk



Coffee Morning

We are holding one more informal coffee morning to give you the opportunity to find out more about learning and teaching within the school. This is a chance to ask a burning question and/or to post a question beforehand for discussion. Di our VP, Michaela our PYP coordinator and I will be present at the coffee morning. We hope this will help to continue to open up dialogue about learning and teaching in a relaxed setting.

When: 18th March – 8.45-9.30am. (max 20 places)

Please rsvp to Jane in the office: enquiry@gs.esf.edu.hk

YEAR 6 BOOK SALE

Thank you for all the donations of books, DVD's, VCD's & CD's for the Year 6 book sale last Thursday. The Year 6's now have the grand sum of \$4087.00 which will go to projects to benefit the year group.

MOVING ON

If you will be withdrawing your child/ren from Glenealy anytime between now and the end of Term 2, Friday 15th April or the end of the academic year Thursday 30th June 2011 please notify Jane in the school office in writing as soon as possible.