

Glyne Gap School

Newsletter—Term 6—2024—2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

One of my favourite days in school is our Achievement Assembly that takes place at the end of the school year and is an opportunity to celebrate the learning of all pupils and award some certificates and trophies to pupils who have made exceptional progress.

The Headteacher's Award is given to a pupil who has made outstanding progress throughout the school year and to choose one recipient is delightful... and difficult. This year the Headteacher's Award has gone to Iris in Senior 3 class. Iris has worked extremely hard to progress her communication skills and enjoys a chat (or more likely a joke!) using her signs or her communication book. As a teenager, she can now contribute to her class and her family; she collects the washing and loads the machine on a daily basis and she has learnt to use the soup maker to make soup for her family. Well done Iris! In addition, Alfie was awarded the 'Pride of Glyne Gap' award as he leaves school 1 year early, having completed several work placements and able to travel independently, to attend Little Gate College and head towards Supported Employment. As a school we aim for pupils to lead happy and fulfilled lives, Iris and Alfie remind us that learning is the key to this.

Our Leavers' Assembly is held in the final days of the term and is a time of mixed emotions as we say goodbye to students who we have had the privilege of knowing for many years. This year we say goodbye and good luck to Alfie, Harry, Xavier and Leah. In addition, Freddie, Finlay, Tayden and Rogan are moving to new schools. We are incredibly proud of all that you are and all that you have achieved.

I thank all families for your understanding, support and partnership throughout this school year. Our relationships with you remain a strength, something that I enjoy and central to the learning and wellbeing of your child.

I wish you all a very enjoyable summer break and I look forward to the start of term for pupils - Thursday 4th September. We will hold a Parents/Carers Evening on 30th September and I will look forward to seeing many of you then.

Warm regards,

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Jojo and Olivia, with their dads, in their races at Sports Day.

Dates for your Diary

End of Term:

Tuesday, 22nd July
at 1pm

Staff training day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday, 3rd Sept.

Pupils return to school

Thursday, 4th Sept.

Senior 3—Experimenting and Exploring in the Classroom

Senior 3 really enjoyed our science work, finding what floats and sinks and exploring different items to see if they are metal or not by using magnets and metal detectors. Here you can see Thomas, Josh, Scarlett, Iris and Grace all experimenting!



Exploring items that float and sink



What is/isn't magnetic?



Using metal detectors
to find metal



Scarlett signing 'sink'



Grace signing 'float' when
asked what she liked

Oh we do like to be beside the Seaside!

What a great Beach Week we had! Pupils enjoyed an array of activities that were Beach related. This included, drama and singing workshops, beach themed arts and crafts sessions, A karaoke party and a Hawaiian themed Luau (a traditional Hawaiian feast and celebration), which included fish and chips on the playground and music and dancing activities. There were some fantastic outfits too, well done all!



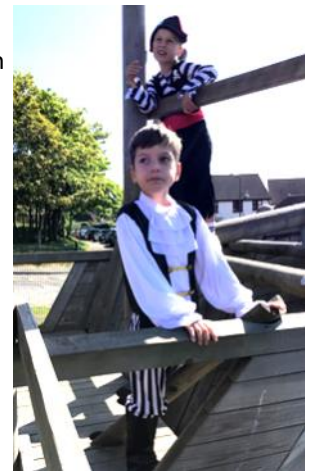
Ahoy! Pirate Penguins!



Our topic this term is Pirates and Princesses. Pupils have been very busy exploring our topic with songs, stories, dressing up, art and cooking.

Penguins have been making pirate paintings using our hands. We enjoyed making and eating pirate ships made with apples and cheese!

Here you can see a few pirates in and around school. Arrrrr!



Strawberry Tea—A Fond Farewell

This year's Strawberry Tea, as always, was a wonderful celebration at College and brought together our community, including parents/carers, past and present members of staff and local business who contributed so generously to the annual raffle. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the work of Dawn, College secretary and all round superstar who has worked at our school for 25 years. We raised a mug of tea to Dawn for her dedication and hard work to the school for so many years as we wish her well in her next adventure.

Thank you Dawn, you will be missed.



Liam and Lily fundraising

Sports Day 2025

What a great day we had at Sports Day! The weather was perfect and it was great to see so many parents / carers and extended family members cheering pupils on in their races and events. The parents/carers race was a new addition this year and is a tradition that we will be continuing, thanks to the enthusiasm of all who took part!



Lwanele and Billy enjoying the obstacle race with their dads!



Getting Prehistoric in Junior 4

This term J4 have had a Roarsome time learning all about Dinosaurs. We have explored these Pre-historic creatures using a variety of activities, which included:

- Making our own 'Junior4-a-Saurus' using junk modelling
- Creating Salt Dough fossils
- Going on a Dinosaur hunt in the wild gardenfollowing the footprints which led to the Diplodocus!



Here you can see Harrison (top left) and Stuart (above) digging for Dinosaurs and Jakob (left) making his own Dino-Smoothie!

Safeguarding Update

Jayne Gosling, the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) starts her maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish Jayne all the best as she awaits the arrival of her third child.

Whilst Jayne is on maternity leave, Rochelle Abraham will be taking responsibility for Safeguarding at Glyne Gap School as DSL. Rochelle joins Glyne Gap School as Assistant Headteacher, having previously worked at Torfield School and brings with her a wealth of experience around Safeguarding. If you have any Safeguarding concerns you can contact her during term time (from September 3rd) at:

Rochelle.abraham@glynegap.org or via the school office on 01424 217720

The summer holidays are great but can seem long at times without the usual structure and routine that school life provides. It can be a particularly challenging time for families. If you find yourself struggling during and holidays, and need support to help keep you and your family safe, please call the Single Point of Advice (SPoA) line on 01323 464222.

Independent Living skills in FE3

FE3 have been focusing on functional independent living skills. They have created whole meals for their families as part of Supergoal learning and created tasty sweet treats for their class snacks/puddings. This year we started to improve our garden space and have successfully grown and harvested crops in term 6 to include in our prepared meals. From plot to plate—and it was delicious!



It's been a long and busy term for pupils and the summer holidays are fast approaching.

The summer break can be a lovely time away from the constraints of school but they can also be a very challenging time for our pupils and their families with lack of structure and routine.

Don't forget to continue using visuals with your child where possible to give them information about their day or about what you're doing. Don't think of it as "school work", a lot of our pupils like to know what is happening and having some choice over what activities are available to them, as we all do. Even just giving your child 2 options e.g. "Would you like to walk at the beach or in the woods?" will give them autonomy and realise they have a choice. Don't forget you can use photos on your phone alongside your 'now' card if you don't have the pictures printed out.

We hope you have a lovely summer whatever you're up to and we can't wait to hear some of the stories of what your clever children have been achieving over the holidays!

Summer Holiday Calendars Available!

If your child gains information from symbols, you can use one of our Summer Holiday Calendars. You will get the base sheet with a calendar layout of the holidays. The second sheet is for you to cut up and blu-tac on each day with your child. In the mornings you can look at the calendar with your child, say what the day and date is, point to it on the calendar then stick the appropriate symbol for the day on that date i.e. Holiday Club or holiday (if applicable).

You can print out the calendar from the attachment to this email or if you need a copy sent home then just pop a note in your child's home school book or contact the Communication team to request one.

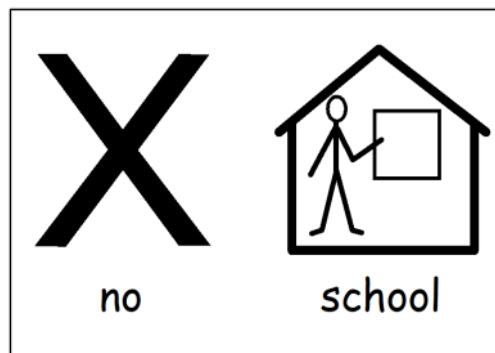
Base sheet



You cut this sheet up into little symbols to stick on the base sheet when you need



We want to share with you a few signs alongside the symbols that you might find useful over the summer.

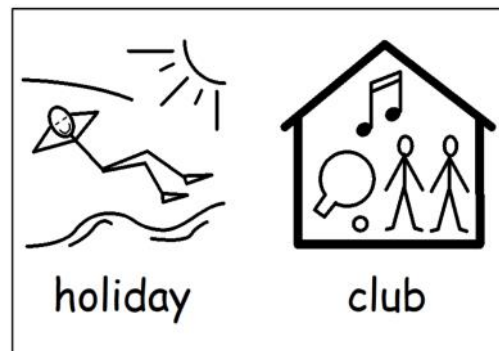


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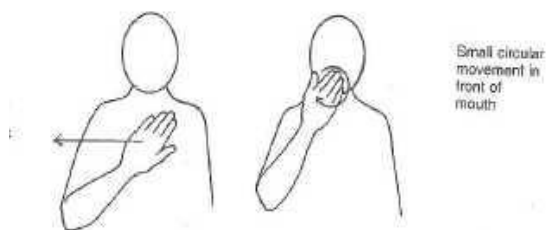


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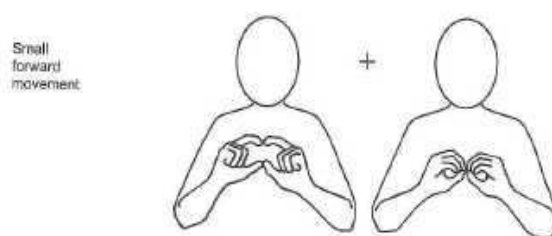


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Sign 'holiday' then 'club'



* Signing stars *



We have got some pupils in school that do some great signing to get their message across.



Betsie is very new to the school but she is using clear signs to tell her nursery teachers whether she wants "more" of something or if she wants it to "finish". Here she is asking Steph for more crisps!

Rene in Seagulls loves to play on the playground with TA Will and asks him to chase her by taking his hands and signing "more" with him!



Well done to both girls!