Summer is upon us!
We have a busy last term planned full of a variety of interesting and fun learning opportunities.

Staff News
Since our last newsletter Katie McKay (now McDougall as she was married over the Easter holiday) has joined our teaching team. She is working with primary 1/2 and is settling in nicely! After the summer holidays Jamie Clark, who has been teaching in HSD on a Friday this year on a temporary basis will join us permanently full time. He is replacing Adrian Young who of course left to work closer to home at Windsor Park in Falkirk. Jamie will work across the school and the Outreach Service.

School Activities
Trip to Edinburgh Zoo – As part of their PANDA topic the school children visited Edinburgh Zoo to see the Giant Pandas there. They were accompanied by P1 and P2 pupils from Glenlee.

Krazy Kats Theatre – We are looking forward to another visit from Krazy Kats Theatre Company. They perform shows across the country in sign language and English. They will be visiting the school to perform for HSD and Glenlee pupils on Monday 20th June.

Drake Music – Mary Bell and Teresa Brasier from a company called Drake Music have started a course of music lessons with our children. The children are loving the opportunity to try out different instruments like the trombone, guitar & glockenspiel. Mary is deaf herself and really understands how to provide access to music to deaf young people.

French Sign Language.
Enrique Canton our Deaf French Sign Language tutor continues to visit the pupils this term. The children are very much enjoying their lessons. The Times Educational Supplement ran an article about HSD and the children’s French Sign Language lessons as we are the first school in Scotland to offer a foreign sign language to their pupils.

Deaf Adults visiting the School
Ken and Jean McCall have been visiting the school regularly to sign stories to the children. The children look forward to their visits.

Deaf Tutor
Paul Tipling our deaf tutor will join us again in June, to work with our children and also continue his BSL lessons with Glenlee Pupils.
**What are we learning this term?**

**Nursery Topic**
The nursery at the moment looks more like a construction site! The children have visited a real construction site on the local bus. They took pictures of construction workers using different machines and equipment. In the nursery we have both an indoor and outdoor construction site set up with real construction signs which have been provided by South Lanarkshire Council.

**P1 Class Topic – “Welcoming a Baby”**
Our P1 pupil is joining the Glenlee P1 class for her topic “Welcoming a Baby”. They are learning about all the things babies need when they enter the world and how other cultures celebrate their birth.

**P2 Class Topic - Katie Morag**
The P2 pupils are really enjoying their new topic: Katie Morag. They have been watching the stories being signed and have invited the nursery children round so that they could retell the stories to them. They have a post office in their classroom and have sent quite a few letters! They used oil pastels and paint to design their own tartan.

**P4, 5 & 7 Class Topic - The Olympics**
Our older class are learning about the history of the Olympic Games. They are also learning about all the different sport included and the athletes who will be competing this summer. They have also been learning about famous Olympians and have planned their journey to Brazil to see the games using maps and the internet. This topic has allowed the children to learn about some Human Rights and ethical issues.

**Moving On**
Sian Tara our P7 pupil is getting excited about the prospect of moving on to Calderside Academy. She is visiting the Deaf Education Department there every Wednesday afternoon to help her start familiarising herself with such a large building and so many staff! She is also enjoying practising for the Leavers Ceremony along with her Glenlee P7 class.

**Signs of the week assembly**
Every week pupils from HSD attend a joint assembly with Glenlee school. A regular feature of the assembly is some sign language tuition delivered to all the pupils present. The HSD pupils take it in turns to help Mrs Burns demonstrate some signs. The signs are linked to a topic being discussed at that week’s assembly. We hope that this will help improve communication between our pupils and their hearing peers.
Dates for your Diary

Parents Night is on the 24th May between 4pm and 5:30pm.

Deaf Football Festival – Thursday 26th May.

P4 - 7 Sports Day – 1pm – Monday 6th June.

P1 - 3 Sports Day – 1pm – Tuesday 7th June.

John Ross Memorial Church – Wednesday 8th June.

P7 Parents Info Evening - Calderside Academy - Monday 13th June from 7 – 8.30pm.

P7 Calderside Visits – All day – Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th June.


P7 Leavers Event – Evening, Time to be confirmed – Thursday 16th June.

Krazy Kat Theatre – Monday 20th June.

P7 Awards and Leavers Assembly – Monday 20th June – 1.15pm.

Nursery Leavers Ceremony – 9.15am – Tuesday 21st June.

HSD end of year Parent & Family afternoon. Wednesday 22nd June – 1.30-3pm.

INSERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN ON THURSDAY 23rd JUNE.

SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1pm FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS – FRIDAY 24th JUNE.

Summer fun Day for Deaf children & their families from South and North Lanarkshire
1st July – 11am – 2pm.