

GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

November / December 2015



SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to everybody who generously donated shoeboxes to the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

GOAL JERSEY DAY

This year €113 was raised for GOAL. Thank you to all who contributed generously to this charity.

ART WORK

Congratulations to all the pupils who won prizes in the recent Glenamaddy Ploughing Championships Art competition & the Glenamaddy Credit Union Art competition. Members of the Glenamaddy Ploughing committee presented prizes to the winners before Halloween. Glenamaddy Credit Union will hold a presentation evening on Thursday 5th November in Glenamaddy Community School.

- Pupils in all classes will design their own personalised Christmas card. Each child will receive a sample card of their own design in the coming weeks.
- Pupils will work on the Doodle 4 Google competition. This year's theme for the doodle is "Ireland is...."
- The theme for this year's Sight Saver Competition is "Imagine 2030."
- 3rd – 6th classes will work on the Goal competition **Write the Future**. The theme is **Refugees**.

IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION (IWA)

Angel badges costing €2 will be on sale in school during the coming week. Money raised goes to the Irish Wheelchair Association national fundraising campaign.



Science Week

Science week begins on Monday 9th November. As part of this week, there will be a workshop, **The Robot Hill Climb** on Thursday 12th November with Colmac Robotics for 2nd – 6th classes. Colmac Robotics Ltd is an award – winning Irish Edtech in the field of robotics education. All equipment needed for the workshop will be supplied. Pupils will use Lego NXT robotics kits and electronic kits during the workshop, exploring gears & mechanisms in a fun and interactive way. They will design and build a robot that can climb a hill of a specified angle. As the angle increases, pupils will need to alter their design to ensure that their robot can complete the task!



**ROBOTICS,
BE PART OF IT!**

PUPIL INSURANCE

Brennan Insurance Company has a Personal Accident Insurance cover for school pupils. There are 2 options available under the **optional scheme**.

1. Cover for school related activities only which costs €4.20 per pupil
2. Cover on a 24 hour basis, 365 days per year which costs €6.30 per pupil

Both of the above options are inclusive of a 30% discount when purchased online by the school. Please see www.pupilcover.ie for more information & benefits of the cover. Please find enclosed an application form (**printed copies available in school**) for this optional insurance scheme for interested families which can be completed and returned to the school by **Monday 9th Nov**.

GREEN SCHOOLS

This year we will work on the **An Táisce Green Schools** Environmental Education programme on the Litter & Waste theme. Pupils from all classes from 1st – 6th class were drawn to be part of our Green Schools Committee. Any parent willing to be part of this committee, please contact the school.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DATE

The school Christmas Concert takes place on Friday 11th December (Time will be confirmed nearer the date).

TUAM FIRE SERVICES

Members of Tuam Fire services will visit the school on Friday 6th to hold a workshop for pupils in the senior room on fire safety.

MATHS WEEK

Pupils from 1st – 6th class took part in Maths week before Halloween. Pupils in the senior room took part in the daily target board challenge and showed their great mathematical abilities. Glinsk N.S. made the national leader board on the Maths Week Ireland website for these target board challenges. 1st and 2nd class used the online Mangahigh maths website to work on different areas of the maths curriculum

CONFIRMATION DATE

Pupils in 6th class will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 23rd May 2016 at 11a.m. Confirmation takes place in Kilbegnet Church.

PARENT - TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent – Teacher meetings will take place on **Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th** of November. **The school day will end at 2:45p.m.** for all classes from 1st – 6th on each of these days. Junior & senior infants school day will end at 2p.m. Parent – teacher meetings will begin at 3:15p.m.

SCHOOL DENTIST

The H.S.E. school dentist will visit the school on Thursday 19th November for 6th class pupils.

8TH DECEMBER

Please note that the school will be closed on **Tuesday 8th December** – The Feast of the Immaculate Conception as per the school calendar.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh. G. Nolan, C. Roughneen, J. Brennan



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