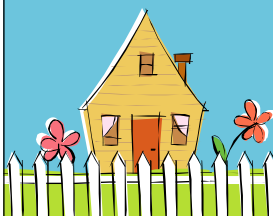


GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

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JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAMME

All pupils in the senior classroom will participate in JEP (Junior Entrepreneur Programme) which is a 10 week entrepreneurial educational programme. The programme is led by Mr. Jerry Kennelly (founder & CEO of Tweak.com) in association with academic partner Mary Immaculate College, Limerick.

The programme helps pupils to develop a number of skills including literacy, presentation, technology, research skills, numeracy, financial, consumer awareness, storytelling, creative thinking, team building and collaborative skills.

The programme involves working with local entrepreneurs who share their story and that of their business with pupils. All parents of pupils in the senior room will receive an information sheet and **Parental Consent Form** for the programme. Also see www.juniorentrepreneur.ie for more information

IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION

Thank you to everyone who supported the Irish Wheelchair Association. This year €192 was raised for this worthy charity.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions for Christmas for 3rd – 6th class pupils takes place on Monday 21st December at 10:30 a.m. in the church.

ORAGAMI WORKSHOP

Pupils will enjoy an origami workshop with Bridgie Trayers on Wednesday 16th December making some simple designs.

CHRISTMAS ANNUALS

Optional Christmas annuals costing €2 can be ordered at the school by Monday 14th

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert takes place on **Friday 11th December**. All are welcome to a good nights entertainment. Doors open at 6:30p.m. and our concert will begin at 7p.m. We thank the Parents Association for their help in preparing for this night. A raffle will be held on the night.

Our programme for the night:

- Music recital 1st – 6th classes
- Junior & Senior Infants present *The Sleepy Shepherd*
- 1st & 2nd Classes present *The Landlord's Cat*
- 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Classes present *Santa's on Strike!*

Pupils do not need to wear their uniforms for the music recital. School will finish at **2p.m. on this day for all classes** and the school bus will collect pupils at 2p.m.



We hope you all enjoy the performances and hopefully Santa will change his mind about strike action!

SUNSHINE VIDEOS

Sunshine Videos (Williamstown) will produce a video of the concert night. These videos cost €12 for anyone interested and the final date for order is **Thursday 17th December**. Cheques can be made payable to Fiona Mannion if paying by cheque.

GREEN SCHOOLS

Our Green Schools committee and co-ordinator Ms. Roughneen have been working very hard on the Litter & Waste theme. Our Green schools slogan is **Smash that Trash** and our Green Schools noticeboard has information and pictures about all our Green Schools activities. Ms. Roughneen has submitted our Green Schools application on the Litter & Waste theme to An Táisce. On Wednesday 2nd December last, Marie (Community Litter Warden) with Galway Co. Council visited both classrooms to talk to pupils about environmental awareness and care. We are collecting and recycling used batteries, used ink & toner and old mobile phones for charity. Please use boxes and envelopes available in the school for the listed items.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL AWARDS

Glinsk N.S. entered the Galway County Council Cathaoirleach Awards under the School Contribution to Heritage or Irish Language category based on our heritage workshop with Ms. Geraldine O'Sullivan. Glinsk N.S. was one of the 5 schools shortlisted for this award and received a plaque in this category at an awards ceremony held on Thursday 26th November in the Claregalway Hotel.

MISSING JUMPERS

There are 3 mislaid jumpers in the school with the following sizes – 6-7 years; 9-10 years and one jumper with size 35 on it. Please check your child's belongings and re-label if necessary.

CODING

Hour of Code takes place from the 7th – 13th December globally. Glinsk N.S. will participate in coding during this week including Scratch online and also the Scratch Junior app on the ipads for younger pupils. Pupils will also share their Minecraft (programming & problem solving) coding skills. Glinsk N.S. are registered on the globe for Hour of Code. Find us on www.hourofcode.com/ie

B.O.M. 2015 - 2019

We thank the outgoing Board of Management members Stella Scappaticci & Michael Fitzmaurice for all their work and wish the new board well during their term. The following are the representatives on the board for the 2015 – 2019 term.

Patrons Nominees: Fr. John McCarthy & Beatie Cuddy

Parent Representative: Rosealeen Hegarty & Enda Trayers

Community Representatives: Mary Keane & Michael Coyne

Staff Representatives: Ciara Roughneen & Gráinne Nolan

CALENDAR

Please check our online calendar on our school website for school events and dates to remember.

KNITTING

We are holding knitting/ crochet group for 6 weeks beginning on Friday 8th January at 2p.m. We invite any grandparent or person in the community who would be willing & interested in coming into the school to help out during the 6 weeks or even occasionally. Please let us know if you can join us!

School closes on Tuesday 22nd Dec at 12:30p.m. & re-opens on the 7th January.

Every good wish to you all for Christmas. G. Nolan, C. Roughneen, J. Brennan



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