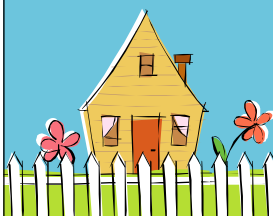


# GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

December 2016



## IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION

Thank you to everyone who supported the Irish Wheelchair Association angel badge campaign. This year €300 was raised for this worthy charity.

## CAROL & PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A short Christmas carol service between Glinsk N.S. & Creggs N.S. will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** in Glinsk church at 8p.m. (No uniforms needed). All pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class will be involved in singing Christmas hymns.

## JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAMME

Following on from the J.E.P. (Junior Entrepreneur Programme) Car Wash Café last year, the senior room will work on a mini-J.E.P. project for Christmas. Pupils will work in teams using all their marketing & sales skills to work on a Christmas Fair which will take place on **Tuesday 20th of December**. The J.E.P. team will keep you all informed about their plans & the event.

## CHRISTMAS ANNUALS

Optional Christmas annuals costing €2 can be ordered at the school by Monday 12th December.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please remember the school will be **closed on Thursday 8th of December** as per the school calendar.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions for all pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class will take place during the week beginning the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert takes place on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. All are welcome to an enjoyable nights entertainment. Doors open at 7p.m. and our concert will begin at 7:30p.m. Thank you to 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes
- Junior & Senior Infants present *Toby's Drum*
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes present *The Midwife Crisis*
- 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Classes present *Straw & Order*

Pupils do not need to wear their uniforms for the music recital. All pupils should come dressed in their costumes to the school. Please take care of and return all costumes to the school on Monday after the concert so that they can be minded for future concerts. Any props belonging to pupils will be returned on Monday after the concert. School will finish at **2p.m. on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> for all classes** and the school bus will collect pupils at 2p.m.



## SUNSHINE VIDEOS

Sunshine Videos (Williamstown) will produce a video of the concert during rehearsals. These videos cost €12 for anyone interested and the final date for order is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Cheques can be made payable to Fiona Mannion if paying by cheque.

## GREEN SCHOOLS

The new Green Schools committee and co-ordinator Ms. Roughneen will begin work on **Energy** as the next area of work, while continuing with Litter & Waste initiatives already in place. On **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, the Green Schools Committee will organise and manage a **Toy & Book** swap for pupils in all classes. Pupils are invited to bring in a toy/ book (a toy that children don't play with any longer or may have outgrown) that they are willing to swap on a permanent basis. In return all pupils will have an opportunity to choose **one** toy & **one** book from the collection. We are collecting and recycling used batteries, used ink & toner and old mobile phones for charity. W.E.E. battery recycling boxes are available in the school to help you collect up old batteries which may be useful over the Christmas break.

## JUBILEE OF MERCY AWARD

Congratulations to Beth O'Mahony who was the overall winner of Category A in the Diocese of Elphin Jubilee of Mercy art competition.

## COUNTY PHOTOS

Please check your child's school bag for sample photos taken by County Photos. Any family interested in photos should return orders to the school by Monday 12th December.

## COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK - HOUR OF CODE

Computer Science Education Week takes place from the 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils will take part in the Hour of Code during the week working through coding levels at their own pace. This year's Hour of Code is **"Disney: Wayfinding with Code"** *The story of the "Disney: Wayfinding with Code" tutorial centers around two characters as they sail through unknown territory across the ocean. As students follow these travels, they learn basic coding commands that help steer the boat. Along the way, students are introduced to conditionals, sequences, and loops while they master the art of navigation. When the characters are suddenly attacked by the Kakamora – coconut-clad warriors—they must use their coding skills to dodge their pirate projectiles and penetrate their defenses.*

## ACTIVE SCHOOL FLAG

An Active School Committee involving pupils from 1st – 6th class has been established, which will work with all classes towards achieving an Active School Flag for the school. The Active School Flag (ASF) is awarded to schools that strive to achieve a physically active & educated school community.

## KNITTING

We will begin knitting & crochet for 6 weeks beginning on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017 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.

School closes on **Thursday 22nd Dec at 12:30p.m.** & re-opens on **Monday 9th January.**

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



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