

GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

January 2017



New Year

Wishing you all a *Happy New Year* and every good wish for the coming year. We welcome Ms. Róisín Quinn to the school staff and wish her well in her temporary post.

Write A Book 2017

Pupils in all classes will work on the Write a Book project over the coming weeks. This project is organised by Galway Education Centre. All pupils are encouraged to take part in this very worthwhile project.

When books are completed, all books from Glinsk N.S. will be exchanged with another primary school for a 2-week period. This gives pupils an opportunity to see books from other young authors.



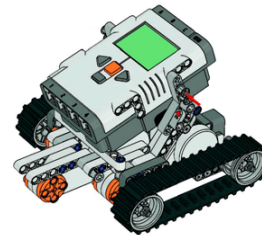
Books are returned to all schools following this exchange and pupils will eventually have their own book returned to them.

Dates to Note:

- The school has received notice of in-service training for all teachers on the new Language curriculum for English & Irish taking place on **Thursday 27th April**. The school will be closed on this date.
- First Holy Communion for 2nd class will be celebrated on **Sunday 30th April**.
- Confirmation for 6th class will be celebrated on **Wednesday 17th May** in Ballintubber Church.

Robotics Workshop

Colmac Robotics will return to the school on **Thursday 26th January** to host the *Sumo Robot Challenge* workshop for all pupils from 3rd – 6th class.



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 & electronic kits during the workshop. They will design and build a sumo robot to challenge other sumo robots!

Gymnastics

Gymnastics which is a part of the P.E. curriculum for all classes will begin on **Thursday 12th January** with an experienced gymnastics coach. Classes will continue on the 19th January; 2nd & 9th February. We hope all pupils enjoy gymnastics and recommend wearing the school tracksuit for comfort.



Swimming

Swimming lessons for 1st – 6th classes will commence on **Friday 3rd March** at 10a.m. at Roscommon Leisure Centre pool.

Credit Union Quiz Date

Glenamaddy Credit Union Quiz will take place on **Friday 27th January at 7p.m.** in Glenamaddy Community Centre for U11 & U 13 teams.

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday 29th January marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2017. The purpose of the week is to highlight and celebrate the wonderful contribution that Catholic Schools make to our local communities. This year's theme is **Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home**



To celebrate the joy that grandparents bring to families, we welcome grandparents & parents to come into the school on Wednesday 1st February for a short prayer service & blessing of St. Brigid's crosses made by the children at 1:30p.m. Enjoy a cup of tea & coffee afterwards. All welcome.

Knitting & crochet

Knitting for all pupils from 1st – 6th class begins on Friday 13th January from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Any person available to help out with our knitting sessions is welcome to join us on Friday afternoons.

1st February

Lá Fhéile Bríde – St. Brigid's Day

We will make St. Brigid crosses on Tuesday 31st January so please remember to bring some rushes to school on this day. All crosses will be blessed on Wednesday 1st February at the Grandparents Prayer Service.



Go raibh maith agaibh



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