# GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER February 2017

# **Green Schools - Energy**

We are currently working towards our second Green Schools Flag which is for Energy. This theme looks at the steps which can be taken to reduce energy consumption and raise awareness of climate change issues. This month our Green Schools Committee are busy conducting a full Energy Review of the school. We are gathering information from the school community also and request that each family please complete our short *Energy Questionnaire* enclosed or click on the link below to complete and submit online.

# https://goo.gl/forms/Oq9IrUiz5X1QV1FQ2

Our school website has information about our Green School activities under the *About* tab.

### 10@10 - Active Schools

All pupils will take part in the 10@10 on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Active Schools, Healthy Ireland, Operation Transformation, and Safe Food are all promoting this 10 minutes of exercise on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Our Active School Committee are involved in coming up with possible activities each class.

#### **Knitting**

We are very grateful to all the grandparents and members of the community who have given so generously of their time to ensure our weekly knitting session are a great success.

## **Enrolment 2017**

Glinsk N.S will hold an enrolment evening on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February** from 7-8p.m. for all pupils enrolling in September 2017.

# **Credit Union Quiz**

Well done to all teams who took part in the Credit Union Quiz on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Congratulations to Sarah-Jane, Tegan, Sarah & Éanna's team who were runners-up in the U13 section.



### **Texaco Art Competition**

Pupils in all classes will work on entries for the Texaco Art Competition with pupils choosing their own subject or theme to draw, colour, paint etc.

#### Midterm

The school will be closed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February for the mid-term break as per the school calendar.

#### **Useful** websites

Please visit <u>www.glinskns.ie/about/resources/</u> for some useful websites across different subjects.

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## Safer Internet day 2017

Safer Internet Day is an EU wide initiative to promote a safer internet for all users, especially young people. It is promoted in Ireland by the PDST Technology in Education and Webwise (www.webwise.ie). The Webwise website has a very informative section on all new apps and how they work under the **Parents** tab – **Explainers** link which is updated regularly as new apps become popular. National Safer Internet day will be celebrated in Ireland on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.



## **World Book Day**

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 2**<sup>nd</sup> **March.** All pupils will receive a World Book Day Book Token worth €1.50 to use towards a book at participating bookshops. The book token can be swapped for one of a choice of 10 books (list of this year's books is available on <a href="www.worldbookday.com/books">www.worldbookday.com/books</a>) Or the book token can be used to get €1.50 off a full price book. We invite pupils to dress up as their favourite book character on **Thursday 2**<sup>nd</sup> **March**. Please visit <a href="www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/dress-up/">www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/dress-up/</a> for some ideas & tips for homemade costumes including mask templates which can be printed out e.g. Fantastic Mr. Fox, Harry Potter etc. or choose a favourite fairytale character, character from history etc. Otherwise school uniform can be worn as normal.

#### Write a Book Project 2017

Well done to all pupils for the great effort put into all books. Books from Glinsk N.S. were exchanged on Wednesday 1st February. We hope they enjoy reading all the books from our 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:

- Glenamaddy Community School enrolment evening takes place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30p.m.
- Swimming lessons for 1st 6th classes will commence on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at 10a.m. at Roscommon Leisure Centre pool.
- The school has received notice of in-service training for all teachers on the new Language curriculum for English & Irish taking place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. The school will be closed on this date.

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