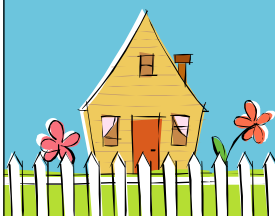


GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

September 2017



Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone to school after the summer holidays. We especially welcome Maya, Clare, Bridgín, Zuzanna, Roisie, Oscar, Eamon, Daniel, Patrick, Brian, Ryan, Adam & Declan and look forward to helping them settle into school routine.

We also welcome Lorraine Fallon (Special Needs Assistant) appointed during the summer to the school and wish her well in her new post.

Heritage in Schools Scheme - Family History

Martin Curley began a series of family history workshops with pupils in the senior classroom on Tuesday 5th and will continue on the **12th, 19th, 26th of September and the 3rd of October**. Pupils will use online census records, online marriage records etc. to learn more about their family history and maybe looking for information from parents and grandparents to help with their work.

Book Rental Scheme

Please find enclosed book rental & workbook fees for all pupils payable for 2017 – 2018.

Healthy Lunches

Remember our Healthy Lunch Policy for all school days. Some pupils have serious food allergies and therefore we ask that pupils do not offer lunches to other pupils and in return should not accept lunches from other pupils. This is the only time when sharing is not good!! If your child has any allergies that we are unaware of, please let us know.

Hurling coaching

Congratulations to Galway on winning the All-Ireland hurling final. Ballygar hurling club will provide hurling coaching again for all classes on beginning on **Thursday 14th Sept**. Coaches will bring helmets & hurls for all pupils or pupils may use their own helmet if they have one.

FOOD DUDES PROGRAMME



Food Dudes is a programme developed to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables in school and at home. The Food Dudes programme has been offered to the school beginning in October. Junior Infants to 2nd class will receive fruit and vegetables in individual portion packs over 16 consecutive days. The senior programme (3rd – 6th class pupils) is designed as a “boost” for pupils who have previously participated in Food Dudes and these pupils will receive fruit and vegetables for 8 consecutive days.

Tin whistle

Tin whistle for all pupils from senior infants to 6th class will begin on the **20th of September** with Orla Wynn. Pupils in senior infants will need a **D** tin whistle (**D** written on the front of the whistle) and a folder for tin whistle notes e.g. poly pocket display folder.

School Absence

All pupils will receive school absence forms in the coming week. If your child is absent, please complete a form and return to the class teacher for school records. The school must inform the NEWB (National Education Welfare Board) if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year.

Gaelic Training

Gaelic Training for 1st – 6th classes will be on Wednesdays and we encourage all pupils to take part. During poor weather, the school hall will be used.

Text - a - Parent

If you have changed your mobile number or have not received the text sent at the end of August, please contact the school to ensure that you receive future texts and that the correct number is on the contact list.

FIRST Lego League

Colmac Robotics hosted Lego robotics workshops for senior classroom pupils during the past two years and Glinsk N.S. have been offered a place on the FIRST Lego League which is jointly hosted by Colmac Robotics and Galway Education Centre. **FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science & Technology) Lego League** is a global science and technology competition for students, that aims to encourage an interest in real world issues. Pupils work together as a team and explore a given scientific topic and plan, build, program and test an autonomous Lego robot to solve several missions in the Robot Game using Lego Mindstorms technology. FIRST Lego League challenges pupils to think like scientists and engineers. The theme for the FIRST Lego Leagues competition for 2017 – 2018 is **Hydro Dynamics**. Pupils in the senior room will work on this exciting project during the autumn & winter with the competition day usually held at the end of January.

Skip N' Rope

Skip N' Rope will host a skipping workshop on **Thursday 21st of September** for each classroom suitable to the pupils' ability. **Skip N' Rope** workshops provide the use of skipping ropes to the children for each session on the day. Pupils will learn a host of footwork skills, beginner to intermediate skipping tricks, long rope games and partner skipping.

National Fitness Day

National Fitness Day takes place on **Friday 29th September** as part of European Week of Sport. Be Active encourage all schools to take part.

School Mass

Our school mass for the new school year will be in October (date to be confirmed)

Remember

Please sign your child's homework diary or homework copy (infants). Also, we ask you to sign your child's spellings & table test each week and any other test that your child takes home during the school year.

School Calendar

You can check the school calendar on the school website at www.glinskns.ie for activities & upcoming dates. You can also follow us on Twitter @Glinsk_NS

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