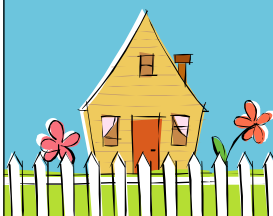


GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

October 2017



F.A.I. Soccer Coaching

F.A.I. Roscommon & Districts have begun soccer coaching for all classes on Tuesdays with Garrett Muldoon.

Space Week 2017

Space Week begins on Wednesday 4th of October. The theme for Space Week is 'Exploring New Worlds in Space.'

Maths week 2017

Pupils will take part in Maths Week Ireland 2017 from the 14th – 22nd of October. Maths Week Ireland promotes, awareness, appreciation and understanding of maths.

Credit Union Art Competition

All pupils will work on the Credit Union art competition over the coming weeks. The theme this year is *Set your imagination free*

Cross Country Running

The Cumann na mBunscol cross-country running takes place on **Friday 13th October** at Renmore Park, Galway for senior pupils.

Dates to Note

- There will be Parent- Teacher meetings on **Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st of November**. More details nearer the dates.
- FIRST Lego Leagues competition day is **Saturday 3rd February 2018**. Pupils are working a water usage questionnaire as part of their project and would appreciate if families of senior room pupils could take the time to complete it and return to the school.
- Confirmation takes place on **Friday 20th April 2018** at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's church Glinsk. The school will be closed on this date.



Food Dudes

The Food Dudes programme begins on **Wednesday 11th October** for all pupils from Junior Infants – 3rd class. Pupils will receive fruit and vegetables for 16 consecutive days. Pupils from 4th, 5th & 6th class will begin their Food Dude programme on **Monday 23rd** for 8 consecutive days (3 after the Halloween break).

Helen Butler

Helen Butler from Youth Work Ireland will work with 5th & 6th class pupils on **Wednesday 11th & Wednesday 18th of October**. She will hold a parents evening on Wednesday 25th at 7:30p.m. on the theme **"Parenting your child's Internet Use."** Helen's presentations are very practical and informative and all parents are welcome to attend this evening including parents from other areas who may be interested.

"To the Moon and Back" Irish Heart Foundation

The Irish Heart Foundation are asking all pupils to run, skip or jump their way **To the Moon and Back**. All pupils will receive a Let's get Active Award booklet which runs over 4 weeks on Monday the 9th of October. All pupils are encouraged to be active for 60 minutes per day which includes home and school activities. There are lots of simple suggestions included in the booklet. The aim of the Irish Heart Foundation is to get pupils to walk 10,000 steps a day for one week which is the same distance as **To the Moon and Back**.

Goal Jersey Day

A guest speaker from Goal will host a workshop for 4th, 5th & 6th class pupils on Tuesday 10th of October. National Goal Jersey Day takes place on **Friday 13th October**. Pupils are invited to wear a jersey of their choice and make a €2 donation to GOAL or wear their school uniform as usual.

Halloween

On Thursday 26th October, we will scoop out and carve pumpkins. Each pupil will get a pumpkin to scoop out at school and then take home for Halloween. On **Friday 27th October** pupils can dress up for Halloween and we will play some traditional Halloween games!



Pupil Insurance

Brennan Insurance Company has a Personal Accident Insurance cover for school pupils. There are 2 options available under the **optional scheme**.

1. Cover for school related activities only which costs €4.20 per pupil
2. Cover on a 24-hour basis, 365 days per year which costs €6.30 per pupil

Both of the above options are inclusive of a 30% discount when purchased online by the school. Please see www.pupilcover.ie for more information & benefits of the cover. Please find enclosed an application form for this optional insurance scheme for interested families which can be completed and returned to the school by **Friday 27th October**. Printed copies of the attached application form are available in the school.

Shoebox appeal

Over the past few years we have participated in the Team Hope Christmas shoebox appeal. Shoeboxes go directly to children that are victims of war, disease or poverty. Leaflets with a list of items that can be included in the shoeboxes for any family that would like to donate a shoebox to Team Hope (entirely optional) will be available in the school before the Halloween holidays.

Design-A-Card

Pupils will work on designing their own Christmas card before Halloween. Each pupil will receive a sample card of their work after Halloween with all the details about the different options for cards etc. included.

Fire Drill

All pupils and all staff completed a fire drill on 18th September. Fire Drills will be completed once a month up to and including December and once a term thereafter.

Green Schools

Used batteries are still collected in the school as part of our Green Schools work. There are small WEEE battery cartons available in the school for used batteries which can be left into the school when full.

Oíche Shamhna "Enjoy the Halloween holidays!"



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