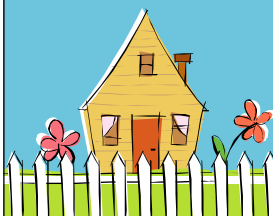


# GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

April 2018



## DAFFODIL DAY

Thank you to everyone for supporting Daffodil Day with a total of €159.60 raised and Evelyn Curley for sponsoring Easter eggs for a raffle on the day.

## EASON SPELLING BEE

Well done to Nichola Mulligan represented the school in the Eason Spelling Bee competition on Tuesday 10th in Galway.



## CONFIRMATION

Every good wish to Nadine, Alanna, Emma, Sarah, Marissa, Taylor, Gavin, Éanna & Michael who receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation** on the **20th of April at 11 a.m.** in St. Michael's Church, Glinsk. The school will be closed on this date.



## FIRST CONFESSION

Congratulations to Beth, Emma, Róisín, Nicole, Gary, Ethan, Patrick, Brían & Kyle who received the Sacrament of Penance before Easter. We wish them well as they continue to prepare for the **First Holy Communion** on the **6th of May**.

## TECH WEEK & ACTIVE SCHOOL WEEK

Tech Week & Active Schools Week begin on the 23rd April.

## ARTS IN EDUCATION FLAG

Branar Theatre company promote the Arts Flag programme for schools. Following our application in February, we are delighted to be one of four schools in County Galway that will be part of the 2017/2018 Arts Flag programme, sponsored by Acorn Life.



The Arts Flag is intended to be a statement of achievement and intent with regard to the importance of the arts in the school, both within and outside of classroom. Catherine Simon from Branar Theatre company will be in the school from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April** to work with all classrooms and she will focus on drama as we aim to achieve the Arts in Education flag.

## National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day takes place on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of April**.

## Dancing

Dance is one of the 6 strands of the P.E. curriculum and Mildred Beirne will teach pupils from 1st – 6th class line dancing and jiving on Tuesday 17th, Tuesday 24th April and May 1st for €2 per lesson.

### Stay Safe

The Stay Safe programme will be taught in all classrooms this term. Stay Safe is a personal safety skills programme designed for use with primary school children from Junior Infants through to 6th class. The programme seeks to enhance children's self-protective skills by participation in lessons on safe and unsafe situations, bullying, inappropriate touch, secrets, telling and stranger danger. Your child may bring home worksheets which will inform you on the topics being covered in class and how you can reinforce the messages at home. You can familiarise yourself with the content of the Stay Safe lessons at [www.staysafe.ie](http://www.staysafe.ie) Please inform the school in writing if you do not wish your child to participate in this programme by Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

### Green Schools

Well done to our Green Schools committee who have worked on the theme of energy over the past two years. We have been awarded our second An Táisce Green Flag for energy which will be presented at an awards ceremony on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Thank you to Mrs. Mary Neary for our lovely window boxes around the school.

### Áistear - Infants Classroom

We are hoping to increase our stock of dress up clothes that we use for role-play during Áistear. If you have any of the following items at home that you no longer use, we would be grateful if you could donate them to the Áistear resources for the children to use –costumes, (adult sizes so they can be pulled on over the uniforms) aprons, shirts, dresses, jackets, scarves, glasses (with lenses popped out) gloves, handbags, purses & wallets.

### F.A.I. Soccer

The girls and boys entered the SPAR F.A.I. five-a-side tournament in Shiven Rovers before Easter, with the boys making it to their group final. Thank you to Martin Hegarty & James Shevlin who helped out at the competition.

### History Project

The senior classroom have been busy working on a class history project on inspirational Irish women. Their work can be seen on [www.mnanaheireann.weebly.com](http://www.mnanaheireann.weebly.com)

### Start Competition

Do Maths games improve test scores? See the Glinsk randomised trials project which the senior room have been working on since before the Easter on [www.glinskstart.weebly.com](http://www.glinskstart.weebly.com)

### School Bus Tickets

Applications for new pupils using the Bus Éireann school bus for next school year 2018-2019 can be made on [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie) with the closing date on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of April.



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### Baking

All classes will make home-made pizzas with Lisa O'Mahony the week beginning the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

### National Spring Clean

The Green Schools Committee have chosen **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of May** (weather permitting) to take part in National Spring Clean. All pupils and teachers will work in groups to collect litter and waste around the school grounds and immediate environment.

### Date to note:

The school will be closed for voting in the referendum on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

### Cumann na mBunscol Championship

The girls and boys Cumann na mBunscol championship Gaelic football will take place at the beginning of May when the arrangements are finalised with all other schools in the groups. The boys' games will take place at Glinsk pitch and the girls will be hosted at Glenamaddy pitch.



### Whizz Kids

Pupils in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class will learn computer programming using Scratch software with Whizz Kids I.T. training for 8 weeks on the following dates – April 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.



### Music

Pupils in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> class with help from the senior room have worked on a class music project, recording tunes on tin whistle which can be seen on [www.glinsknschool.wixsite.com/playatune](http://www.glinsknschool.wixsite.com/playatune)

### School Calendar

Remember you can check the school calendar on the school website at [www.glinskns.ie](http://www.glinskns.ie) for activities & upcoming dates for this term. Go raibh míle maith agaibh