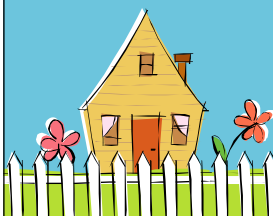


# GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

September 2019



## Welcome Back

We welcome everybody back to school after the summer holidays. We especially welcome our new pupils Caoimhe, Lilianna, Ronan, Emmett, Bobby, Antonio, Glen and Ben and look forward to helping them settle into school routine. We are delighted to welcome back Ms. Jennifer Higgins to the junior classroom.

## Healthy Lunches

Remember our Healthy Lunch Policy is for all school days. Some pupils have serious food allergies and therefore we ask that pupils don't 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!!

## Book Rental Scheme

Please find enclosed book rental & workbook fees for all pupils payable for 2019 – 2020.

## Brennan 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 €4.60 per pupil
2. Cover on a 24-hour basis, 365 days per year which costs €7.10 per pupil

Please see [www.pupilcover.ie](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> of September.**



## Connacht Rugby World Cup School Series

The Rugby World Cup is kicking off in Japan in September, so Connacht are getting behind it with a Connacht Rugby World Cup National School series! It is a series of tag rugby blitzes for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils with a girls competition & boys competition. The blitzes are non-competitive and are 7 a-side. Each school is given a country to represent for the blitz and teams are asked to *dress up/represent their country on the day*. Glinsk N.S. will participate in the Rugby World Cup school series at Creggs R.F.C. on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of October.**

## Aldi Play Rugby

Aldi are holding the Aldi Play Rugby promotion again this year. The school is participating in this promotion and are collecting the Aldi rugby stickers for the poster. Please bring in any stickers that you can collect.

## Tin whistle

Tin whistle for all pupils from senior infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class will begin on the **18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **Voluntary Contribution**

The voluntary family contribution which is based on per pupil attending the school. This voluntary contribution goes directly towards the cost of photocopying & art materials, tin-whistle lessons, swimming lessons and other school activities for pupils. The voluntary family contribution can be contributed at any time during the year with amounts as follows:

- 1 pupil attending school - €60 per year (or €20 per term)
- 2 pupils attending school - €120 per year (or €40 per term)
- Maximum for 3 or more pupils attending - €150 per year (or €50 per term)

### **PM+ Readers**

The PM+ reading scheme will be used in all classrooms with the full scheme to level 30 in the school. Junior infants will use this reading scheme later in the school year. It is a graded reading scheme with pupils reading at their own level and progressing through the levels. Pupils using the PM+ readers have a reading record and it is important to ensure your child reads the reader and parents/ guardians sign the record please.

### **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.

### **Cumann na nBunscol**

The Cumann na nBunscol Mini-7s Gaelic area competitions for boys & girls will take place later this month (date to be confirmed)

### **Remember**

Please sign your child's homework diary or homework. 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](http://www.glinskns.ie) for activities & upcoming dates. You can also follow us on Twitter @Glinsk\_NS



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