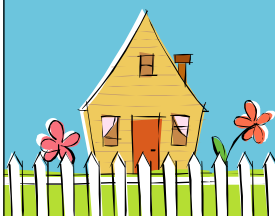


GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

September 2020



Welcome Back

We welcome everybody back to school after the summer holidays. We especially welcome our new pupils Shay, Shaun, Finn, Donagh, Joshua, Michael, Matthew, Aoibhinn, Rachael, Emma, Eibhlín and Daniel look forward to helping them settle into school routine. We are delighted to welcome back Ms. Brennan 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!!

E-mail addresses

You can contact the school on (094) 9655257 or e-mail glinsknschool@gmail.com Staff can also be contacted at the following e-mail addresses:

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sharlenecoyle@glinskns.ie

Junior Infant Parents

Please send in an old large t-shirt (e.g. adult size) that pupils can wear over their school uniform for art activities, which will stay in the school.

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 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 2nd of October.**



Stay Safe Programme

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/ children 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 Please inform the school in writing if you do not wish your child to participate in this programme by *Friday the 25th of September.*

Book Rental Scheme

Please find enclosed book rental & workbook fees for all pupils payable for 2020 – 2021. Payments can be made securely through the school website or by E.F.T. [Electronic Funds Transfer]. The school bank account IBAN number for E.F.T. payments is **IE57 AIBK 9371 4212 8280 44**

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. Or if you have changed your e-mail address, please contact the school with your current e-mail address.

Voluntary Contribution

The voluntary family contribution is based on the number of children attending the school. This voluntary contribution goes directly towards the cost of photocopying, art materials and 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)

School Absence

If your child is absent, please **complete an online absence form on the homepage of the school website www.glinskns.ie** The school must inform the NEWB (National Education Welfare Board) if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year.

Sacraments

Congratulation to Lara, Kate, Aibhilín, Elena, Niamh, Isabelle, Caitlín, Fionnán, Finn, Cían & Conor who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion during the summer holidays. We also congratulate Colin, Seán, Ross, Emily, Kayleigh & Caoimhe who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the summer and we wish them well in secondary school. Sincere thanks to the Parents Association who gave each pupil a gift bag with goodies & treats following the celebration of the sacraments. The parent association have added further to the playground during the summer with some additional play equipment due to be installed in the near future.

Gaelic Training

Gaelic Training for 1st – 6th classes will be on Wednesdays and we encourage all pupils to take part.

Homework

Homework will be assigned to all classes from **Monday 28th of September**. Pupils may receive a PM+ library book or other library book, Stay Safe home activities or S.P.H.E. [Social Personal & Health Education] before then to complete.

Goal Jersey Day

National Goal Jersey Day takes place on **Friday 9th of 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.

