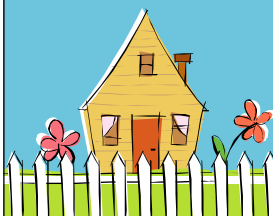


# GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

April/ May 2021



## Daffodil Day

Sincere thanks to everyone for generously supporting Daffodil Day with €244 was raised for the Irish Cancer Society.

## Tech Week

Tech Week takes place from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of April with classes taking part in different activities during Tech week.

## Whizzkids

P.J. Mullin from Whizz Kids will begin programming with pupils in 4th, 5th & 6th class on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of April** for 8 consecutive weeks and costs €40 per pupil. Pupils will code using Scratch during the 2-hour sessions. Payment can be made on the school website.

## National Spring Clean

We will take part in the An Táisce National Spring clean on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April** (weather permitting). Staff and pupils will collect rubbish & litter around the school grounds and immediate environment.

## Blue Star Programme - Europe Day



The Blue Star Programme is an education initiative for primary school pupils across Ireland. The idea of the Programme is simple: to foster better understanding and knowledge of the European Union and how it affects the lives of Irish citizens among primary pupils through classroom projects and activities. Pupils in the senior room have been working on all four elements of the programme (historical, geographical, cultural and creative, and institutional) and will hold an event to mark Europe Day on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of May** where the pupil's projects on the E.U. will be on display.

## Green Schools



All classes are working on the theme of water and we hope to achieve a Green Schools flag for this work. A virtual assessment with Catríona Cunningham from An Táisce and the school Green Schools committee will take place on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of May**.

## Teacher in Artist Programme (T.A.P)

Pupils in the senior room are taking part in the Teacher in Artist programme through Galway Education Centre. Louise Manifold is the artist in residence working online twice a week with the class. Pupils are working on storyboards, character building, set construction and animation. These storyboards will be used to create digital stories. Progress on T.A.P. can be followed on Twitter @Glinsk\_NS

## Absence Notes

***If your child/ children are absent from school, an absent note and the parental declaration form must be completed even if the absence is not Covid related.*** The school must inform the NEWB (National Education Welfare Board) if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year for which the absence note is required. **Both** notes are available online at [www.glinskns.ie/submit-an-absent-note/](http://www.glinskns.ie/submit-an-absent-note/)

## Child Safeguarding Statement Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management this term and parental input/ feedback is invited. Please submit feedback through the google form which is available on the homepage of the school website at [www.glinskns.ie](http://www.glinskns.ie)

## Fís Storyboard Competition

Congratulations to Clare Byrnes, Lara Devaney & Kate Devaney all prize winners in the recent national Fís storyboard storytelling competition. Storyboards could be based on a curriculum area, a superhero, a fairytale or a year of change. The winning entries chose *The Fabulous Day & Covid-19* as the focus of their stories.



## J.E.P. [Junior Entrepreneur Programme]

Pupils in the senior room are taking part the J.E.P. programme which encourages pupils to develop entrepreneurial skills at a young age. Pupils use their creativity to come up with individual business ideas, they come together as a class to choose one idea and then work to turn this idea into reality over a period of time. Each group will present their projects at the Dragons Den where the panel will ask questions about their projects. Each group works on researching what customers really want, working out their costs and how much to charge for it. All pupils in the classroom will work on one of the following teams: Finance, Marketing, Design & Production, Sales and Storytelling to promote and sell their chosen product.



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