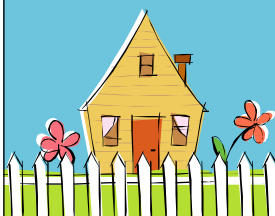


# GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

November 2021



## Goal Jersey Day

This year €209 was raised for GOAL. Thank you to all who contributed generously to this charity.

## Christmas Annuals

Christmas annuals costing €2 can be ordered up to **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of November** with the class teacher



## Christmas Concert

Unfortunately, the annual Christmas concert will not take place this year due to the rising incidents of Covid-19.

## Reminder:

A half-day school closure has been sanctioned for all schools in Term 1 2021/22 for the Primary Language Curriculum in-service training. The school will close at **12 p.m. on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of November**.

## Month of the Holy Souls

Pupils in the senior room will visit the graveyard during November as we remember and pray for all our deceased.

## Science Week 2021

Science week takes place from 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> of November with all classes taking part in a variety of different science activities during the week. The school will receive a *Something Sciencey* kit from Galway Science & Technology festival to use during science week. Congratulations to Rosie O'Mahony & Daniel Fallon who were recent prize winners in the Science Foundation STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths] competition.



## Amber Flag Initiative

The school Amber Flag committee decided to carry out a survey on mental health and well-being among pupils, staff and parents. Information about the Amber flag can be found on the school website where you will also find a parental survey. Please visit the website or click on this link [www.glinskns.ie/well-being-survey/](http://www.glinskns.ie/well-being-survey/) to complete this survey which will be open for responses up to Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November.

## Team Hope

We are, once again, participating in TEAM HOPE's shoebox appeal. Labels are available in school and Shoeboxes can be left into the school by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November. See <https://www.teamhope.ie/> for more details.

## Green Schools – Toy Swap

Our Green Schools committee will hold a **Toy Swap** on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of December**. All pupils are invited to bring a toy or a book to school for a permanent swap. In return each pupil will have an opportunity to choose **one** toy and **one** book in return to keep. Toys or books donated to the *Toy Swap* can be brought into school from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of November to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December where they will remain in quarantine until the toy swap date. Please donate only toys and books which are in good, reusable and complete condition. Please do not give in broken or soiled items as these cannot be repurposed. No soft toys please, thank you.

## Green Schools

Catriona Cunningham, Green Schools travel officer with An Táisce visited the school on Tuesday 2nd of November and completed a walkability audit with pupils in the senior room as part of our work on the theme of travel. Pupils from 1st – 3rd class completed a safe cycling session with Catriona also.

### Walkability Audit:

Pupils will be submitting their findings to Galway County Council for their consideration in the hope of making it safer to walk or cycle to school where possible/ feasible.

### Findings of the Walkability Audit were:

1. Finish footpath leading to crèche, community centre and GAA pitch
2. Install two pedestrian crossings: one at Dowd's shop and one at school to Castlelawn estate
3. Repaint road markings "School Ahead" near Dowd's shop. New School ahead sign here as it is faded.
4. Flashing lights to warn of school ahead sign need repair.
5. Install cycle lanes along main road through village.
6. Widen and repair footpaths in village.
7. Install footpath from Ballinakill road to 80kpm sign or ideally Glinsk Geo Park (i.e., the Glen)



## Ireland's Future is MINE

The senior classroom are taking part in the joint initiative between Microsoft Dream Space™ and RTE Jr involving the use of Minecraft: Educational Edition, a series of educational programmes on RTÉ Jr and a national Competition called Ireland's Future is MINE. Each pupil will receive free access to MineCraft: Educational Edition for the duration of the competition. Find out more at <https://www.rte.ie/learn/irelands-future-is-mine/>



## Design a Card

Pupils in all class created their unique Christmas card design before Halloween. Your child will receive their sample in the next few days. You will have the option of purchasing sets of your child's card and other extra items through the school or via Design a Card website if you so wish. Please note any purchases are optional. More details will follow when you receive your child's sample.

## Music Generation

Music classes from Music Generation have commenced before Halloween for all classes. Pupils from first to sixth classes have commenced learning the ukulele and received their own instrument **on loan** for the duration. They will be allowed to bring home their ukulele in the coming weeks to practice but please note any instrument which is damaged or broken must be purchased.

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