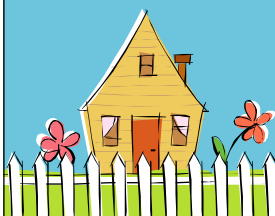


GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

February 2022



Swimming

Swimming lessons for 1st – 6th classes will commence on **Friday 4th of March at 10 a.m.** at Roscommon Leisure Centre pool. Pupils from 1st – 6th class should arrive at school at 9:05 a.m. each Friday.

Admissions 2022 - 2023

Application forms for admission to Junior Infants and other classes for 2022 – 2023 are available on the homepage of the school website at www.glinskns.ie/admissions/ The closing date for applications is the **23rd of February 2022.**

Debating

The senior classroom is taking part in a Galway Education Centre initiative where they will brainstorm and research topics and motions, prepare an argument and participate in inclass debates, before culminating in a formal debate with another school on **February 14th** at 11.30am via Zoom.

Music Generation

Pupils can find ukulele chords and tunes that they are learning in school on the school website at <https://www.glinskns.ie/music-generation-2/> when they are practicing on their instruments at home.

Amber Flag Update



All classes will work on the theme of kindness for the month of February. Worry boxes from January will continue to be used in the classrooms.

Dates to Note:

- Mid-term break – school will be closed on the **24th & 25th of February.**
- School will be closed on the **17th & 18th of March**
- Confirmation will be celebrated on **Friday 6th of May** in St. Michael's Church at 2:30 p.m. School will finish at 12 o'clock for all classes on this date.



Green Schools

Our Green School Travel Coordinator, Caitríona Cunningham will visit our school on **Tuesday, 15th of February at 11am**, where she will lead a climate change workshop with the senior classes.

The Big Travel Challenge

As part of our Green Schools Travel Flag, we will be participating in the Big Travel Challenge, where we will take on the challenge of achieving a measurable increase in one of the following sustainable modes of travel: walking, cycling, scooting, park 'n' stride or the bus. We will promote our chosen greener mode of travel for a 10-day period during the month of February (Tuesday 15th – Monday 28th) and record our results. Caitríona our travel officer will be on hand to help and advise us.

Scoot to School week: Monday 7th to Friday 11th of March

This year, *National Scoot to School Week* will kick off on Monday 7th and will run through to Friday 11th of March, and National SOW Day (Scoot on Wednesdays/Weekdays) will be held on **Wednesday March 9th.**

National Scoot to School Week is a celebration of scooting to school and has been enjoyed by primary schools on the Green-Schools Programme since 2015. There are multiple environmental and health benefits to scooting to school, but most importantly scooting is one of the most enjoyable ways for primary students to get to school. Green-Schools would like to invite all primary schools currently on Travel Flags to participate in National Scoot to School Week. All schools who participate in scoot to school week will be entered into a draw for scooting goodies and prizes.

Safer Internet Day 2022

Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday the **8th of February**. The theme is “*All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online*” All classes will use suitable resources to learn about online safety.



Webwise in partnership with the National Parents Council are hosting a #TalkListenLearn Safer Internet event on **Monday 7th of February at 11 a.m.** This event will explore how to support children online, will be moderated by Gavan Reilly and will include contributions from Áine Lynch, Professor Brian O’Neill & Dr. Colman Noctor. Registration for the event is available at https://pdst-ie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-0134d3QS123GO9kFKABrg

Webwise is a very useful & invaluable website where all the latest apps are explained, how they work, what the risks are, settings within apps and age limit etc. The content on the website is kept up to date with all the latest apps explained. See www.webwise.ie and under the **Parents** tab, you can find **Apps Explained**.

Safer Internet Day with Dream Space

The Senior Classroom will be taking part in a Safer Internet Day webinar "*Together for a better Internet*" with Microsoft Dream space on **Tuesday, February 8th at 1pm**. The classes will join the Dream Space team for this live event which will educate students and set challenges through the medium of Minecraft: Education Edition whilst learning about digital citizenship and internet safety.

World Book Day

World Book Day World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 3rd of March**. All pupils will receive a World Book Day Book Token worth €1.50 to use towards a book at participating bookshops. The book token can be swapped for one of a choice of 12 books (list of this year’s books is available on www.worldbookday.com/books) or the book token can be used to get €1.50 off a full price book. We invite pupils to dress up as their favourite book character on **Thursday 3rd of March**.



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