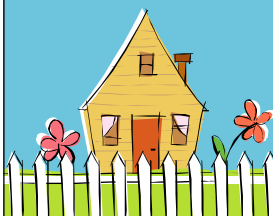


GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

March 2022



World Book Day

Congratulations to Lara, Kate and Róisín who won the World Book Day Quiz. Well done to all pupils who put great effort into their fabulous costumes.

Ireland's Future is MINE

The pupils in 4th-6th class worked extremely hard on this Minecraft in Education project and learnt all about sustainability, map reading and creating skills and the history of our parish in the process.

See our entry to the national competition on the school website at <https://www.glinskns.ie/watch-our-entry-to-irelands-future-is-mine/> where you can also experience a sustainable Glinsk in Minecraft and download our world.

<https://www.glinskns.ie/irelands-future-is-mine/>

<https://www.glinskns.ie/play-in-a-sustainable-glinsk-of-the-future/>

Dates to Note:

- Swimming lessons for 1st – 6th classes will take place on Friday 4th, Friday 11th & Friday 25th of March & Friday 1st, Monday 4th & Friday 8th of April.
- School will be closed on the **17th & 18th of March**
- Confirmation will be celebrated on **Friday 6th of May** in St. Michael's Church, Glinsk at 2:30 p.m. School will finish at 12 o'clock for all classes on this date.
- First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday 7th of May** in St. Mary's Church, Kilbegnet at 1:00

Pieta Amber Flag

“Do a mile with a Smile”



Amber Flag
Initiative

The school Amber flag committee decided to hold a **“Do a mile with a Smile”** event to raise awareness around and promote mental health well-being. All pupils & staff will choose to walk, run, or swim a mile on **Wednesday the 16th of March**.

Pupils do not need to bring their school bags to school or wear their uniform on this date and should bring a lunch. The walk and run a mile will take place at Glinsk G.A.A. pitch and pupils should bring football boots or old runners/ shoes, a change of tracksuit bottoms and a rain jacket/ coat.

Pupils completing the swim a mile will travel to Roscommon Leisure Centre pool. A healthy brunch of fruit will be served in the morning for all classes with other active sessions taking place during the day also.

Each family received a **“Do a mile with a Smile”** sponsorship card with all sponsorship going directly to Pieta House. We hope all pupils enjoy the day and will have a sense of achievement and pride in completing their chosen mile activity. Thank you to the Amber Flag committee who have worked very hard throughout the year to promote mental health well-being in the school.

Green Schools

The Big Travel Challenge

Congratulations to Beth, Róisín, Emma, Donnacha and Kate who won the Big Travel Challenge poster competition. Well done to all pupils who made an effort to walk to or from school during the challenge.

Scout to School

National Scout to School Week begins on Monday 7th of March and will run through to Friday the 11th. As we are working on the travel theme for Green-Schools, we would like to encourage all pupils to participate in National Scout to School Week.

Engineers' Week

Engineers' week takes place from the **5th – 11th of March** and celebrates the world of engineering. The aim of the week is to promote engineering and the importance of the profession to children in Ireland. Pupils will take part in different engineering activities during the week.



Trócaire Game Changers

The senior classroom has been learning about The Global Goals for a sustainable future. Niall from Trócaire will give a workshop on "Game Changers" on **Tuesday 8th of March**.

"Game Changers is a competition for young people who want to change the world and believe games are a way to do this. Young people all over Ireland submit games based on one or more of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Games can be a board game, card game or video game."



Cycle Right Programme

Our school is staging a course in cycling safety training run by Richard Clarke & Leroy Kulczynski (National Cycle Right Coaches) on behalf of the Cycling Ireland for pupils in 4th, 5th and 6th classes, commencing on Tuesday, March 15th for 4 weeks. The course is aligned to **CYCLE RIGHT**, the National Standard for Cycle Safety Training in Ireland, and is delivered by qualified trainers from the national register. The cost of the course, which is supported by the Department of Transport & the RSA is normally is €20 per pupil. As we are working towards our Green Schools Travel Flag, Green Schools Ireland will give a grant of €10 per pupil and Galway County Council will donate €5 per pupil towards the cost. **Each pupil only has to contribute €5 for the Cycle Right Course.**

Confirmation Meetings via Zoom

Connect with Confirmation – Online Sessions for Parents; hosted by the Partners in the Gospel – volunteer catechists in the Diocese of Elphin. The aim of this online programme is to explore the Sacrament of Confirmation with parents and guardians of candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament in 2022. Meetings will take place via Zoom on **Tuesdays 8th of March, 15th of March and the 22nd of March** at 8.00pm. The zoom meeting ID and password have been e-mailed to parents of children receiving this sacrament.

Seachtain na Gaeilge - Celebrating our Irish Culture & Heritage

Seachtain na Gaeilge events take place nationally from the 1st – 17th March. We will have different activities during this time "as Gaeilge" for all classes to take part in.

Date to note:

A half-day school closure has been sanctioned for all schools in each term for the Primary Language Curriculum in-service training. The school will close at 12 p.m. on **Friday 8th of April** which is the final day of term 2.

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