

GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

April 2022



Welcome

We welcome Nataliie Vysotska and her family to the school and wish them well as they settle into the community.



Daffodil Day

Sincere thanks to everyone for generously supporting Daffodil Day with €358.10 was raised for the Irish Cancer Society. Thank you to Evelyn Curley for sponsoring Eggs for a raffle in each classroom.

Pieta Amber Flag "Do a mile with a Smile"



Amber Flag
Initiative

The school Amber flag committee organized and held a very successful **"Do a mile with a Smile"** event to raise awareness around and promote mental health well-being on the 16th of March last. The day began with a heathy breakfast brunch for all pupils & staff prepared by Ms. Coyle. Next all classes participated in tag rugby with Caítriona, boxercise with Ms. Sharkey & Gaelic football with Ms. McIntyre. Thank you to everyone who sponsored pupils to walk, run or swim a mile on the day which was completed with great effort and enthusiasm. An amazing total of €2,048.70 was raised for Pieta which will be presented to Pieta representatives when they visit the school at the end of April.

Thank you sincerely to Glinsk G.A.A. Club for the use of the pitch on the day to complete the walk and run and to Roscommon Leisure Centre for reserving a lane for the swimmers.

All pupils should be very proud of their achievement on the day.

Green Schools

Caítriona Cuningham from Green Schools delivered a workshop to 1st, 2nd and 3rd class on road safety and followed up on her previous workshop on climate change with the senior classroom.



Greenify

Over the past few weeks, pupils have been busy enhancing the biodiversity of our school and its grounds. We have planted some native Irish trees and created a "no mow" area where we have sown lots of wildflowers to encourage bees and butterflies into our garden. We also planted some fruit trees to encourage birds into the grounds. The infants made some colourful bird feeders and hung them from the trees around the school while the senior classroom designed and made some insect hotels and bug B&Bs.

Congratulations to Róisín, Nicole, Kyle, Craig, Donnacha, Niamh, Kate and Lara who won the Biodiversity Poster Competition and to all the pupils who created some beautiful artwork which will be on display in school.

National Spring Clean

We will take part in the An Táisce National Spring clean on *Friday 29th of April* (weather permitting). Staff and pupils will collect rubbish & litter around the school grounds and immediate environment.

Sacrament of Penance

Congratulations to 2nd class pupils who received the Sacrament of Penance last week and we wish them well as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion in May.

Sacrament of Confirmation

A celebration of the ceremony of light & confessions will take place on Tuesday 3rd of May at 7 p.m. in St. Michael's Church. Confirmation candidates will need their baptismal candle for the ceremony. Please return your forms to Fr. Morris in the parochial house if you haven't already done so.

Debate Project

Well done to Beth, Seán and Donnacha who took part in our second debate organised by Galway Education Centre against Bawnmore N.S. The pupils put a huge amount of effort into researching the motion "*All families are responsible for action against climate change*" and argued their points very well and eloquently.

Dates to Note:

- The final swimming lesson for 1st – 6th classes will take place on Friday 8th of April.
- A half-day school closure has been sanctioned for all schools in each term for the Primary Language Curriculum in-service training. **School will finish at 12 o'clock on this Friday 8th of April for all classes** to facilitate this in-service.
- 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. Pupils in 6th class do not need to wear their school uniforms to school the week beginning the 3rd of May so uniforms can be ready for Confirmation ceremony.
- First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday 7th of May** in St. Mary's Church, Kilbegnet at 1:00 p.m.
- School reopens after the Easter break on **Monday 25th of April**.

Happy Easter



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