

# GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

May 2022



## Welcome

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



## Fís Storyboard Competition

Congratulations to Caoimhe Feeney, Lilianna Skubis, Rosie O'Mahony & Bridgín Brennan, all prize winners in the recent national Fís storyboard storytelling competition. Storyboards could be based on a curriculum area and the winning entries chose *The Nature Fairy*, *The Seven Friends*, *The Long Journey & The Girl, the Pig & the Waffle Maker* as the titles for their respective entries.

## Pieta Amber Flag "Do a mile with a Smile"



Amber Flag  
Initiative

We welcomed Irma Joyce from Pieta to the school on Friday 29th of April. Pupils from the Amber Flag committee presented Irma with a cheque for €2,048.70 from our sponsored *Do a Mile with a Smile* event. Irma thanked all pupils kindly for the amazing amount of money raised for Pieta and praised them for their achievement.

## Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Best wishes to all 6th class pupils receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on this **Friday 6th of May** and 2nd class pupils receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday 7th of May**. Wishing you all every blessing on your special day.



## Vex Robotics Competition

Vex Robotics Competition is a worldwide engineering and programming challenge for children from primary school all the way up to university graduates. The team are required to design, construct and programme a robot to carry out specific challenges in a restricted amount of time.

Pupils in the senior room have been working on the G.M.I.T. (in conjunction with M.T.U. – Munster Technological University) Vex Robotics Challenge building the arena and robot over the past few weeks. Pupils will take part in the Vex Robotics competition on **Friday 13th of May** at G.M.I.T.

## Trócaire – Game Changers 2022

All pupils in the senior room took part in the Trócaire Game Changers competition recently. Judging took place over the Easter holidays and was based on the following criteria - understanding, empathy, innovation, and effort.



One of the games submitted from the school has been shortlisted for the competition final day on **Wednesday 18th of May** at The Lighthouse Cinema, Smithfield, Dublin. Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> class team Ethan Joyce, Emma Boyle, Nicole Mulhearn & Beth O'Mahony who designed the game **Quality Equality** which is one of the final 19 games shortlisted in the primary school category from over 220 entries. As a finalist, the game creators are now invited to showcase the game at the competition final. All students attending this event will play the shortlisted games and vote for their favourite. These votes will be added to the judges' scores to determine the winning games. Good luck & best wishes to the team.

### 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)

### G.A.A. - Handball

Cumann na mBunscol have organised a beginners' handball competition which will take place on **Thursday 19th of May at 4 p.m.** (venue to be confirmed by Cumann na mBunscol). Preliminary competitions will take place at 4 venues on this date with the winners from each of the 4 venues going forward to the finals on **Thursday 26th of May at 4 p.m.** There will be competitions for U11 & U13 girls singles & doubles and U11 & U13 boys singles & doubles.



### Food Dudes Programme

Food Dudes is a healthy eating programme developed to encourage children to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables. It is based on repeated tastings of fresh fruit and vegetables, rewards and positive role models. All classes in the school will participate in the Food Dudes programme which begins on **Tuesday 24th of May**. Fresh fruits & vegetables will be delivered to the school each morning of the programme for all pupils. Pupils from junior infants – 3<sup>rd</sup> class will receive fruit & vegetable portions for 16 consecutive days and pupils in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class will receive fruit & vegetable portions for 8 consecutive days.

### STEPS Young Engineers

Pupils in the middle room will join the STEPS Young Engineers award ceremony on **Wednesday 25th of May** via Zoom with the winners and shortlisted entries announced.



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