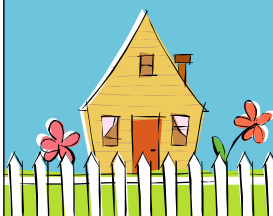


GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

September 2022



Welcome Back

We welcome everybody back to school after the summer holidays. We especially welcome our new pupils Aoibheann, Chloe, Lauren, Mariia, Ruby, Sophia, Cían, Cillian, Franciszek, Jake, MacDara, Richie, William, Nela & Nadia and look forward to helping them settle into school routine.

We also welcome the following teachers to the school staff

- Ms. Rachel Smyth (Junior & Senior Infants teacher)
- Ms. Laura Fahy (S.E.T.)
- Mrs. Mary Mahoney (E.A.L – English as an Additional Language – 1 day per week)
- Mr. Cathal Connolly – (Teaching 3rd & 4th class on principal admin days)

E-mail addresses

You can contact the school on (094) 9655257 or e-mail glinsknschool@gmail.com Staff can also be contacted at the following e-mail addresses:

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Brennan Pupil Insurance

Brennan Insurance Company has a Personal Accident Insurance cover for school pupils. There are 2 options available under the optional scheme.

1. Cover for school related activities only which costs €4.60 per pupil
2. Cover on a 24-hour basis, 365 days per year which costs €7.10 per pupil

Please see www.pupilcover.ie for more information & benefits of the cover. Please find enclosed an application form for this **optional insurance scheme** for interested families which can be completed and returned to the school by **Friday 7th of October**.

County Photos



County photos will visit the school on **Friday 23rd of September** to family and individual photos. Class photos for junior infants and 6th class will also be taken on the day. All families will receive a proof of the photos and the purchase of photos is optional.

Additional Classroom

Following the decision of the Department of Education to grant an additional classroom post, based on the projected school enrolment, pupils in 1st & 2nd class are benefitting from the latest technology with an impressive interactive flat panel touchscreen fitted during the summer.

Book Rental Scheme & workbooks

Book rental & workbook fees payable for 2022 – 2023 for all pupils will be sent by email. Payments can be made securely through the school website at www.glinskns.ie by clicking on **Make a Payment** at the top right-hand corner of the homepage, by E.F.T., cheque or cash. The school bank account IBAN number for E.F.T. payments is **IE57 AIBK 9371 4212 8280 44**

Healthy Lunches

Remember our Healthy Lunch Policy which available on the school website is for all school days. Some pupils have serious food allergies and therefore we ask that pupils don't offer lunches to other pupils and in return should not accept lunches from other pupils.

Gaelic Training

Gaelic Training for 1st – 6th classes will be on Wednesdays, and we encourage all pupils from 1st – 6th class to take part.

Voluntary Contribution

The voluntary family contribution is based on the number of children attending the school. This voluntary contribution goes directly towards the cost of photocopying, art materials and school activities for pupils. The voluntary family contribution can be contributed at any time during the year with amounts as follows:

Contributions can be made online through the school website.

- 1 pupil attending school - €60 per year (or €20 per term)
- 2 pupils attending school - €120 per year (or €40 per term)
- Maximum for 3 or more pupils attending - €150 per year (or €50 per term)

School Absence

If your child is absent, please **complete an online absence form on the homepage of the school website** on www.glinskns.ie The school must inform the NEWB (National Education Welfare Board) if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year. All absences both explained and unexplained must be reported annually.

Homework

Homework will be assigned to all classes from **Monday 12th of September**. Please ensure homework diaries are signed each night. Pupils receive library books regularly from the PM+ reading scheme & Oxford Owl series. Please ensure your child read's his/ her library book and sign the reading record.

Streamscapes Project

On **Friday 16th of September** pupils in 5th & 6th class will visit the Glen to work on the **Streamscapes project** with Shane Curley from Glinsk-Creggs Group Water Scheme and Sinéad Higgins from the Irish Federation of Group Water Schemes. This practical field trip will enable the class to collect, identify, and consider the relevance of the 'Bio-monitors', how they reveal local water quality, and how water quality impacts upon a wide range of local issues from Biodiversity to Socio-economy. Pupils should bring wellingtons to school on this date.

Music for Galway Concert

Music for Galway are delighted to present globally renowned violinist, Sergey Malov, who will perform a series of concerts for primary school children suitable or older classes. Sergey will introduce children to many instruments in the violin family including the violoncello da spalla, the viola and the violin, through the performance of iconic pieces of both contemporary and classical music. Pupils from 3rd – 6th class will attend Sergey's concert on **Wednesday 28th of September** at the Mall Theatre in Tuam. **Glinsk N.S. Parents Association are kindly covering the cost of the bus.**

Text – a – Parent

If you have changed your mobile number or have not received the text sent at the end of August, please contact the school to ensure that you receive future texts and that the correct number is on the contact list. Or if you have changed your e-mail address, please contact the school with your current e-mail address.

Set down area

When collecting pupils at 3 o'clock in the set down area, if a car moves off in front of you, please move your vehicle forward while waiting for children like a taxi- rank system to ensure cars outside can come into the area. Cars can also be parked in the lane outside staff cars as families ready to leave can move into the center lane. Pupils are reminded to always stay on the footpaths when getting to cars and to use the pedestrian crossings.

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