

GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

April - May 2023

Welcome

We welcome Ms. Katie Brennan to the staff who is on teaching placement this term with 1st & 2nd class.

Fís Storyboard Competition

Congratulations to Lilianna Skubis, Donagh O'Mahony, Emma Keane, Rachel Connelly & Maggie Keane all prize winners in the recent national Fís storyboard storytelling competition.



Easons Spelling Bee

Good luck & best wishes to Caitlín Feeney who will represent the school at the Eason's Spelling Bee county final on Tuesday 2nd of May.



Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Best wishes 2nd class pupils, Lilianna, Caoimhe, Ben, Ronan & Glen receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday 6th of May** and to 6th class pupils, Gary, Lee, Seán, Craig, Líadan, Donnacha & Marcus receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday 8th of May**. Wishing you all every blessing on your special day.

Date to Note:

The school will be closed on **Friday of 2nd of June** to facilitate teacher in-service on the Primary Language Curriculum & the new Primary Curriculum Framework



Green Schools – Scooter Workshop

Laura Tannian, Green Schools Travel Officer will visit the school on **Tuesday 25th of April** to host a scooter skills session for junior & senior infant pupils. This will be a fun and engaging activity for the infant pupils. Any infant pupils that have a scooter at home, should bring it to school on that morning. All infant pupils will also need to bring a helmet to wear during the session.

Stay Safe Programme

The Stay Safe Programme is a personal safety skills programme and will be taught in all classrooms this term. The lessons taught in school can have a follow up home-based lesson. It is important that these lessons are completed at home if assigned as homework so that you are familiar with the topics of the programme pupils are learning about in school. Further information about the programme are available at <https://www.staysafe.ie/parents.htm>

If you do not wish your child/ children to participate in the Stay Safe Programme, please email the class teacher by **Friday 28th of April**.

Whizz Kids

Pupils from 3rd – 6th class started Whizz Kids computer programming with P.J. Mullin on Tuesday 18th of April. Pupils will learn coding using Stracth over 8 consecutive Tuesdays for an hour each week. The 8 weeks costs €42 and the Board of management is subsidising €22 per pupils with €20 payable per pupil. Payment can be made through the school website, by cheque, cash or EFT.

G.A.A. - Handball

Congratulations to Lee Hegarty on his recent handball achievements at the Cumann na mBunscol handball U13 boys' singles competitions.

Amber Flag

Our Amber flag hosted a very successful Wellbeing Day on Friday 24th of March. Although the weather didn't suit outdoor activities, we made the most of all indoor spaces and pupils and staff really enjoyed the health lunch offered to everyone. Some pictures of the day are available on the home page of www.glinskns.ie

Daffodil Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Daffodil Day before the Easter Holidays with €298 raised on the day. Thank you to Evelyn Curley for sponsoring Easter Eggs for a raffle on the day.

Parents Association

Thank you to the Parents Association for organising and hosting the cake sale on Easter Sunday and everyone who helped in different ways with donations of baking, raffle prizes and all who supported it.

Glenamaddy Musical Talent Show

Glenamaddy Musical Show's talent show for schools due to take place on Saturday 29th of April has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Standardised Testing

Standardised tests will be administered during this school term. Pupils from 1st – 6th class complete the Micra-T (English) & Sigma-T (Maths) tests annually. CJ Fallon publishers have revised and updated the Micra-T test which are considerably more challenging than the previous version. Comparisons between scores attained on the new updated test and the previous test may not be helpful.

Music Generation

Music Generation lessons for all classrooms will begin this term.

Aldi Rugby Stickers

Thank you to everyone that helped to collect Aldi rugby stickers. We have filled 4 posters to submit for our entry.

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

