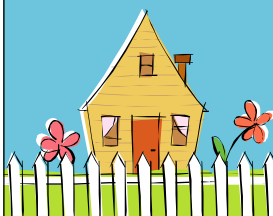


# GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

June 2023



## Staff

As we come near to the end of the school year, we wish to sincerely thank Ms. Smyth for all her hard work, enthusiasm and commitment in the junior & senior classrooms since September.

Best wishes to S.N.A. Catriona Shally who is taking career break next year to travel abroad. Catriona will be greatly missed by all the staff and pupils. Thank you Catriona for all your great work over the years and wishing you safe travels and every happiness on your new adventure.

Ms. Roughneen is taking a career break for 2023 – 2024.

## KPMG Children's Book Awards

Pupils from 3rd & 4th class recently attended the KPMG Children's Books Ireland awards at the Dublin International Literature Festival at Merrion Square. The class spent a lot of time reviewing the 10 shortlisted books and as a Junior Jury submitted their vote on each of the books.



Congratulations to Leo Turner who was one of 6 runners-up in the KPMG Reading Heroes run in conjunction with the Junior Juries Programme. Leo received a €100 book voucher as his prize and the class received a special certificate in recognition of their participation in the programme. Pupils had a great opportunity to meet the authors and illustrators after the awards who gave generously of their time to sign copies of the children's books. **Girls Who Slay Monsters** written by **Ellen Ryan** was voted as the overall KPMG Children's Book of the year.

## Amber Flag

Congratulations to the Amber Flag committee & Ms. Coyle for their continued work on promoting mental health well-being in the school throughout the year. The school has been awarded an amber flag by Pieta which will be raised on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June**.

## Sports Day

A school sports day for all classes will take place on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of June** (weather permitting).



Pupils should wear comfortable sports clothing – tracksuit bottoms/ shorts, apply sun-cream, wear a sunhat (depending on the weather).

## School Calendar 2023 – 2024

The school calendar for the coming school year will be made available to all families before the end of the current school year.

## 6th Class

As 6th class pupils are nearing the end of their final year, we wish Liadan, Gary, Lee, Marcus, Donnacha, Seán & Craig every happiness in secondary school in the years ahead. A short prayer service will take place on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June in the school hall at 8 p.m** for the children and their families.

## Curious Minds

The school has been awarded the Curious Minds Gold Award 2022 – 2023 for work in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) from Science Foundation Ireland. An online ceremony for schools will take place this **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> of June**.

## School Tours

Junior & Senior Infants school tour will take place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of June** to Graune Pet Farm. 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class school tour will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of June** to Adventure World at UL Limerick. We hope all pupils enjoy their school tour trips.

## Favourite Wildlife Species

Well done to Daniel Fallon whose kingfisher artwork was the overall winner in 3<sup>rd</sup> class in the Bird Watch Ireland & Galway Co. Council favourite wildlife species art competition.

## Sport

We have given much consideration to the playing of the annual Tom Lohan & Noel Connelly tournament in light of the late James Shevlin's passing. It was not an easy decision by any manner, but we feel that James would like it to go ahead, and he would like to see the children playing football and we will be thinking of him on the day.

- Our school will host the memorial Tom Lohan and Noel Connelly Gaelic football tournament at Glinsk G.A.A. pitch on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of June**. We will welcome teams from Creggs N.S, Glenamaddy N.S., Lisheen N.S. & Ardeevin N.S.
- Creggs N.S. will host the Mark Fitzmaurice memorial game on **Friday morning 23<sup>rd</sup> of June** at Creggs G.A.A. pitch. Creggs N.S. kindly called off this tournament last week as a mark of respect to the late James Shevlin.

## Sacraments

Congratulations to 2nd class pupils who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion & 6th class who received the sacrament of Confirmation in May. Thank you to the Parents Association who gave each child a plague momentum in memory of the day. The Parents Association kindly provided refreshments for all children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion & their families afterwards in the school hall.

## Reflecting on the Good Friday Agreement

The Department of Education launched a competition to encourage students to reflect on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement by submitting artwork, poetry or digital works exploring the theme of ***The Gift of Peace and the responsibility that comes with it***. Pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class submitted a whole class artwork entry and their entry has won the overall senior primary category. Well done to all pupils in the class.

## Primary School Books Scheme

The government has announced a free primary school books scheme from September 2023. The school will purchase all school books, workbooks and copybooks for all pupils for September from books grant received. You will not receive a stationery list this year and each class teacher will send an email with items your child will need in their pencil case.

## Library Books & Book Rental books

All book rental books, library books and other school resources used during this school year 2022 – 2023 will be collected next week. ***Please ensure pupils return any textbooks and library books with a school stamp on them.***

## 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)

## Summer Holidays

Glinsk N.S. will close on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June** at 12:30 p.m. for the summer holidays. We thank you all sincerely for your support, co-operation and help throughout the school year. We wish you all a happy, enjoyable and safe summer holidays. Go raibh mile maith agaibh.



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