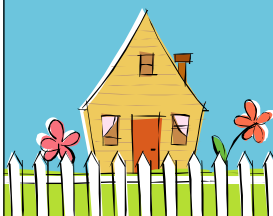


GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

September 2023



Welcome Back

We welcome everybody back to school after the summer holidays. We especially welcome our new junior infant pupils Ellie, Katie, Ella, Grace, Donnacha, Dylan, Gerard, Thomas, Jack, Liam and Arsenii (5th class). We look forward to helping them settle into school routine.

We also welcome Melissa Kenny S.N.A. to the school staff. School staff 2023 – 2024 are as follows:

- Mary Timothy – Secretary
- Eileen Caufield – Cleaner
- Lorraine Fallon – S.N.A.
- Melissa Kenny S.N.A.
- Ms. Julie Brennan (Junior & Senior Infants)
- Ms. Sharlene Coyle (1st & 2nd class)
- Ms. Gráinne Nolan (3rd & 4th class)
- Ms. Rachel Smyth (5th & 6th class)
- Ms. Tara Chambers (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

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Spare Clothes

Pupils in all classes should bring a set of spare clothes to be left in the school. Please put your child's name on the outside of the bag.

Branar Digital Arts Flag



The school was awarded the Branar and Acorn Life Arts flag a number of years ago and has been chosen to participate in the Digital Arts Flag again during this school term. Branar is one of Ireland's leading theatre companies based in the West of Ireland and are renowned for creating highly imaginative and beautiful work.

This is a whole school initiative to promote and reward arts engagement in schools through a series of workshops presented online. Pupils in each classroom will work on bespoke workshops across 5 different artforms which have been created by Branar artists for junior and senior classes to complete in their classrooms.

Pupil Insurance

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

Option 1: Cover for school related activities only which costs €4.60 per pupil

Option 2: Cover on a 24-hour basis, 365 days per year which costs €7.10 per pupil

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 6th of October**. Printed copies of the form are available on request from the class teacher. Payment by card can be made securely through the school website at www.glinskns.ie Click **Make a Payment** at the top right hand corner of the home page and select Brennan's Insurance. Payment is also accepted by cash or EFT.

Parents Association

Glinsk Parents Association have kindly purchased outdoor seating benches and giant tabletop games including Ludo, draughts, chess and snakes & ladders. In addition to these, they also purchased an outdoor Connect 4 and two giant Jenga sets from recent fundraising. These outdoor games and seating will be used by all classes. Pupils are encouraged to take good care of the equipment and mind the game pieces.

The Parents Association have been busy over the summer working on a creative fairy garden area which will be completed over the coming weeks as the summer weather wasn't the kindest to outdoor work. This will be a lovely play space for pupils to use their imagination in their games. Sincere thanks to the Parents Association for enhancing recreation times which is in addition to covering the substantial cost of school tour buses last June. Below are some photos of classes enjoying the new outdoor play equipment.



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Pieta Amber Flag

The school was awarded the Pieta Amber flag the last two years. The Pieta Amber flag initiative focuses on promoting positive mental health and wellbeing among pupils and staff. The school has registered for this flag initiative again this year and the new school Amber flag committee will work with Ms. Coyle to lead and promote wellbeing activities in all classrooms.



PM+ Library Books

The PM+ library books scheme is a graded scheme of library books from levels 1 - 30 that are used in all classrooms with pupils progressing at their own ability through the levels. Children receive these books regularly each week. Encourage your child to read their book and please sign their reading record. The school has expanded this reading scheme from levels 1 – 16 so there are further books available to pupils within all of these levels. Thank you to all who found missing books in response to Ms. Coyle's email as we encourage pupils to mind the books, so they are available to all to read.

Tag Rugby Blitz

Connaught Rugby are hosting a Nations Rugby Series for 5th & 6th class primary school pupils to coincide with the Rugby World Cup beginning this week. Pupils in 5th & 6th class will take part in a tag rugby blitz at Creggs RFC on **Thursday the 21st of September**. Each school will be given a country to represent on the day. The games are non-competitive, playing 7 a-side on a ¼ pitch.

Heritage in Schools Scheme

Martin Curley from the Heritage in Schools Scheme will host a series of workshops with 5th & 6th class beginning on **Thurs 7th of Sept** with National Hedgerow week in association with Teagasc. Following on from this outdoor session exploring the local hedgerows, Martin will work on local history and family heritage over 5 consecutive Thursdays from **Thursday 12th of September** where pupils will have an opportunity to research their own family tree and use online records such as the national census records.

School Calendar

The school calendar available at <https://www.glinskns.ie/calendar/> is updated regularly with school events and workshops.



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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 or EFT (IBAN available on request)

- 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.

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 take place weekly and all pupils from 1st – 6th class are encouraged to take part with a focus on basic skills.

Homework

Homework will be assigned to all classes from **Monday 11th 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.

Donations

Thank you to families for recent library book donations and other educational resources. If any family has dress up costumes such as a nurse/ doctor/ fireman/ chef/ garda/ builder etc that children may have outgrown or no longer use, they would be greatly appreciated in the infant classroom for Áistear. Any sensory/ fidget toys that are no longer used would be appreciated in the infant classroom also.

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.



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