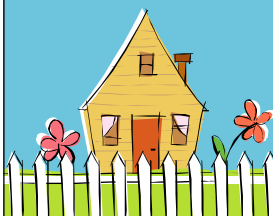


# GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

January 2024



## New Year

Wishing you all a *Happy New Year* and every good wish for the coming year.

## Staff

We welcome Ms. Keri McNulty to the staff. Ms. McNulty will be teaching in the SET post while Ms. Chambers is on maternity leave and can be contacted at [kerimcnulty@glinskns.ie](mailto:kerimcnulty@glinskns.ie)

Congratulations to Ms. Chambers on the recent birth of her baby boy and Ms. Smyth on her recent engagement.

## Branar Digital Arts flag

The school was awarded the Branar Digital Arts Flag before the Christmas holidays recognising the creativity of pupils across many art forms in response to the Branar online workshops. Some samples of the work submitted for this award can be seen on the school website at <https://www.glinskns.ie/branar-digital-arts-flag/>

## Dates to Note:

- School will be closed on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February** as all staff are attending in-service on the new Primary Maths curriculum.
- Mid-term break – school will be closed on **15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of February**.
- Swimming lessons for 1st – 6th classes will commence on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2024 at 11:40 a.m. at Roscommon Leisure Centre**.
- School will be closed on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of March** as the school will be used as a polling station for voting in the referendums.
- The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**
- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

## Drumadore

A Drumadore workshop will take place on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of January** for all classrooms which is a fun drumming workshop. Drumadore rhythm and movement workshops are simple, fun and effective and offer students a great chance to enjoy themselves.



Drumadore lessons are age-appropriate, and teach easily attainable pieces that promote self-confidence, fitness and teamwork.



## St. Brigid's Day

We will make St. Brigid's crosses on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of February** so please remember to bring some rushes to school on this day.



## Peace Proms 2024

Pupils from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class are taking part in the Peace Proms concert on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of January** at University of Limerick. The concert begins at 2 p.m. in the University of Limerick Sports Arena. Parking is free in UL at weekends with seven carparks available. Please remember all pupils in the choir must wear a plain white t-shirt (long or short sleeved with no logos) and a black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings. **All pupils will need sunglasses for the pop medley** (we recommend using a cheap pair of sunglasses in the event they are lost/ broken).

## Credit Union Quiz

There are changes to the Credit Union quiz competitions this year. There is no preliminary area competition taking place at Glenamaddy Community Centre as in past years and there is a limit on the number of teams schools can enter.

St. Jarlath's Credit Union Quiz will take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of January at 7 p.m.** in the Mercy Hall, Tuam for U11 & U 13 teams. There are 10 rounds of 6 questions with 2 additional rounds of 6 questions for the U13 competition. St. Jarlath's have issued the following rules for this year's competition:

- Only one U11 team and one U13 team per school can be entered.
- **No teachers, SNAs or parents are permitted to stay in the hall during the quiz**
- Pupils should be dropped off at the hall.
- Pupils can be collected **at 9 p.m.** after the quiz is finished from the hall.

Best of luck to Mia, Maggie, Aoife & Daniel (U11) & Caitlín, Clare, Kate & Finn (U13) representing the school.

## Credit Union Art Competition

Congratulations to MacDara, Matthew, Shaun, Daniel, Maggie, Ryan, Elena, Kate & Rosie who were all winners in the recent Credit Union Art Competition based on the theme *My Community & Me*.



**Credit Union Art prize winners**



**NCSE present Caoimhe with her prize**

## NSCE Summer Creations

Congratulations to Caoimhe who worked on the NSCE Summer Creations 2023 art competition and was 3<sup>rd</sup> overall nationally for her very creative piece of art work. Members of the NCSE visited the school before the Christmas break to present Caoimhe with her prize and a box of books for the room.

## Catholic Schools Week

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of January marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2024. The purpose of the week is to highlight and celebrate the contribution that Catholic Schools make to our local communities. This year's theme is *Catholic Communities – Communities of Service*. To celebrate the joy that grandparents bring to families, we will hold a prayer service on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of January at 10 a.m.** All are welcome.

## Birthday Celebrations

During Covid times many birthdays that occurred during the school year were celebrated in school. Pupils often received party bags and while very generous, it can create pressure and unnecessary expense for families to follow suit. We are also mindful that many birthdays can occur close together in a classroom and therefore lead to an overload of treats for children and at the beginning of each new year, it's a good time to re-establish healthy eating habits & lifestyles. Pupils' birthdays will still be celebrated in each classroom as before Covid times! We appreciate your understanding on this matter.

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