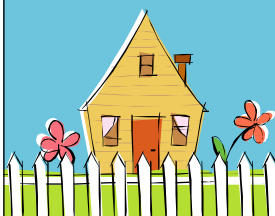


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Fís Storyboard Competition

Congratulations to Jayden Kenny, Ben Hussey, Maggie Keane & Aoife Mannion who received special certificates of participation & highly commended in the recent national Fís storyboard storytelling competition.

Pioneer Art & Essay Competitions

Congratulations to Aoife Mannion who is the school winner in the Pioneer art competition and 2nd overall in the Roscommon/ Athlone regional area and Afia Darby who is the school winner in the essay competition.

Whizz Kids

Pupils from 1st – 6th class started Whizz Kids computer programming with P.J. Mullin on **Tuesday 7th of May**. Pupils will learn programming over 8 consecutive Tuesdays for an hour each week. The 8 weeks usually costs €42 per pupil and the Board of Management subsidized half the cost for all pupils last school year.

The school successfully applied to the Department of Education STEM grant funding available for 2023 – 2024. The cost of the Whizzkids programming this year will be paid from this STEM grant fund for all 1st – 6th class pupils.

The classes will work on the following areas:

- 1st & 2nd class – Scratch programming
- 3rd & 4th class – Kodu programming
- 5th & 6th class – HTML & Web Design

Gaelic Football

The Cumann na mBunscol championship for 5th & 6th class boys and girls takes place as follows:

- Boys (7 a-side) – **Tuesday 21st of May** at Caltra G.A.A. pitch
- Girls (9 a-side) – **Thursday 30th of May** at Carnaun G.A.A. pitch

Date to Note:

The school will be closed on **Friday 7th of June** for voting in the local & European elections.



Green Schools

Congratulations to Ms. Brennan and the Green Schools Committee (Fionnán, Patrick, Aoife, Lilianna, Emma, Jake, Maria & Dylan) for all their hard work during the year on the theme of travel. The school has been awarded the Green Schools Flag which will be presented to the school on **Thursday 23rd of May** at a ceremony at the Clayton Hotel, Galway. Maith síbh.



Amber Flag Wellbeing Day

Ms. Coyle and the Amber Flag committee organized a very successful wellbeing day for all classes. Pupils participated in yoga, playground games, football, music games, song singing, board games and a whole school art activity. The collective piece of tactile artwork is displayed in the school hall. All classes choose from a range of healthy snacks for morning break followed by hot lunches. Photos from the day are available on the school website at www.glinskns.ie



Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation



Congratulations to all the pupils in 2nd class who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 27th of April in St. Mary's Church, Kilbegnet and 6th class pupils who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 1st of May in St. Croan's Church, Ballymoe. We wish to thank Fr. Morris for his visits to the school to assist each class with their preparations and the celebration of a lovely First Holy Communion mass.

Bishop Kevin Doran celebrated a very meaningful confirmation ceremony for the pupils from all four schools. Sincere thanks to our school Parents Association for designing and making special prayer cards for both classes for their special day. Thank you to Creggs N.S. Parents Association for hosting refreshments for all families after First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Hall with a warm welcome for all families.

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



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