



Welcome Back

We welcome everybody back to school after the summer holidays. We especially welcome our new pupils Chloe, Diarmuid, Hailey, Jake, Kayson, Milo, Rían, Éanna, Fionn & Oisín and look forward to helping them settle into school routine.

We welcome Ms. Stacey Sharkey to the school staff. Ms. Sharkey will be teaching in the S.E.T. position while Ms. Chambers is on maternity leave. We hope Ms. Sharkey enjoys her time teaching in Glinsk N.S.

We welcome Catríona Shally (S.N.A) back to the staff following her 3-year career break. Sincere thanks to Melissa Kenny (S.N.A.) for all her great work in the school during Catríona's career break.

- Mary Timothy – Secretary
- Eileen Caufield – Cleaner
- Lorraine Fallon – S.N.A.
- Catríona Shally S.N.A.
- Ms. Julie Brennan (Junior & Senior Infants)
- Ms. Sharlene Coyle (1st & 2nd class)
- Ms. Gráinne Nolan (3rd & 4th class)
- Ms. Ciara Roughneen (5th & 6th class)
- Ms. Stacey Sharkey (S.E.T.)
- Ms. Mary Mahoney (E.A.L.)
- Mr. Cathal Connolly – (Principal admin days)

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Gymnastics



Gymnastics sessions for all classes will take place in school on the **9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th of September**.

Culture Day

National culture day will be celebrated on **Friday 18th of September**. Glinsk N.S. will celebrate culture day. Pupils are invited to dress to celebrate their culture on this date.

School Mass

Fr. Pravin will celebrate mass in the school hall on **Thursday 24th of September at 11 a.m.** All are welcome.

Teaching Placement

We look forward to welcoming Ms. Siobhán Casey to the school on **Tuesday 15th of September** on teaching placement. Ms. Casey will be teaching in the S.E.T. position, junior & senior Infants classroom and 3rd & 4th classroom during her placement.

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 attached an application form for this **optional insurance scheme** for interested families which can be completed and returned to the school by **Friday 9th 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 Arachas Pupil Insurance.

Tag Rugby Blitz

Connaught Rugby is hosting a series of tag-rugby blitzes for 3rd & 4th class primary school pupils. Pupils in 3rd & 4th class will take part in a tag rugby blitz at Creggs RFC on **Thursday 17th of September** (*weather permitting*). The games are non-contact & **non-competitive**, playing 7 a-side on a ¼ pitch.



Picker Pals Programme

In the coming weeks pupils from Junior Infants to Second Class will be taking part in the Picker Pals environmental programme. Picker Pals develops children's awareness and community responsibility around the issue of litter. As part of Picker Pals, your child will take it in turns to bring home the Picker Pack. This contains all the tools needed to do a short family litter-pick with a parent or other trusted adult. There is no pressure on families to participate, but we hope that as many children as possible will get a chance to experience the joys of litter-picking and being part of their class's group effort.



Say Yes to Languages

Pupils in 5th & 6th class will begin the Say Yes to Languages programme on **Tuesday 22nd of September**. The new primary language curriculum includes a modern foreign language and the Department of Education Say Yes to Languages programme aims to give pupils a taste of learning an additional language. Pupils will learn Spanish with Monika Pieczynska for one hour per week over 10 weeks.

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 e.g. gymnastics, Drumadore workshop etc. 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.

- 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

School roll books are recorded electronically on Aladdin. When a child is absent, the class teacher is required to select an absence reason from a drop-down menu. It is important to notify an absence by completing an absent note in a timely manner on the homepage of the school website on www.glinskns.ie Otherwise the absence will be entered as “**unexplained.**”

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.

Homework

Homework will be assigned to all classes from **Monday 14th 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 reads his/ her library book and sign the reading record.

Cumann na mBunscol

Cumann na mBunscol Mini 7s competitions for girls & boys will be played before the end of September with dates to be notified to the school by the co-ordinator

School Calendar

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

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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