



Newsletter
September 2021

Welcome

Welcome back to our pupils and parents for the new school year. We hope that you enjoyed your summer holidays.

A very special welcome to our new junior infants (Andrew, Ciara, Darcie, Eva, Fionn, Hannah, James, Jamie, Keira, Miles, Molly, Noah, Norah, Sophie) and their parents. We hope that you all will be very happy here in Glanduff NS. The children have been fantastic and have adapted to the new school routines and procedures with ease.

We also extend a warm welcome to Ms. Jennifer Higgins who is covering Ms. Murray Ridley's maternity leave.

Contact details

If your contact details (address, phone number, or emergency contact) change or have changed during the summer holidays, please inform the school as soon as possible. If you need to contact the school, please phone (09064) 89317 or email glanduffnsroscommon@gmail.com.

Covid-19

Please read the latest guidelines as sent to you in recent email (26/9/21) from the school.

Absence and late arrival

Parents must provide a written explanation for their child's absence. **Please email this explanation to the class teacher.** The school is required to file explanations for all absences and return the relevant details to the National Educational Welfare Board. The Department of Education and Skills Circular 28/13 states that "a pupil will be marked either present or absent at the time of roll call". This must be done without exception. If a pupil arrives after roll call, they will have been marked absent. Please be aware it is school policy to call the roll between 10:00 and 10:30.

Allergies

A number of our pupils have nut, egg and kiwi allergies. In the interest of health and safety, any food that may contain nuts, sesame seeds, eggs or kiwi is not allowed. This includes eggs in hardboiled, sandwich or salad form and also products that contain egg such as mayonnaise. We also ask that children do not share or swap lunches. Please emphasise the importance of this to your child.

Coats

A reminder to please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day.

Dress up

On Friday 22nd October, children are welcome to come to school dressed in Halloween costumes if they wish.

Enrolment

Please submit the name, address and date of birth of any child/children to be enrolled in the next two academic years to Mrs. Finneran in the office via email or phone call.

Handwashing

In line with Covid-19 guidelines, a reminder to please ensure your child washes their hands before they leave home every morning.

Head lice

Please check your child/children's hair for head lice on a regular basis. If you detect head lice, we would appreciate if you would email the class teacher immediately so that we can inform the parents of the other children in the class, so they may have their hair treated. All cases of head lice will be treated with confidentiality.

Insurance & book bills

A letter has been sent out to each family detailing the costing of book rental, photocopying/art supplies & Allianz personal insurance for this academic year. We encourage all parents to use online banking for upcoming payments to the school – book rental, insurance, etc. It is safer, more efficient and convenient. In preparation, please add the school to your online list of payees.

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Medical requirements

If your child has a medical condition that may require administration of medicine at school, it is imperative that you ensure that there is an up to date supply here at school. The indemnity form which was emailed earlier this month must be signed by a parent and include any necessary instructions. If your child requires medication as a once off, please email the class teacher to give consent and clear instructions.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our 3rd class pupils who received their First Holy Communion in St. John's Church on Sat. 18th September 2021. The children were a credit to their school and to their families. Due to current circumstances, it was an extra special occasion. Thank you to Ms. Duignan and Ms. Scarry who had prepared the pupils so well for this special day. Thanks also to Fr. Ali Joe and Fr. Ray.

Texaco Children's Art Competition

Congratulations to Roisin Sturgeon in 2nd class who won a Special Merit Award with an entry entitled 'Stargazing' in the 67th Texaco Art Competition. She received a winner certificate and art materials.

Twitter

Please ensure that you follow school and class activities on the school Twitter account @glanduffns.

New arrivals:

We would like to congratulate two of our staff members on their new arrivals -

Fiona & Seán Ridley on the birth of their baby boy Séamus.

Colin & Avril Dowd on the birth of their boy baby Killian.

We wish them every health and happiness with their new bundles of joy.

Condolences:

We extend our sympathies to -

Dorothy Scarry (class teacher) on the death of her father-in-law Martin Scarry.

James McKeon (bus escort) on the death of his brother Sonny.

May they rest in peace.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mary & staff