

Glanduff National School

Scoil Náisiúnta an Gleann Duibh

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Newsletter **September 2022**

Welcome

Welcome back to our pupils and parents for the new school year. A very special welcome to our new Junior Infants (Eoghan, Tommy, Kian, Cian, Kyle, Dáire, Dáithí, Abbie, Saoirse, Caoimhe C, Caoimhe D, Aoibh, Naoise, Myra, Ava, Darcy, Erin, Emily, Katie, Ciara) and their parents. We also welcome Holly, Senan, Daniel, Harry and their parents. We hope that you will all be very happy here in Glanduff National School. The children have been fantastic and have adapted to the school routine with ease. We also extend a warm welcome to Ms. Laoise Flanagan (5th and 6th class teacher), Ms. Anne-Marie Shine (S.E.T. shared with Ballymurray N.S.) and to Ms. Lynda Pearce (secretary).

Buddies

Junior and Senior Infants have been assigned their buddies in 5th and 6th class. Our senior pupils are wonderful role models for our Junior and Senior Infant pupils and are helping them to settle in to the new school year.

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 note it is school policy to call the roll between 10am and 10.30am.

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, hardboiled eggs or kiwi are not allowed. Please note that products that contain cooked eggs are allowed- for example banana bread, scones or pancakes. Mayonnaise on sandwiches or in salads is allowed. This is subject to change in the future. Children cannot share or swap lunches. Please emphasise the importance of this to your child.

County Photos

County Photos will come to the school to take photographs of all of the children on Monday 7th November. A reminder text will be sent the day before.

Arriving at & departing from school

Please do not drop off your child/children before 9:10am as at this time, teachers who are present are preparing work for class and are not available to supervise. Parents are reminded that their children should be collected promptly at 2pm or 3pm. When parking, please consider the safety of children and other road users at all times. Please do not park in the space that is provided for the school bus and where staff park. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will take place on the 16th and 17th of November. Your allocated time will be sent to you before the midterm break.

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 confidentially.

Swimming

As part of our Physical Education programme, pupils from 1st to 6th class will commence a block of seven swimming lessons in Roscommon Leisure Centre on the following Fridays: 28th October, 11th November, 18th November, 25th November, 2nd December, 9th December and 16th December. An email with further information will be sent to parents in the coming weeks.

Dress up

On Thursday 27th October, children are welcome to come to school dressed in Halloween costumes if they wish. Please note that it will be on Thursday due to swimming for 1st – 6th class on Friday.

Insurance & book bills

An email will be sent in October to each family detailing the costing of book rental, photocopying/art supplies & Allianz personal insurance for this academic year. Please 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

Thank you to parents who returned the administration of medication form earlier this month. If your child requires medication as a once off, please email the class teacher to give consent and clear instructions.

Twitter

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

New arrival

Congratulations to Ms. Emer Duignan and Oliver on the birth of their baby girl Sarah. We wish them every health and happiness with their new bundle of joy.

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Scally-Koulak family on the sad passing of 6th class pupil Rayan after a long illness fought with courage. We also extend our sincere condolences to past pupil Josh Byrne and his family on the death of his beloved dad Des and his aunt Muriel. They will be fondly remembered by staff and pupils in our school.

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 (090) 64 89317 or email glanduffnsroscommon@gmail.com.

Sacraments

First Confession will take place on the 15th of March 2023 in St. John's Church at 7.30pm.

First Holy Communion will take place on the 20th of May 2023 in St. John's Church at 11.30am.

Confirmation will take place on the 21st of March 2023 in Knockcroghery Church at 3pm.

Thank you for your continued support,

Fiona & staff