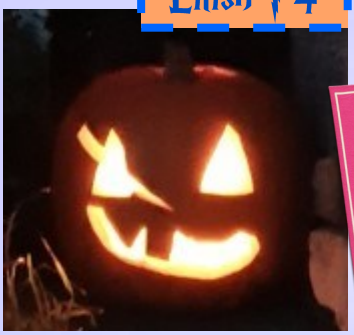
Glencull's November News

Pumpkin Madness!

Well done to all those who took part in our pumpkin competition. All those who entered will receive a prize of a certificate for a night off homework! Huge congratulations to our main winners. It was impossible to pick an overall winner so we have picked a winner from each classroom! The winners from each classroom will receive a prize form the school's legendary prize box!

Emma P2

Eilish P4



WINNERS

Cahir P5

Bethany P6

Tree Tidy Up

We were delighted to welcome past pupil Francis Mallon to tidy up the trees around our school. In December 2016 every pupil in school planted a hedge around the boundary of the school. In the intervening years both the children and the trees have been growing! So much so, that we've enlisted Francis and his helper, P1 Joe, to shape the trees so that they'll thicken up even more to provide shelter for the play ground. We have also taken away trees to make room for our brand new basketball hoops!

2016

2020

Adverse Weather: Action Plan

As was the case in Jan 2015, adverse weather conditions can hinder the smooth operations of day to day activities in school. In January 2015 we were forced to have an exceptional closure due to the kitchen at St Mary's being closed (which supplies our meals). To avoid this happening this winter the Board of Governors have put in place the following contingency plan.

In the event of adverse weather closing the meals kitchen the school will send a whats app message by 8.15am to allow parents to prepare a packed lunch for the day ahead.

Sacraments Dates

First Holy Communion this year will be on Saturday 24th April St Malachy PS at 11am. Confirmation date is yet to be decided. We hope that P4-7 help with choir on these occasions.

Admissions—P1 Sept 2021

SPREAD THE WORD

DIGITAL ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN STARTING IN P1 IN SEPT. 2021

The Education Authority (EA) plan to introduce new online applications for admissions for pre-school and primary school places for September 2021 intake.

A new portal for parents to apply **online** for a place has been created and it will include the listing of preferences of schools.

Parents will have the opportunity to amend their submitted application until the closing date. This replaces the current paper based application form.

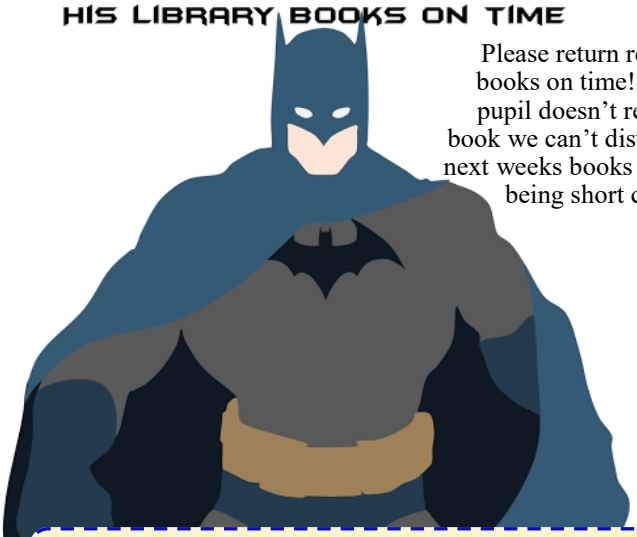
For admission to the forthcoming academic year, parents will continue to provide your child's birth certificate and any other verifying documents stipulated in admission criteria directly to the first preference provider/ school.

The Go Live date for the new digital admissions is still to be announced. The closing time and date for applications is also yet to be announced but will probably be in mid January.

Self Care

BATMAN RETURNS

HIS LIBRARY BOOKS ON TIME



Please return reading books on time! If one pupil doesn't return a book we can't distribute next weeks books due to being short copies.

How to contact a Teacher

The partnership between you, the parents, and teachers is vital for your child's education. Please take any opportunity available to speak to the teacher about your child's progress. The best time to reach teachers and the principal is before 9.05 and after 3.15 or via email and we will try our utmost to accommodate your needs. Or ring the office to make an appointment. Only use the school landline number to contact teachers 02885568344. What's Apps will not be answered. *We remind you that teachers private numbers or other private means of communication are never used to contact teachers regarding school issues.*

Absence notes

Reminder: All absences should be followed up with an email for the class teacher. Please record the date and reason for the absence.

We are raising awareness with all the children about the importance of washing your hands. You may wish to reinforce this message again at home during cold, Covid and flu season.

Wash Your Hands

Flu Vaccination

On the Thursday 6th of November the school nurse will be administering a Flu vaccination to those that have returned consent forms.

This is a program that is being run across the North of Ireland. The nasal spray flu vaccine is offered to toddlers, pre-school children and children in primary school. It's also offered to most children aged up to 17 years in at-risk groups.

The vaccine used

schoolmoney

From next week onward, 9th Nov, dinners and clubs can only be booked and paid for using 'School Money'. The service is already available this week we encourage you to begin using it straight away.
In order to pay for the service, school dinners have now increased to £2.70.
All dinners and clubs will have to be booked in advance before mid-night the day before the service is used.
On Tuesday 9th November, any arrears from before that date will be added to your school money account. The arrears will appear under two titles: 'Dinners' or 'Clubs'. 'Clubs' refers to breakfast and TUI club.
If you have any queries regarding the arrears or with any technical issues please contact bgormely892@c2kni.net.
We thank you for your support with starting this new system and we appreciate your patience.

	Governor Roll	Name	Roles
1	Nominating Trustee	Fr. O Dwyer	
2	Trustee	Mrs. Roisin Hackett	Vice Chairperson
3		Mr. Austin Walsh	Chairperson
4		Mr. Garrett Loughran	
5	Southern Education and Library Board Appointee	Mr. Joseph Quinn	Safeguarding
6		Mrs. Ann Patterson	
7	Elected Parent Governor	Pauline Mc Ginley	
8	Elected Teacher Governor	Stephen Donaghy (St Mary's)	
9	Department of Education Appointee	Mrs. Una Canavan	Special needs

School Governors

Every school is managed by a Board of Governors that works alongside the school Principal and staff to meet the educational needs of the school pupils in a secure and safe environment. Our Board of Governors is shared with St Mary's PS in Ballygawley. Some representatives are elected to the position, while others are suggested by the EA, DENI and the parish. A huge thank you to those Governors who are in position at present. The role of the Board of Governors is to ensure that the school provides pupils with an outstanding education. The Board of Governors set the plans and policies of the school, employs the school staff and manages the expenditure of the school budget.

November Menu

Weekly Meal Planner

	02/11/2020	09/11/2020	16/11/2020	23/11/2020
Monday	Home Made Pizza	Pasta Bologanise	Chilli Chicken Wrap	Home Made Pizza
	Grilled Bacon	Chicken Panini	Steak Burger	Pasta Bologanise
			Peas & Sweetcorn	Peas & Sweetcorn
	Mixed Vegetables	Mash Potato	Pasta	Mash Potato
		Mixed Vegetables	Mash Potato	
	Chocolate muffin cake	Choc Sponge	Fruit Sponge Cake	Shortbread
Tuesday	steakburger	Chicken Goujons	Chicken Curry & Rice	Steak Burger
	chicken curry& rice		homemade pizza	
				Chicken Curry & Rice
		Peas & Sweetcorn	Home Made Wedges	Mash Potato
	Carrots	Mash Potato	Peas & Sweetcorn	Home Made Wedges
	Mash Potato		Mash Potato	Sweetcorn
	Egg Sponge	Flakemeal Biscuits	Flakemeal Biscuits	Chocolate muffin cake
Wednesday		Pizza		
	Chicken & Pasta Bake		Chilli Chicken Wrap	Fish Fingers
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	Salmon Fishcake	BAKED BEANS	Grilled Bacon	Pasta Bologanise
	Mixed Vegetables	Mash Potato	mashed potato	Peas & Sweetcorn
	Mash Potato	Peas & Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	pasta
	Pasta		Pasta	Mash Potato
	Flakemeal Biscuits	cornflake square	Rice Krispie Square	choclate cookie
Thursday	Rst gammon & stuffing	Roast Chicken & Stuffing		
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	Mash Potato			Rst gammom stuffing
	Carrots	Carrots	Sweetcorn	Carrots
	Peas	Cauliflower & Broccoli	Carrots	Sweetcorn
		Mash Potato	Mash Potato	Rst & mashed potato
	Lemon Cake	Shortbread	Muffin	rice krispie square
Friday	cottage pie	steakburger in bap	lasagna	Chicken Fricasse
	oven baked sausages	chicken crumble		
			Hot Dog	oven baked sausages
	Mixed Salad	Peas	Mixed Vegetables	chips / potato
	potato / chips	Mixed Salad	Pasta	Mixed Salad
		chips / mashed potato	chips\ potato	Mixed Vegetables
	Icecream Tub	Icecream Tub	Icecream Tub	Icecream Tub

Spelling homework

P5-7 hope to begin spelling homework this Wednesday. Before your child starts to silently study their list for each day, let them pronounce each word. Children must know how to properly pronounce a word before they attempt to spell it. If their pronunciation is not correct, they will indeed spell it as they would pro-nounce it in their own way. Also make sure they know what the word means and can use it or understand it when they hear it.

To start studying, a child should look at the word, pro-nounce it, spell it orally as he looks at it, cover it with his hand, and then attempt to spell it or, as he traces it on your kitchen table, letter by letter.

After your child has studied, let's say five words, in the manner described, spell the words to them in random order, and have them name