

Glencull's December News



Christmas Show

This year, our Christmas Production; "Santa's On Strike" will be filmed during the week from the 7th to the 11th. Every year we ask for your help with costumes for the children. If you wish to discuss your child's costume just call the school for a chat. We will also send home a copy of the music from the show via WhatsApp for each family to practice.

We hope to stream 'Glencull Productions' first ever feature length film on the following week (date to be confirmed) with a live premiere on-line. Links will be available from our school website for you to share with your friends and family so that everyone will watch the live premiere from the comfort of their own home at the same time.

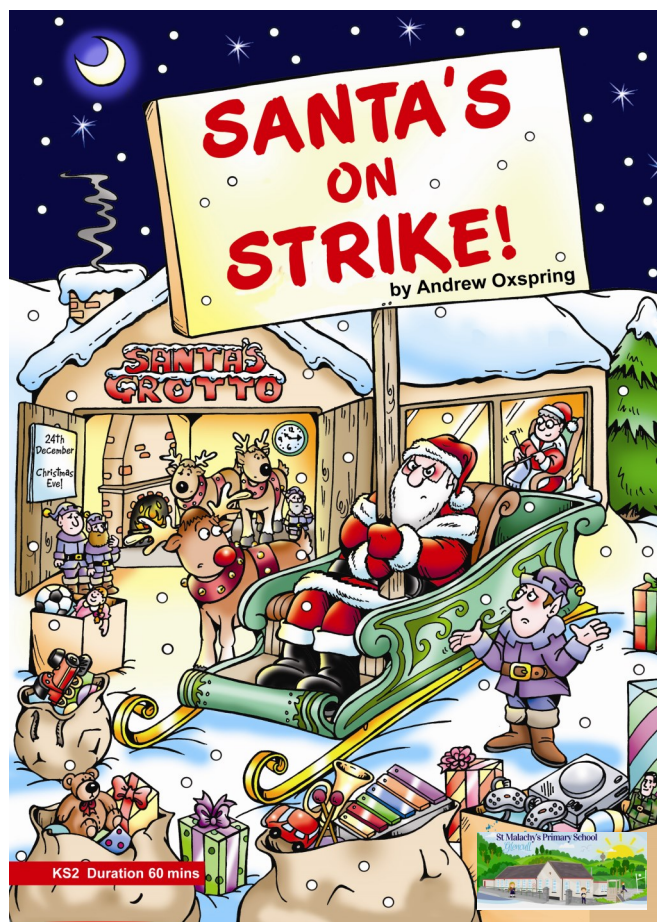


Pizza Prize!

With pupils working really hard on Mathletics this year we are hoping to reward those that are really going the extra mile to improve



their maths. This year anyone from P2-7 who earns a gold certificate in Mathletics will receive a pizza voucher for Pizzamac. Points are awarded to students as they successfully complete Live Mathletics and Curriculum Content within Mathletics. Students gain points



Premiere

for each correct answer. The more correct answers - the more points! Students receive the most points through completing Curriculum Content with each correct answer equating to 10 points. The points contribute to their earning of certificates and

a place in the Hall of Fame.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner for our children is on Wednesday 9th of December. Dinner costs £2.70. Please pay for Christmas dinner by this Thursday 3rd via school money app to allow numbers to be calculated. Pupils can come dressed in either a Christmas jumper or Christmas pyjamas on Christmas dinner day. This should add to the fun and excitement on Christmas dinner day at school.



Charitable Donation

Normally at this time of year we collect shoe boxes filled with goods that will brighten the day of a family that is less well off in another country. As this is not possible this year, St. Malachy's will be making a donation on your behalf to The Society of St. Vincent DePaul. SVP's goal is to fight poverty in all its forms through the practical assistance to people in need. They offer direct, personal assistance

that is non-judgemental and based on the need of the individual or family.

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.
Charles Dickens



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

School Holidays

School closes from Mon 21st to Wed 6th Jan 2021 inclusive. Returning Thursday 7th of January. There has been media speculation about an earlier lockdown week beginning 14th. Nothing has been communicated to schools about this. We will communicate via WhatsApp of any change to current plans. Enjoy your well earned break.

Motivation

Adults in St. Malachy's often discuss motivation with children. We talk about how enjoyment of an activity or game leads to improvement and to motivation over a longer time. We aim to create motivation through enjoyment rather than

simply for reward. Adults try to create activities for children with these three key experiences:

- Autonomy - letting children know that they have control over themselves and the choices that they make for their learning e.g helping decide what the activity is. From the activities they participate in, to how they play and interact with peers, autonomy plays a role in everything a child does in/out of the classroom.

- Competence is supported by providing the child with optimal challenges and opportunities (specific goals that are challenging enough, but not overwhelming), encouraging their sense of initiation (try it out!), providing consistent and clear expectations, rules, consequences, and providing relevant feedback.

- Finally, relatedness is supported by everyone being involved and showing interest in a pupils activities, a learning community.

Evidence suggests that when pupils are more autonomous in their behaviours, they are more likely to persist at their behaviours, feel better overall and they are more motivated.

Extrinsic Motivation

Intrinsic Motivation



2020 December						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Christmas	Christmas	Christmas	Christmas	Christmas		
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
Christmas	Christmas	Christmas	Christmas	Christmas		
2021 January						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Christmas	Christmas	Christmas				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	Competence		23	24
				The experience of mastery and being effective in one's activity		

Autonomy

The feeling one has choice and willingly endorsing one's behavior

Relatedness

The need to feel connected and belongingness with others

Motivation

The Glencull Hamper!

Every other year Christmas hamper sheets cost 50p per line. We appreciate the support that you have given to the school during lockdown. So as a thank you we've decided to make entry into the raffle free. Each child's name will be put into the raffle box for free! As always, any items, that you feel would help

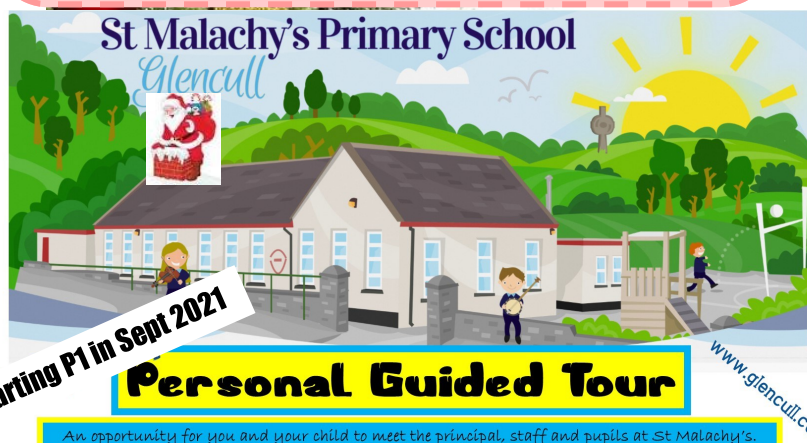
make this years hamper an excellent prize, can be sent in with pupils within the next 2 weeks. The draw will be made the day after our Christmas show premiere. Each classroom will create their own hampers.



Adverse Weather: Action Plan

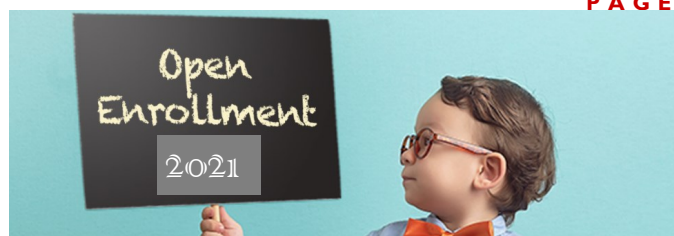
As was the case in January 2015, adverse weather conditions can hinder the smooth operation of day to day activities in school. In January 2015 we were forced to have an exceptional closure due to the kitchen at St Mary's being closed (which supplies our meals). To avoid this happening this winter the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

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



An opportunity for you and your child to meet the principal, staff and pupils at St Malachy's. You will see the school operating on a normal school day, at a time that is convenient to you.

NOW ENROLLING		At St Malachy's we offer:		To arrange a time that is suitable for you and your child;	
P1-2 After School—2pm—3.15	Breakfast Club—8am	Contact us on	02885568344 or 07890051243		
		Or email:	bgormley892@c2kni.net		
Traditional music—Banjo, fiddle, Mandolin, tin whistle, Concertina	Covered Outdoor area	Swimming lessons	Football/hurling Coaching	Great Friends	
2 Play trails	Drama/Irish/Public Speaking	Classic Music—Violin, Flute and Drumkit!	Lots of School Trips	Top Class Achievement	Great Fun



New P1 2021

Digital Admissions

If your child is starting pre-school or primary school in September 2021, you can apply for their place online from January 2021. The closing date and time for pre-school and primary one applications will be around the end of January 2021.

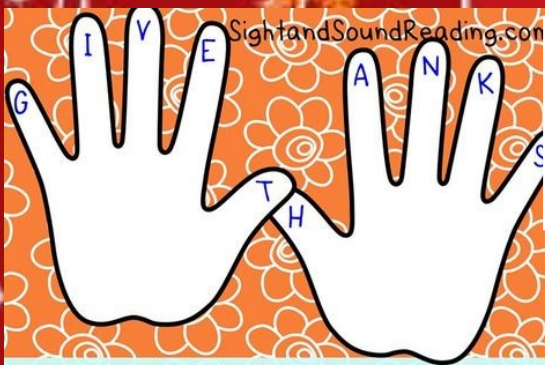
- A new portal for parents to apply online for a place has been created and it will include the listing of preferences of schools.
- <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>
- The process is called 'Open Enrolment'. A welcome booklet is available from Glencull PS. Contact Mr Gormley: bgormley892@c2kni.net.
- We welcome visitors who wish to have a **Personal Guided Tour** of our school to see the exciting activities that take place. Just contact Mr Gormley to arrange a time that is suitable for you.
- Please advise any new families, who may be your friends or neighbours, of this closing date and pass on how your child is enjoying their time at Glencull. You could also make the staff of the school aware if any new families are interested in coming to St Malachy's as we would like to make everyone feel welcome by sending out information on admissions.

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ADVENT ACTIVITY CALENDAR 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 th Nov Light the 1st purple candle	30 th Nov Pray for loved ones who have died	1 st Dec Help to put up the Christmas decorations	2 Help to put up the Christmas decorations	3 Make it your job to recycle at home	4 Ask if you can help out with the Christmas baking!	5 Do a chore You HATE to help out at home!
6 th Dec Light the 1 st and 2 nd purple candles	7 Ask an adult at home to read their favourite bible story to you	8 Think before you speak!	9 Instead of killing them, you could just put these little critters in the garden?	10 Spend ten minutes watching one of God's miracles of nature	11 Can you hold a fundraiser for us? Mad Hair Day Jersey Day or a Christmas jumper party???	12 Make sure there's a crib for baby Jesus in your home...you could make it!
13 th Dec Light 1 pink and 2 purple candles	14 SMILE... God loves YOU!	15 Pray for missionaries working away from home this Christmas	16 be kind	17 Say a prayer for peace in your FAMILY	18 Sing Christmas Carols	19 Say Grace... Grace Before Meals Bless us, O Lord, As we sit together. Bless the food we eat today. Bless the hands that made the food. Bless us O God. Amen
20 th Dec Light 1 pink and 3 purple candles	21 What are you thankful for this year? Create a wall of thanks!	22 Help with the cleaning before Christmas	23 Leave a note for someone in your family telling them how wonderful they are	24 Before you go to bed pray for all children in the world	25 Welcome Baby Jesus	



Teaching Gratitude

Gratitude is very easy

Thank others
Help others
Appreciate what you have
Notice your blessings
Know your gifts
Serve others

Word of the Month:

Gratitude



Benefits of gratitude
Gratitude is an antidote to negative emotion, it combats worry, stress, envy and so much more. Talking about what we are grateful for might help our children be happier, more energetic, more hopeful and report more positive emotions. At this time of year, we could embrace happiness more, be grateful for what we have and take a more positive outlook on the world. It is a lot more than just saying "thank you".

Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.
Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.
Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.
May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.
For this we pray.
Amen.



Weekly Meal Planner

	30/11/2020	07/12/2020	14/12/2020
Monday	Home Made Pizza	cottage pie	fish fingers
	Pasta Bologanise	Home Made Pizza	Pasta Bologanise
	Mash Potato	Mash Potato	Peas & Sweetcorn
	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Pasta
	Cornflake Crunch	Rice Krispie Square	Mash Potato
Tuesday	oven baked sausages	Chicken Curry & Rice	Chicken Curry & Rice
	chicken curry & rice	steakburger	homemade pizza
	Carrots	Mixed Vegetables	Home Made Wedges
	Mash Potato	Mash Potato	+
	shortbread	shortbread	Mash Potato
Wednesday	Chicken Panini	christmas dinner	chocolate cookies
	Salmon Fishcake	Rst turkey stuffing	chocolate cookies
	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots and brusell sprouts	chocolate cookies
	Mash Potato	mashed and rst potato	chocolate cookies
	Pasta	Icecream Tub	Rice Krispie Square
Thursday	Flakemeal Biscuits	christmas cookie	
	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	vegetable soup	party day
	Mash Potato	hotdogs	chicken bites
	Carrots	salad rolls	chips
	Peas		
Friday	Orange Cake	chocolate cookies	Icecream Tub
	Chicken Crumble	lasagna	
	Steak Burger & Bap	Oven Baked Sausages	
	Mixed Salad	Peas	sc
	potato / chips	Mixed Salad	
	Icecream Tub	chips / mashed potato	happy christmas to all
		Icecream Tub	

View our
CHRISTMAS MENU



WhatsApp

A weekly WhatsApp messages is sent every Sunday. If, for any reason, you do not receive a message email bgorm-ley892@c2kni.net
You must save the school's mobile number to your phone, only once, to receive broadcast



Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, children will not be in a position to swap Christmas cards or presents etc. at school. As we're not 'Scrooges', we're going to make it up to the children with a Christmas party day on the last Thursday of the month!

