



Spooky October News!

THE FUTURE IS MINE!

We are delighted to announce the Primary 4-7 classes will take part in a new 6 week learning program which utilises the educational power of Minecraft: Education Edition.



Minecraft: Education Edition is a game-based learning platform that allows teachers to deliver a variety of curricular lessons which will promote creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving. This will be a brilliant platform to engage pupils and ignite their passion for learning, giving them access to quality STEM, coding and digital technology experiences! They can use their C2k username and password to sign into minecraft at home to continue to work on projects from home if they wish.



Mathletics is the world's most used education website - with 40,000 students using the site each day from around the world. There are over one thousand learning activities covering primary and secondary mathematics.

We have enclosed an information sheet to help you to get your P2-7 child onto the website.

Mathletics usually costs £5 pounds per child per year. We

Mathletics

originally suggested that parents may pay for this. However, we've been lucky enough that a local business has offered to sponsor £4 per child at Glencull. Therefore the cost to parents is £1 per child this year. This represents excellent value for families at Glencull. Please find the £1 payment available on School Money on Monday 4th. P2 will be getting their usernames and passwords over the month of October along with training on how to enjoy the site.

Mathletics



Details to follow.

Every class will be partaking in challenging Maths week activities from 16th-24th October for Irish Maths week.

Parent Teacher Meetings

These will be held via a video conferencing app during the day beginning 18th-22nd October 2021. A message will follow shortly about how to see up a time for your video conference with



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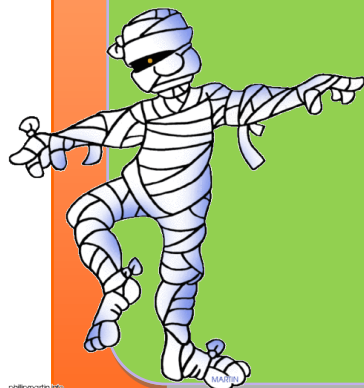
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Halloween Holidays

Halloween Holidays will be taking place from the Mon 25th Oct until Fri 29th Oct, with children returning to school on Monday 1st of November.

Survey

As part of the school improvement process in Glencull we are using a survey to help us take the views of our parents and guardians into account. Your comments will assist us in evaluating your perception of the work down with the children in relation to creating an environment of care and trust for all pupils. The results will help us to create our school development plan and associated actions for the coming years. This will help us improve our efforts to keep all students safe at school.



Uniforms

Please ensure that all items of uniform and PE kit are labelled with a name and class to ensure that no pieces of clothing are lost. Please label Glencull Jerseys and club Tyrone school bags. The labels and markings often come off so checking them is a huge help with identifying owners of lost property.

Toys For Tui/P2+3

The two o'clock club (TUI club) and P2/3 are collecting toys to use during their planned activities and wet play times. They are hoping for educational toys—jigsaws, Lego, construction toys, board games, art activities, books, dominos, connect 4, dolls, action figures etc. We're hoping that after Christmas you may have some old toys that are never used or grown out of. If so, please check all pieces are intact and send them in to TUI club.



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Halloween Party!

This year's Halloween Party will take place in school on Friday 22nd Oct during the school day. The children come to school dressed up for a day of learning activities.



Hurling tournament

On the 19th Of Oct those who have been participating in the after school hurling will have the opportunity to play in a Blitz with some other schools that feed into Cúchulainn An Ghleanna Hurling club.



PE Days

Class	Day	Coach
P1-7	Monday	Errigal—Ryan Daly
P1-7	Friday	Rory Mc Killian-Tyrone

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, 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 request that teachers private numbers or other private means of communication are never used to contact teachers regarding school issues.* If you have are not receiving any of the school Whatsapp Broadcasts please contact the school immediately.



Birthday Celebrations

St Malachy's have helped families celebrate birthdays over that last number of months by allowing children to bring in cakes. As restrictions on gatherings are now easing this support is no longer necessary. From the 1st October birthday parties in school have now stopped and St Malachy's is no longer in a position to have parties for individual children.

October is the month of the Rosary. Every day we will say a decade of the rosary together at school.

If your child has a pair of rosary beads- send them into school and they can use them every day.

Free School Meal Forms

Free School Meals and Transport forms are available from the office for anyone who wishes to apply or visit

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Absence notes

Reminder: All absences should be followed up with a note for the class teacher. Please record the date and reason for the absence. In an email and send it to your class teacher.

School Dinner

The school dinners at Glencull are famous for their quality and popularity amongst the students (and staff). So what's the plus side to a school dinner at Glencull.

- at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables with every meal
- high-quality meat, poultry or oily fish regularly
- bread, other cereals and potatoes regularly

Manners are important at Glencull (we say that 'Manners will take you places!'), school meals encourage your child to become adept at the table. Children eating

school meals have more opportunities to use a knife and fork and they are encouraged to say please and thank you during their meal times.

Glencull's smooth-running payment system makes it easy for you to organise your child's dinner routine at school. School money is available to book a dinner until midnight the night before a child would like to have dinner in school. Preferably prebook and pay for dinner before a child has it.



All your child has to do is remember to say to their teacher that they are having dinner during role call.

From Potato Patch to Plate

Last year Mr Canavan's P6/7 class were planting potatoes during March '21. We've tended the plants, weeded them, sprayed them and kept the rabbits away for 7 months. Now finally after harvesting them we have had a great potato crop. Mrs. Quinlivan supported this years P4/5 to



wash and prepare the potatoes for cooking in the 'Air Fryer'. If you'd like to

taste the fruits of all this great work you're too late! They lasted about two minutes, with every child in school getting a chance to taste these potato wedges today!





Arriving to School

Every morning from 8.45 until 9.15am children should put their bags in their cloakroom and go straight to their classroom!

Coats



Please remember to bring your coats from now on as Autumnal weather creeps in. Children may not be allowed out to play outside if they have no coats. Please label coats!!!!

October Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 25/10	Spaghetti Bolognese & Homemade Garlic Bread Or Breaded Fish Fingers Baton Carrots Medley of Fresh Vegetables Mashed Potato Egg Sponge with Jam Topping & Custard	Breast of Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread Or Chicken & Cheese Melt Garden Peas *Salad Selection Mashed Potato, Baby Boiled Potatoes Vanilla Ice Cream, Oranges & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Breaded Chicken Goujons Selection of Dipping Sauces Or Spicy Chicken Fajita with Warm Tortilla wrap Sweetcorn, *Salad Selection Mashed Potato, Hot Pasta Twists Fresh Fruit Selection and Fresh Yoghurt	Roast Pork Or Roast Chicken Herb Stuffing, Gravy Fresh Baton Carrots Broccoli Florets Mashed Potato Rice Krispie Square & Custard	Hot Dog Or Ciabatta Pizza Slices Baked Beans Peas *Tossed Salad Chips, Mashed Potato Oat Biscuits & Fresh Fruit Chunks
WEEK 4/10	Chicken Chow Mein Or Steak Burger Gravy Broccoli Florets Fresh Baton Carrots Mashed Potato Chocolate Brownie, Pears & Ice Cream	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread Or Homemade Margherita Pizza Garden Peas, Tossed Salad Pasta Twists Homemade Shortbread Rounds & Custard	Cheesy Bolo Pasta Or Fresh Breaded Fish Goujons with lemon slice, Tartar Sauce Baked Beans, Garden Peas Sweetcorn, *Salad Selection Mashed Potato Strawberry Jelly & Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit	Roast Breast of Chicken Or Chicken Crumble Herb Stuffing Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots / Parsnip, Mashed Potato Sticky Flapjacks & Custard	Chicken Nuggets Or Hot Thai flavoured Chicken Wrap Salsa Dip, Sweetcorn *Salad Selection Chips Baked Potato Selection of Fruit and Yoghurt
WEEK 11/10	Italian Pasta Bolognese Or Breaded Fish Fingers Baked Beans, Sweetcorn Broccoli Florets Mashed Potato Chocolate and Orange Egg Sponge & Custard	Mac & Cheese Or Homemade Salt & Chilli or Traditional Chicken Goujons, Selection of dipping sauces Baton Carrots, *Salad Selection Chips, Mashed Potato Raspberry ripple Ice Cream Tub Fresh Fruit Chunks	Mexican Enchilada Or Oven Baked Sausage Garden Peas Mediterranean Roasted Vegetables, Mashed Potato Baby Boiled Potatoes Fresh Fruit Selection and Fresh Yoghurt	Chicken Panini Or Roast Turkey Herb Stuffing Cranberry Sauce, Gravy Fresh Carrot or Parsnip Fresh Savoy Cabbage Mashed Potato, Hot Pasta Shells Cornflake Square & Custard	Traditional Homemade Chicken or Smoothie Hearty Vegetable Soup Steak Burger in Bap, Or Bang Bang Chicken in Hot Baguette Mashed Potato, Tossed Salad Selection of breads Strawberry Mousse & Fresh Fruit Salad
WEEK 18/10	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread Or Chicken & Broccoli Bake Garden Peas Fresh Savoy Cabbage Gravy Mashed Potato Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard	Chicken Stir Fry & Noodles Or Oven Baked Sausage Baked Beans Sweetcorn Baton Carrots Mashed Potato Flakemeal Biscuit Fingers, Fruit & Custard	Roast Breast Chicken Or Beef Stew Herb Stuffing Gravy Diced Turnip Fresh Baton Carrots Mashed Potato Chocolate Brownie & Custard	Spaghetti Bolognese Or Fresh Breaded Fish Fillets Or Salmon fish cake Lemon Slice and Tartar Sauce, Broccoli & Cauliflower Florets Mashed Potato Selection of Fruit and Yoghurt	Homemade Margherita Pizza Or Marinated Chicken Fillets with warm Tortilla Wraps *Salad Selection Sweetcorn Traditional Champ Chips Artic Roll & Fruit Chunks



PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

This year we are also running a **Pumpkin Competition**. Children and their families can design and carve out pumpkins and some will win prizes.

Entries can be brought into school the week starting 18th October and the winners will be announced at the end of the week. **Please note all pumpkins**

must be brought home by Thursday 21st. Enjoy your Halloween Holidays.