

Glencull's April News

Poetry Competition Winners

On the 6th March 2020 the then P6-7 class entered a poetry competition coordinated by Irish-World. The poems were based on the Townlands the children live in and were inspired by work the children carried out on our local poets Patrick Farrell and John Montague. It's taken two years for the competition to be completed and St Malachy's has been judged the overall winner! The poets (who are all now in secondary level) have won £500 for our school which will be used by the student council to fund their activities, including the 'Day of Play'!

Irish World is the Irish Family History Foundation centre for counties Tyrone and Fermanagh. Irish World offers a worldwide service to people whose an-

cestors came from these counties. Those with ancestral links with Tyrone or Fermanagh use Irish-World to discover the path to their Irish roots. Our state of the art computerised database allows direct access to all the principal sources of research – church records, baptism records, birth records, marriage records, gravestones, census data and muster rolls. They also produce periodic heritage publications relating to local history, folklore and culture. Find the poems on www.glencull.com

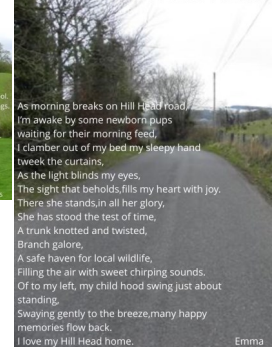
As dawn breaks above the hills of Glencull
Locals, Farrell, Canavan, Hackett and McNeill too many
to mention.
Sounds of chirping birds,
Aroma of sweet, smelling, flowers, ferns and foliage,
Enjoy the birds,
As it laden with traffic, all in a rush;
Some going to work locally, others afar.



Up in Raragan's hills,
Where Greenland lay,
Walk around you'll get chills,
"Hello", I hear the wind say,
They'll sing of hills of Donegal,
And of rolling fields in Kerry,
Garaghey outshines them all,
This is my song.



Hill Head home



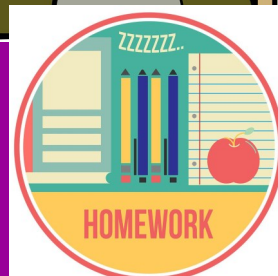
Mathletics Challenge

Mr Canavan is putting his neck on the line to help you with your numeracy!! He has challenged P2-7 to earn a quarter of a million points on Mathletics in the month of April. If they reach this target Mr Canavan will act as a target for the P2-7's to practice their 'Wet Sponge' throwing!!!! If all the pupils in P2-7 score 1,000 (a bronze certificate) points per school week (there's an Easter Break in April!) they will have a total of 250,000 points. For the last week in April, 25th-29th April, we'll be placing most of P2-7 maths homework on Mathletics!



Weekend Homework!

The parents and staff at St Malachy's have voted to have homework every weekend. Saturday and Sunday will now be dedicated to doing more lessons about whatever is covered during the week in school. One parent commented, "I think it's a great idea, no more going outside on a Saturday to get your clothes dirty." Staff were overheard in the staff room saying, "we can't wait to mark all that homework on a Monday". Weekend homework will start on the 31st of April.



Easter Holidays

Easter Holiday's are as follows. School closes Holy Thursday 13th April and reopens Monday 25th April 2022.

April 2022

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May 2022

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June 2022

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Sentinus

The Sentinus RoboCode programme introduces young people to computer coding in the context of robotics. Having previously completed a series of tasks using drag and drop programming we will now progress to writing code, this will introduce our students to the concept of computer languages and how devices and machines are controlled by programming.



Positive Discipline



At Glencull the children are 'caught' being 'good' all the time! If caught showing positive behaviours there are lots of rewards. We celebrate great examples of positive actions each Friday during our assembly. It's important that children get an opportunity to talk about how they have won these rewards at home, so asking about their successes in school will help discipline in school. Reinforcing that you think these positive behaviours are important will help enthuse your child about showing these behaviours in school. Our discipline policy also has sanctions for those displaying behaviours that are not appropriate. When sanctions are taken, we encourage children to discuss these at home and for home to support sanctions and reinforce that these behaviours are inappropriate. We have had great improvements in pupils where sanctions are followed up at home and we encourage this support. Please discuss these with your child focusing on their behaviour, rather the behaviours of others.

Inappropriate Language.

Whether on the football pitch or during a disagreement we encourage children to negotiate problems using the rich language they learn in class. Our school community does not accept bad language. **Sanction:** Yellow card. Two yellow cards in a fortnight = a red card and a note home to parents regarding inappropriate language.

Rough Play

Sometimes rough play can result from many different games e.g. pretending to be superheroes or good guys and bad guys. We encourage and discuss how to enjoy these games without being rough. When playing football in school, children are encouraged to use less contact and to be mindful of the difference in age present during their game. Rough play is off putting for some children who wish to play and everyone has the job of making sure those who are playing are enjoying the game. **Sanction:** removal from the game for a fixed time to allow reflection.



Football Tournaments



Over term 2/3 the KS2 children have been getting lots of opportunities to play in competitive and non-competitive Blitz. During the non-competitive Blitz all the children who attend will get equal opportunity to play, with a focus on improvement. At a competitive blitz the team that is most likely to win will be picked and there is no guarantee that all children will get to travel or to play, nor that they will get to play in the position they wish to play. We aim to have a mix of the two different types of event throughout the year. The first competitive blitz takes place on 13th April 2022 in Loughmacrory.

First Confession and Communion

First Confessions takes place in school next week 7th April. Like last year, the Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place in school. Fr O'Dwyer will visit school on 7th of April and the service will take place under the covered play area. P4 are currently working through lessons about the sacraments they'll receive this year and have the opportunity to discuss them with the adults in school and Fr O'Dwyer when he visits.

First Communion is on Saturday 27th of May. We ask all the P5-7 children to help the P4 children celebrate this important sacrament by singing in the choir. So keep the date free in your diary.

Uniforms

The school jumper can not be replaced by another sports top or quarter zip. Please remind your child to put their jumper on and if cold, then a coat or sports top can be worn.

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.

Swimming

We've had confirmation that the 6th April is the last swimming session (none on the 13th of April). Congratulations to all the P4-7 children who pushed themselves out of their comfort zone to improve so much from their starting point! Great learning for everyone.

Music and Drama

Traditional music, with Nuala Sweeney, continues music every Tuesday in the summer term. There are 8 weeks of music left from after Easter until the summer holidays. This term costs £5 per child, as some sessions were missed due to Covid in previous terms. Please pay via the school money app.

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Skills Day

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Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Tyrone will be holding their annual skills day on Thurs 27th April in the Garvaghey Centre. St Malachy's will be sending 2 children for each code: i.e. 2 x girl football; 2 x boy football; 2 x boy hurling & 2 x girl camogie. Participants will be chosen based on a skills test in school.

Philosophy for Children

Primary 6 & 7 have had the opportunity to take part in weekly P4C lessons. What is P4C - Philosophy for Children? P4C is a chance for children to take part in deep discussion about a range of subjects. It gets children questioning, thinking, deciding, and listening. From that, comes quality feedback.



PE

Errigal Ciaran football coach Ryan Daly continues coaching sessions for P1-7s. KS2 classes are broken into two groups, one working on skills with the other focusing more on game play, swapping focuses each week.

PE days

P1-7: Monday—Errigal Coach

P1-3: Wednesday Hurling—Damhlaic Rush

Wednesday swimming finishes at Easter.



Knock, knock. Who's there?

Cows go. Cows go who?

No, cows go MOO!



What do you call a cow with two legs?

Lean meat!



Are You Joking?

April Fools



How do all the oceans say hello to each other?

They wave

Q: Why was 6 afraid of 7?
A: Because 7, 8, 9.

What do you call a fly without wings?

A walk!

What did one wall say to the other wall?

I'll meet you at the corner!



Visit

On Friday 1st April, Boris Johnson will visit St Malachy's to see some of the great work going on at Glencull. Mr Johnson described the opportunity as, "Ah, Ah ,Ah excellent, a really great experience for the children".

April Menu

Menu Subject to Deliveries

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 4/4	<p>Steak Burger Or Pasta Twists with homemade Tomato sauce and Sliced Chicken</p> <p>Gravy, Broccoli Florets Fresh Baton Carrots Mashed Potato</p> <p>Chocolate Cracknel & Custard</p>	<p>Homemade Margherita Pizza Or Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread</p> <p>Sweetcorn Pasta Twists Salad Selection</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Selection and Yoghurt</p>	<p>Fresh Breaded Fish Goujons Or Chicken Crumble</p> <p>Baked Beans Garden Peas Mashed Potato Salad Selection</p> <p>Strawberry Jelly & Fruit or Yoghurt</p>	<p>Roast Breast of Chicken Or Savoury Mince</p> <p>Traditional Stuffing Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots / Parsnip, Mashed Potato</p> <p>Vanilla Cake & Custard</p>	<p>Chicken Nuggets Or Baked Potato with Chicken & Cheese</p> <p>Sweetcorn Chips Baked Potato Salad Selection</p> <p>Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit</p>
WEEK 11/4	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Or Pasta Bolognese</p> <p>Baked Beans Sweetcorn Garden Peas Mashed Potato</p> <p>Flakemeal Biscuit, Fruit & Custard</p>	<p>Homemade Salt & Chilli Or Traditional Chicken Goujons Or Mac & Cheese</p> <p>Broccoli Florets Mashed Potato Salad Selection</p> <p>Raspberry ripple Ice Cream Slice Fresh Fruit Chunks</p>	<p>Oven Baked Sausage Or Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice</p> <p>Garden Peas Baton Carrots, Mashed Potato Baby Boiled Potatoes</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Selection and Yoghurt</p>	<p>Holy Thursday</p>	<p>Good Friday</p>
WEEK 18/4	<p>Easter Break</p>	<p>Easter Break</p>	<p>Easter Break</p>	<p>Easter Break</p>	<p>Easter Break</p>
WEEK 25/4	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Or Spaghetti Bolognese</p> <p>Baked Beans Medley of Fresh Vegetables Mashed Potato</p> <p>Vanilla Ice Cream, Oranges & Chocolate Sauce</p>	<p>Breast of Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread Or Steak Burger</p> <p>Baton Carrots Gravy Mashed Potato Salad Selection</p> <p>Sponge with Jam Topping & Custard</p>	<p>Homemade Breaded Chicken Goujons Or Spicy Chicken in a Warm Tortilla wrap</p> <p>Sweetcorn, Hot Pasta Twists Mashed Potato Salad Selection</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Selection and Yoghurt</p>	<p>Roast Chicken Or Roast Beef</p> <p>Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Fresh Baton Carrots Broccoli Florets Mashed Potato</p> <p>Rice Krispie Square & Custard</p>	<p>Hot Dog Or Homemade Margherita Pizza</p> <p>Peas Tossed Salad Chips Mashed Potato</p> <p>Oat Biscuits & Fresh Fruit Chunks</p>



New Adult in P2/3

Mr Kelly from University of Cumbria will be joining Mrs. Mc Veigh and Mr Gormley in P2/3 from April until June Monday–Friday. He has heard lots about their learning so far this year and is looking forward to joining them on their learning journey

“ God made you and God made me, He made the world for us to see, God loves you and long ago, He sent his Son to tell us so, Jesus showed us many things, To love and share and dance and sing. To learn and pray, to help and care, He promised he'd always be there. He died but then came back to life, let's celebrate for he's alive! Amen.”

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