



# Glencull's January News

Fill out one of the pages in your 'Book Battle Diary' and give it to your teacher on a Friday (you can do more than 1 per week)! You'll get 20 minutes in class to help you write this.

Pick a library book to read and show it to your teacher; to be sure it's challenging enough!

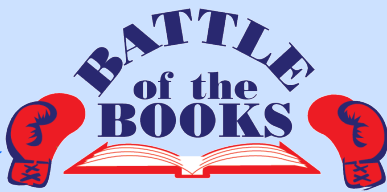


The School is split into teams of 10.

Read the book alone or with an adult.

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

Your teacher will give you one star !!



If the whole school manages to reach 1100 stars we will give all pupils a reward of a...

When you reach 5 stars in your diary you get a night off homework! 10 stars gets you a £5 pound pizza voucher to use any time you want!

Glencull Primary School  
St. Malachy's

**DAY OF PLAY**

Prize for team with best average!

## Music and Drama

Traditional Music with Mrs Sweeney recommences for P3-7 on Tuesday 16th Jan. This term there are 14 weeks of music. The cost until Easter is £10.

Drama with Stephanie begins on Tuesday 9th Jan. This term there are 14 weeks of Drama. The cost until Easter is £10. Pay via School money.

## Moving Up P7

On Monday 8th and Wednesday 11th Jan St Ciaran's Ballygawley and St Joseph's Donaghmore will visit P6 and 7 to discuss what it is like being a year 8 in their schools.

P7s are encouraged to get their questions ready for the past pupils and teachers who'll be visiting.

## West Tyrone Feis

Each year the West Tyrone Feis, runs during March and April. This year the venue is St Joseph's Hall Omagh.

The competition includes an opportunity to perform in the Speech and Drama section. It is our aim in St. Malachy's to have children from P1-P7 enter this competition.

The children that decide to enter will be given different poems depending on their class. Boys and girls will also have different poems within each class.

The Speech and Drama section will take place between 17th April - 13th May. This year we hope that your children will be interested in the opportunity to try their hand at a speech and drama poem. Entry deadline is Tuesday 16th January 2024, and the entry form below can be used.

Entry costs £3 per pupil and will be added to your school money account after you fill in this form.

The poems will be distributed in school and will need to be practiced at home in front of an audience.

NB Unfortunately, as there are too many events spread over the week, it is not possible for the school to provide transport to and from the venue. Parents will have to arrange transport for their children dates will be confirmed closer to the time. Please be aware of competition rules.

If you are interested, please fill in the entry form that was sent via WhatsApp and return by Tuesday 16th January 2024.



## Milk Money



Milk money for this term is £12, and will cover the cost of milk per child until Easter. Payment will be available on School money next week.

## New Admissions and Transfer

EA Connect School Applications portal will open at **12.00 noon on Tuesday 9th January 2024** and close at **12.00 noon on Friday 26 January 2024**. Please advise any new families who may be your friends or neighbours of this closing date and that a welcome book is available from St Malachy's. Parents of Primary 7 children will be given information later in the month for online transfer to second level.



## What's App



WhatsApp

If your mobile phone number changes, please update us with the mobile number you wish to receive school 'What's App Broadcast' on, as this is a very successful means of communication. Remember to save the school mobile number in your phones contact list otherwise you will not receive the broadcast.

If you wish to add someone else to the School Broadcast please email their number to [bgormley892@c2ken.net](mailto:bgormley892@c2ken.net)

## Swimming



A 12 week swimming program for Primary 4-7 pupils starts on Wednesday **10<sup>th</sup> Jan** until Easter. The bus will collect the children at school and bring them to Dungannon

Swimming pool on Wednesday mornings for structured lessons to help develop their swimming technique. The first lesson is an assessment of their swimming ability. Children should bring: goggles, swimming costume and a dry towel. Girls are encouraged to bring a second towel for their hair and a swimming cap.

Please also bring a book to read as the large group will be split into two groups for swimming, with a 15 minute period available for each group to have ERIC time while the other group is swimming.

We will return to school in time for dinner.

Swimming keeps your child's heart and lungs healthy, improves strength and flexibility, increases stamina and even improves balance and posture.

The cost of the swimming lessons and bus transport will be covered from the school budget.

### Key Dates

September 2024 to June 2025 school year

**12 December 2023**  
Admissions Criteria published

**9 January 2024**  
Applications open at 12noon

**26 January 2024**  
Applications close at 12noon



[www.eaoni.org.uk](http://www.eaoni.org.uk)







Sometimes, all it takes is one positive thought and your entire day will be different. Our thoughts are very powerful. What we create in our head can have a huge impact on our attitude, our perception, and our reality. So, even if you haven't had the best morning, think of one positive thought and hold on to it.

**One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.**

## Credit Union Quiz

P6 and 7 It's time to Get your Brain in Gear!!!

The Credit Union School Quiz is back live in 2024 and will follow the same format as past Quizzes.

As before, there are three stages to the Quiz:

Credit Union Quiz - Venue—St Mary's Ballygawley  
Dates: Fri 26th January 2024

Mr Breen will be doing some practice in class or try the Online Quiz: Test your knowledge with the online, Monster Credit Union Schools Quiz. This is an individual online quiz which can be played at any time. Test your knowledge and see if you can top our leader board! There will be three installments of this quiz, with new questions added each month, in the run up to our big premiere. You can test your knowledge as many times as you wish! This online quiz is open to all ages, from parents to kids, grannies to grandads. Test your knowledge today!

[Online Schools Quiz - The Irish League of Credit Unions](#)



## Student Council

Student council are amazed at the generosity shown for the Friends of Glencull Christmas draw. It raised a staggering £2835!!!!



## An Dúchas Thart

St Malachy's P4-7 classes have secured a space on the "The Native Culture Around Us" initiative part funded by the Mid Ulster Council. This consists of Irish language lessons and will also cover dance and games. Lessons begin in Jan.



## Library Van

Wednesday 17th January at 10am



## ERIC -

Everyone Reading in Class is a weekly time in our classroom when we all stop to enjoy some reading time together. The children choose a book to read (they can bring one from home or get one in school), find a comfortable spot and immerse themselves

in their story. All the adults in school will also settle down with their books and enjoy this special time in the classroom.

## Everyone Reading In Class



Why not use the school's library areas to pick a new book. This time will help you with your battle of the books reading challenge!!

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss*

**"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day"**

# EAT SMART WITH

# January Menu

# THE LUNCH BUNCH

WEEK  
BEGINNING

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



22 January	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Chicken Nuggets Or Homemade Lasagne  Steamed Broccoli & Garden Peas Chipped Potato, Mashed Potato Ice Cream, Chocolate Sauce & Sliced Peas	Spaghetti Bolognese Or BBQ Chicken Pizza  Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Diced Potatoes, Pasta, Salad Fruit & Rice Pudding	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Or Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Garden Peas, Rice, Salad, Mashed Potato Rice Krispie Square & Fruit	Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Rich Gravy Or Salmon Fishcake  Cauliflower & Baton Carrots Mashed Potato or Oven Roast Potato Fruit Muffin Slab	Steak Burger & Tomato Ketchup Or Chicken Crumble  Sweetcorn & Salad Or Chipped Potato, Pasta Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit
1 January 29 January	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Or Mighty Mac 'n' Cheese with Garlic Bread Slice  Baked Beans & Broccoli & Coleslaw Mashed Potatoes Artic Roll with Peaches	Beef Meatballs with Italian Tomato & Basil Sauce Or Margherita Pizza  Garden Peas & Salad Oven Baked Potato Wedges, Pasta Shortbread, Custard & Fruit	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Or Bacon Slice  Mini Corn on the Cob Steamed Rice, Chipped Potatoes Strawberry Jelly & Fruit	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Rich Gravy Or Mexican Chili with Nachos Baton Carrots & Tossed Salad Mashed Potato & Roast Potato Jam & Coconut Sponge & Custard	Tasty Pork Sausages with Tomato Ketchup or Gravy Or Chicken Panini & Coleslaw  Sweetcorn & Spaghetti Hoops Chipped Pot & Mashed Pot, Salad Melon Wedge
8 January 5 February	Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread Or Stuffed Bacon Roll/Bacon Slice  Garden Peas & Cabbage Oven Baked Potato Wedges, Spaghetti Chocolate Cake & Custard	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Or Tex-Mex Enchilada  Mini Corn on the Cob & Spaghetti Hoops or Coleslaw Chipped Potatoes, Pasta Jelly & Mandarin Oranges	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Or Steak Burger & Gravy Garden Beans & Sweetcorn Mashed Potato, Rice Cornflake Biscuit & Custard	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Rich Gravy Or Stuffed Chicken Cauliflower Cheese & Baton Carrots Mashed Potato Ice Cream with Wafer & Fruit	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets Or Admiral's Ocean Pie Garden Peas & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Homemade Ginger Biscuit & Fruit
15 January	Spaghetti Bolognese Or Cod Fishcake with Tomato Ketchup  Baton Carrots & Baked Beans Mashed Potato, Salad Homemade Ginger Biscuit & Custard	Classic Margherita Pizza Or Italian Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread Garden Peas & Coleslaw Chipped Potato, Mashed Potato Strawberry Jelly, Ice Cream & Fruit	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Or Chicken Panini & Coleslaw Steamed Broccoli & Sweetcorn Oven Roasted Potato Wedges, Rice Banana Yoghurt Pot	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Rich Gravy Or Beef Olive Baton Carrots & Savoy Cabbage Mashed Potato Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Hot Dog Or Chicken Wrap & Sweet Chili Salsa Garden Peas & Spaghetti Hoops Chipped Potato, Mashed Potato Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

MILK, WATER, BREAD AND  
FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

MENU MAY CHANGE DUE  
TO DELIVERY CHANGES

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR  
SPECIAL DIETS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL