



# Glencull's April News

## First Holy Communion

During Religious Education lessons in school, the children study the Last Supper when Jesus shared his last meal with the disciples. They look in particular at the breaking of the bread and how this is similar to the celebration of the Mass. By examining the words of Jesus at the Last Supper and the priest at Mass, they learn to appreciate that we are present with Jesus every time we go to Mass.

The children study all of the parts of the Mass in detail over the year but focus particularly on the Liturgy of the Eucharist leading up to the celebration of First Holy Communion. By exploring each of the parts of the

Liturgy of the Eucharist in detail, the children learn that the Mass is a celebration of thanksgiving and that during the Eucharistic prayer, the priest asks the Holy Spirit to change the gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. \*First Communion\*: Saturday 27th April at 11am in St Malachy's Church, Ballymacilroy.

In order to prepare for first Holy Communion there will be a Friends of Glencull meeting on Wednesday 10th April at 9pm. P4 parents may wish to attend to hear arrangements for the party and what input they will have.

Parents of families not involved in Communion will help set up the school for a celebration after the service.

We ask for volunteers, bearing in mind that your family will have others volunteer to celebrate your child's day in years to come. We ask all the P4-6 children to help the P7 children celebrate this important sacrament by singing in the choir.

## Confirmation

Confirmation date: Sunday 9th June 11am St Brigid's, St Mary's and St Malachy's Primary Schools—Church of the Immaculate Conception Ballygawley. Primary 7 have begun preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. In school we are developing our understanding of the Holy Spirit and in what scenarios they can allow the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be evident in their own lives.

## Communion Photo

The parents association are contacting photographers so that one will be available for taking photos before and after First Holy Communion. Contact Mr Gormley if you'd like photos taken before the ceremony so that arrangements can be made. bgormley892@c2kni.net



## Mathletics Challenge

300,000 points

We're putting a night off homework on the line to help you with your numeracy!! We have challenged P2-7 to earn over a quarter of a million points on Mathletics in the month of April.

If they reach this target they will win a night off homework in May! If all the pupils in P2-7 score 1,000 (a bronze certificate) points per school week they will have a total of 300,000 points.

For the last week in April, 22nd-26th April, we'll be placing most of P2-7 maths homework on Mathletics!



## School Start time

The parents and staff at St Malachy's have voted to have the school start time changed to earlier in the morning. The new start time for school is 6.30am or Sun rise, depending on which is first. 6.30 am until 9.15 will now be dedicated to doing more lessons about whatever is covered in school. One parent commented, "I think it's a great idea, no more sleeping in every morning." Staff were overheard in the staff room saying, "We can't wait to come in at 6.00. We might have our dinner at 6am to get it out of the way and get a good run a the day." This new school start time will begin on 31st of April.

## May Bank Holiday

School closes Monday 6th May reopening Tuesday 7th.

## May 2024

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	27	28	29	30	31		



# After School Multi Sport

## Build a Wider Skill Set

Trying other sports can actually help you to improve their skill set overall. By playing a variety of sports you'll develop a wider range of motor skills while building strength and endurance. Doing something new can help you to use muscles and techniques that they wouldn't otherwise use. This is especially true of sports that utilise one limb or muscle group over the others. The social skills developed during these activities with peers, teams mates and opposition, will be transferable into lots of other parts of your life. After School Multi Sport for P6/7 starts Tues 5th along side P4/5s Games club for 4 weeks. Payment is accepted on School Money.



## 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.



## New Board of Governors

Our Board of Governors was reconstituted in 2024. 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. We used to have a shared governors with St Mary's Ballgyawley. It was decided that both schools requires a separate team of governors. A huge thank you to those volunteers who will be giving up their time to try to make St. Malachy's an even better place to be for everyone by taking on the role of being a school governor.

Governor Roll	Name	Role
Trustee	Pauline Mc Ginley	Vice-Chair + Safeguarding
Trustee	Katie Mc Anenly	
Trustee	Dermot Mc Girr	
Trustee	Michael Mc Rory	Chairperson
Education Authority Appointee	Joanne Harte	
Education Authority Appointee	Caolon Tierney	
Elected Parent Governor	Oonagh Armstrong	
Elected Teacher Governor	Darren Canavan	
Department of Education Appointee	Lisa Mc Gaughey	
Principal	Brain Gormley	





# 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.

Mark 22nd -26th April in your diary! It's CnmB Trone Rounders Week. We're asking pupils to try Rounders in St Malachy's. The children will get the opportunity to play this GAA sport that encourages team work and craic!



## Rounders Week!

22<sup>nd</sup> April - 26<sup>th</sup> April



**Try something a little different this term!**

**Rounders is an inclusive sport which encourages great teamwork and is fun for all ages! Let's all give it a go!**

# Swimming

We've had confirmation that the 20th March was the last swimming session. 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 10 weeks of music left from after Easter until the summer holidays. This term costs £8 per child. Please pay via the school money app. Drama continues with Stephanie Tuesdays; This term costs £4 per child as sessions were missed in terms 1 and 2. Please pay via the school money app.

# PE

Errigal Ciaran football coach Joe Oguz 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 for PE gear:  
P1-7: Monday—Errigal Coach  
P4/5: Thursday—Connor Gormley Tyrone GAA  
P1-7: Friday—curriculum PE  
Wednesday swimming finished before Easter.

What kind of dog does a magician have?

A Labracadabrador!



How does a vampire start a letter?

Tomb it may concern!



Are You Joking?

April Fools

Why did the chicken cross the playground?

To get to the other slide!



What do sprinters eat before a race?  
Nothing. They fast!

How do you tell the difference between a bull and a cow?  
It is either one or the udder!

Why did an old man fall in a well?  
Because he couldn't see that well!



# Visit

On Friday 12th April, Elon Musk will visit St Malachy's to see some of the great work going on at Glencull. Mr Musk is the owner of SpaceX and he is currently looking for Astronauts to pilot one of his rockets and thinks one of the children here could fit the bill. The world's fourth richest person, Mr Musk described the opportunity as, "Excellent, a really great opportunity for one lucky space cadet".

# April Menu

SMART WITH

# THE LUNCH BUNCH



FRIDAY

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY

MONDAY

SERVED

19 February 18 March 15 April 13 May 10 June 2 September 30 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers - Or - Freshly Baked Ham & Cheese Panini  Baked Beans & Garden Peas Chipped / Baked Potato  Homemade Flakemeal Biscuit	Beef Ragu Italia - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza  Sweetcorn / Diced Carrots / Colelaw Oven Roasted Potato / Wedges / Rice / Salad  Mandarin Orange Sponge & Custard	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy  Garden Peas / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Mashed Potato  Arctic Roll and Peaches	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Quorn Dippers  Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed / Oven Roast Potato  Homemade Brownie & Orange Wedges	Chicken Goujons & Sweet Chilli Dip - Or - Roast Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta Bake  Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob Chipped / Baby New Potatoes  Fruit Muffin & Apple / Orange Juice
26 February 25 March 22 April 20 May 17 June 9 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers - Or - Creamy Chicken & Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread  Sweetcorn & Roasted Peppers Chipped / Baked Potato / Colelaw  Ice-Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Cottage Pie - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza  Spring Greens / Butternut Squash Oven Baked Potato Wedges / Baked Potato  Summer Fruit Cheesecake	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Beef Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce  Green Beans / Baton Carrots Steamed Rice / Pasta Spirals  Sticky Date Pudding & Custard	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Chicken & Pepper Fajita  Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato  Golden Krispie Square	School "Chippy Day" Chicken or Fish Goujons / Sausages - Or - Baked Potato with Tuna & Sweetcorn / Salad Beans / Mushy Peas Chipped / Baby New Potatoes  Frozen Fruit Yoghurt
4 March 1 April 29 April 27 May 24 June 16 September	Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy - Or - Jerk Chicken & Caribbean Rice with Flatbread  Baked Beans / Garden Peas Chipped / Baked Potato  Ice-Cream & Two Fruits	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - BBQ Pulled Pork Pizza Wrap  Sweetcorn / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Oven Roasted Garlic & Paprika Wedges  Jaffa Cake Pots	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo - Or - Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Coleslaw  Garden Peas / Diced Carrots Mashed / Baby Potato  Fruit Sponge & Custard	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Roast Butternut Squash, Penne Pasta and Tomato & Pesto Sauce  Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato  Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Beef Burger / Bean Burger in Bap with Onions - Or - Salt & Chilli Chicken  Corn on the Cob / Pasta Salad Chipped Potato / Steamed Rice  Lemon Shortbread & Melon Wedge
11 March 8 April 6 May 3 June 26 August 23 September	Beef Bolognese - Or - Chicken Goujon Wrap with choice of dip  Sweetcorn / Broccoli Pasta Spirals / Mashed Potato  Chocolate & Orange Cookie	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza  Mushy or Garden Peas / Baked Beans Chipped Potato / Baked Potato  Raspberry Jelly & Two Fruits	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Chinese-style Beef & Vegetables  Diced Carrots & Green Beans Noodles / Rice  Fruit Sponge & Custard	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Salmon & Creamy Tomato Pasta  Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato  Pineapple Delight	Hot Dog / Veggie Dog with Tomato Ketchup - Or - Chicken & Summer Veg Pie  Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob Chipped / Mashed Potatoes  Ice-Cream & Mandarin Oranges

These hardy P7s participated in the Omagh 5k run at the weekend! We've hard their times were much better than their Dads'.

PS Spring Summer 24 South West Locality 1pC

MILK, WATER, BREAD & FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL ACCORDINGLY

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