

Gleneely National School Newsletter December 2017

<p>School Holidays The school will close on Friday the 22nd of December for the Christmas holidays</p> <p>Christmas Show</p> <p>The Christmas show will take place in the school hall on the 20th of December at 11am.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Can we remind all parents of children in the junior classes to send a lunch box with their child to school. As you are aware the bottle of water provided with the lunch may not be enough for your child, we ask parents to supplement this with a bottle of water / diluted juice from home.</p> <p>Lunch will not be provided on the 20th or the 22nd of December. On these days please send a lunch in with your child.</p> <p>Carol Service Carol Service in St. Patrick's Church on the 17th of December.</p>	<p>Swimming</p> <p>The children in 5th and 6th class will be going swimming as part of the Physical Education curriculum in January. The cost of these lessons will be covered through the DEIS grant, while the bus for 6th class will be paid for through the parents weekly contribution.</p> <p>Science Week</p> <p>A huge thanks to the teachers who organised all the Science week events in the school. The science fair on Friday was the highlight of the week with the children demonstrating experiments their parents and the children in 5th and 6th class in Glencovitt National School.</p> <p>Tennis</p> <p>The children in 3rd and 4th class took part in Tennis lessons organised through the Butt Hall Tennis Club. The children had great fun!</p>	<p>Rosary</p> <p>Thank you to the members of the Legion of Mary who came into our school to pray the Rosary with us for the month of November.</p> <p>Variety Concert</p> <p>Well done to the children from 3rd to 6th class who took part in the Variety Concert to raise funds for the Christmas lights. Well done to the children from Junior Infants to 2nd class who sang when the lights were switched on.</p> <p>Student Council</p> <p>This year we elected our first Student Council, they worked very hard this term organising a Halloween party for the other children .</p> <p>Music & Singing</p> <p>Michael Bradley has started singing lessons with the children in Gleneely. It has been a great addition to our school.</p>
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<p>Planned events</p> <p>The teacher in each classroom has planned an activity to promote parental involvement in the school – these activities will take place after Christmas. You will get more information about these activities after Christmas.</p> <p>Anti-bullying Week</p> <p>Our anti-bullying week took place at the end of November. Many thanks to all of the teachers for organising these events in their classes - there were lots of lessons taking place promoting the message 'All Different, All Equal'</p> <p>Bricks for Kidz</p> <p>During Science week every one was treated to an hour long Lego workshop. The children really enjoyed this experience.</p>	<p>DEIS status</p> <p>This year for the first time the school has been allocated DEIS status. This brings a number of advantages to our school. Firstly our lunch club is funded as a direct result of this DEIS status and it has been very successful so far this year.</p> <p>Secondly we received an additional budget as a result of this DEIS status.</p> <p>This budget is to be spend on 5 main areas, Literacy (English and Irish), Numeracy, Attendance, Parental Involvement and Collaboration with other agencies.</p> <p>So far this year the children have seen a number of initiatives funded through the DEIS programme – Bricks for Kidz, drama classes, tennis, singing classes, 6th class attending the musical 'Buddy' in St. Columbas, a reduction in the price of the Panto.</p> <p>Information on more projects will be announced shortly.</p>	<p>Drama</p> <p>All of the children in the school have been treated to six weeks drama lessons provided by Zara Holmes. The children are really enjoying the experience. The children in the junior end of the school prepared a spooky Halloween Show case for parents and the children in 3rd to 6th classes are working on their Christmas show.</p> <p>Photos at Christmas Show</p> <p>Please note that photographs for personal, family and recreational purposes does not come under the data protection act, for this reasons parents are welcome to take photos at the Christmas Show but these photos should be for private use only and not uploaded to any website viewed by others (e.g. facebook / Twitter)</p>
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