

New Year, begins with good news!!

The Board of Management are happy to announce that funding has been approved for additional accommodation. The tender process for our new classroom is almost complete and should be able to go to tender in the coming weeks. We will keep parents updated on the progress of this project.

Múinteoirí Nua

We offer a warm Glenahulla welcome to Ms. Cashman and Mr. O'Brien, who have commenced maternity leave positions in our school until the summer holidays. We hope they enjoy their time teaching here. We offer our best wishes to Ms. Wallace and Ms. O'Mahony and look forward to having them back soon!!

Christmas Recap

We really had a Christmas to remember in Glenahulla N.S. From our fantastic Christmas concert, the huge generosity shown to the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal, the beautiful Christmas by Candlelight carol service in Sraharla and of course our visitor from the North Pole on the day of the holidays. Many thanks to all involved in organising the above activities. We really would like to congratulate our extremely talented children who wowed us with their productions of the Wiggly Nativity, Ralph the Reindeer and Cinderella Rockerfella!!

Intel Mini Scientist Regional Final

On Thursday 6th December Glenahulla N.S. were represented in the Intel Mini Scientist Regional Final competition by our 5th class students accompanied by Ms' O'Flynn at St. Anthony's BNS, Ballinlough. The team set about exploring the question "Does Music have an Effect on Plant Growth?" The girls represented the

school admirably with judges remarking on the tremendous effort they had made with their display, project book and investigations. Regrettably the team were pipped at the post placing 3rd with 1st and 2nd place going forward to the Grand Final Exhibition in Dublin. Congratulations to a great team of scientists!!



To further the project we have entered the first ever ESB Science Blast, delivered by the RDS, which will take place in MIC Limerick in May.



We look forward to taking part in this new event!!

Sciath na Scol

Indoor hurling training with Ms. Beirne and Mr. O'Brien for pupils from 3rd to 6th classes will commence this Thursday 17th January in the school halla, after school until 3.30 pm. Children attending can wear their school tracksuit to school and bring a helmet. Upcoming competitions will take place in Mallow.

Chess

We would like to wish our chess team 'Glenahulla Checkmate Chasers', under the guidance of Ms.Courtney, the very best of luck as they take part in a regional chess tournament this coming Thursday 17th January in Gaelscoil de hÍde Fermoy. Chess has quickly become a very popular activity in Glenahulla N.S, and we hope to introduce it into 3rd & 4th class soon.

Active Flag Committee



Our super Active Flag committee members, with the help of Ms.Buckley have continued with their goal of getting everyone active and fit in Glenahulla N.S.. Throughout the month of November members organised active breaks in all classrooms. They held a very enjoyable Christmas Festive Circuits event on the day of our holidays. In the coming weeks they will be organising a wholeschool 'Walk to Croke Park' initiative, fitness breaks and active homework. Martin from

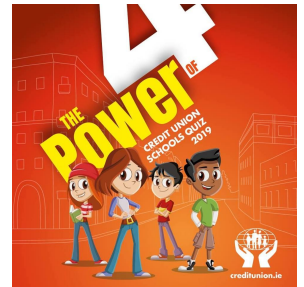
School Fitness Ireland will be visiting us weekly, after the mid-term break to undertake a gymnastics programme.

Remember.... *Be Active Everyday that is the Glenahulla Way!!!*

Table Quiz

The table quiz season is well and truly underway for 3rd - 6th class pupils. We have been notified of the following dates:

- Ballygown N.S. quiz- Friday 18th January - Mallow GAA Complex - 7 pm
- Mitchelstown Credit Union quiz - Friday 1st February - Firgrove Hotel - 7 pm
- Ballyhooly NS. quiz - Friday 8th February - Ballyhooly Community Centre - 7 pm
- Glenahulla N.S. quiz - Friday 8th March - Glenahulla N.S. - 7 pm (Provisional date)



Enrolment

We will be enrolling new infants for the school year 2019/20 in February, and will be holding a registration week on Monday 11th - Friday 15 February. More information closer to the date.

Staff Meeting

Please note all **children will finish school at 1 pm Wednesday 6th February** due to a staff meeting.

Policies

The following policies will be renewed in the coming weeks; Anti - Bullying, Code of Behaviour, Health & Safety, Enrolment, Administration of Medication, Maths.

If you would like to view these policies, they are available on the school website and/ or are available from the office.

Bingo

A date for the diary: Glenahulla N.S. Parents Association Bingo fundraiser will take place in The Firgrove Hotel Mitchelstown on Sunday 3rd February at 2.30 pm.



Liam Tobin / Local History Day - Wednesday 23rd January @ 12 noon

Who is Liam Tobin?



Major-General Liam Tobin's father, David Tobin, was from Cloughleafin, Mitchelstown. The Tobin family home still stands about a kilometre away at Cloughleafin, but is now in ruins. Early in the War of Independence, he became Deputy Director of Intelligence under General Michael Collins and became leader of a secret unit known as 'The Twelve Apostles'. This was the unit responsible for the selection and assassination of British soldiers, informants, members of the RIC and operatives of the British intelligence service, MI5. The unit assembled detailed profiles of everyone remotely connected with the British Government. This intelligence ultimately led to the assassination of a number of senior officials in Ireland. In October 1921, Tobin travelled with the Irish Treaty Delegation to London as part of Collins's personal staff.

Afterwards, Tobin commanded the Free State soldiers who took over Fermoy after it was abandoned by Republicans in the Civil War, thereby leaving a trail of destruction behind them. Based on intelligence information received in Fermoy, Tobin dispatched Free State troops to Lismore Castle where a firefight ensued with the Republicans. This ultimately saved Lismore Castle from the same fate as Mitchelstown Castle, and dozens of other buildings which had been looted and burned by Republicans a few days later.

After Collins was killed in August 1922, Tobin was chief pallbear of Collins's coffin through Cork and afterwards to Glasnevin Cemetery. He was appointed to succeed Collins as Director of Intelligence. Later, he became Aide-de-Camp to the new Governor General, Tim Healy. However, at the end of the Civil War in 1923, Tobin became deeply disillusioned with the new Free State Government. He subsequently joined the new Fianna Fail party and successfully repaired his relationship with de Valera.

What is happening?

On Wednesday, 23rd January at 12 noon, a plaque will be unveiled in Glenahulla National School to honour his memory as one of the pivotal figures in the War of Independence. On that night, in Mitchelstown, a public lecture will also be held to coincide with the centenary of the first sitting of Dáil Éireann, which takes place the following day.



The erection of the bronze commemorative plaque has been organised by Mitchelstown historian Bill Power, Ven. Archdeacon Gerard Casey (retired parish priest of Mallow and a native of Mitchelstown) and Dr Gabriel Doherty of UCC. It has been organised in association with the Tobin family and Glenahulla National School .

The school has a wonderful morning of activities planned in association with the unveiling. They will be focusing on the local history of Glenahulla and the surrounding area including the life of Liam Tobin. **All are welcome to attend.**

The lecture to Mitchelstown Heritage Society will be given by Céad Mile Failte go dtí Scoil Náisiúnta Glenn na hUídh, ar son an lá stairiúil seo.

Dr Gabriel Doherty of University College, Cork. It will be held in the Town Hall at Thomas Street at 8pm. **All are welcome to attend.**

Our Wish for the day!!

By hosting this event we hope that all children will gain a greater understanding of the local history. To make the day more unique, special and enjoyable *we are asking the children to dress up as children from the past.* The Parents Association will be providing refreshments on the day. Class photographs will be displayed in our

newly painted hallways. *A great day assured!!*

