Glenahulla School

National Newsletter

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November 2018

Halloween Dress Up & Disco / Active Flag



We had a SPOOKTACULAR day in school on Friday 26th October, full of laughter, fun & dance!! The Active Flag committee must be congratulated for organising such a brilliant day of activities & dance. They were delighted to see everyone made a great effort to dress up and enjoy themselves at the disco. Thanks to our Parents Association for the treats & decorating the hall. Proceeds from the disco went to the Hope Foundation to help the disadvantaged children in India.

Intel Mini Scientist Exhibition

There was a real buzz of excitement in the Halla on Thursday 18th October as 5th & 6th class pupils hosted a science exhibition as part of the Intel Mini Scientist competition. They proved that plants grow quicker by playing music to them daily....how to measure the capacity of our lungs?....how water is filtered?....how colours



are mixed?....which side of the brain is more dominant and how to make a rocket!!! All six projects went down a treat with all pupils in the school, especially our infants who had great fun exploring the different projects. Many thanks to Intel for providing judging and prizes on the day, and to parents for supporting the event. Well done to all concerned, a possible annual event for our calendar!!

Maths Week

From Mathletics ... to playing maths games ... to undertaking maths puzzles ... making tangrams ... to

completing a maths trail around the school, everyone really enjoyed celebrating Maths Week in the school. Pupils from 1st to 6th class have now received their Mathletics passwords. Mathletics is a fabulous resource will be used in class and as assigned homework from time to time. We would encourage children to login at home regularly to consolidate and practice concepts taught in school.

Sciath na Scol



As the football season is over for now, we would like to congratulate our teams who made huge improvements in their skill and teamwork in October, giving great performances in recent Mini 7s and Sciath na Scol competitions. Our 4th class hurlers also demonstrated great skill at their blitz in Mallow. Indoor hurling training will commence in January, with indoor blitzes taking place in Mallow GAA Complex in February and March.

Credit Union Art Competition

Comhghairdeas mór don Keeva O'Brien (6th Class) and Hannah Doyle (3rd) who both came runner up in their age category. Well done girls we are very proud of you!!



Parent Teacher Meetings

Just a reminder that parent teacher meetings are taking place tomorrow *Tuesday 13th* and *Wednesday 14th November* in the school hall. There will be no Art classes in the hall on those days. An extra date at the end of December will be added to accommodate this.

Parents Association

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parents Association information night held in October. It was a very informative night allowing for the creation of new committee with Joanne Heafey as Chairperson, Anne Marie Murphy Secretary and JJ Coughlan Treasurer. It is great to see such enthusiasm, with many parents who cannot attend meetings, volunteering to help with activities through the year.

The parent association is the structure through which parents in a school

can work together for the best possible education for their children.

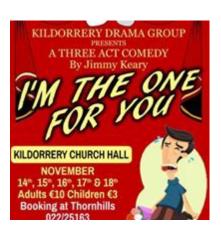
A clothes collection will take place on Monday 10th December. Bags can be dropped to the school on Thursday 6th, Friday 7th and Monday 10th. A great opportunity for a clear out before the Christmas decorations go up!!

Kildorrery Drama Group

Kildorrery Drama Group are presenting their play 'I'm The One For You' on Wednesday 14th - Sunday 18th November in Kildorrery Church Hall. They have kindly added Glenahulla N.S. as a beneficiary of their 'Charity Night' on Wednesday 14th. Tickets are on sale in Thornhills (022-25163) priced at 10 euro for adults and 3 euro for children. This is a very kind gesture and your support would be greatly appreciated.

Shoebox Appeal

Shoeboxes are being collected tomorrow morning. Well done to everyone who have already donated to the Shoebox Appeal.



Christmas Cards

Last week in school children designed front covers for their Christmas cards. Cards will be on sale in early December with proceeds going towards the school.

Liam Tobin



In January 2019, Ireland will be celebrating the one hundred years since the sitting of the first Dáil. General Liam Tobin, who was born in Cloughleafin, attended school in Glenahulla and played a role during the War of Independence and the civil war, has been chosen to be commemorated by UCC Historical Department. The school will host a *Local History Day* on Wednesday 23rd January, where Liam's relatives will unveil a commemorative plaque in his honour. This is a great honour for the school. Plans will be in motion in January to organise this day.

Policies

We are currently reviewing the teaching and learning of Physical Education in Glenahulla N.S. as part of the School Self Evaluation process. A questionnaire will be e-mailed to parents this week. We would appreciate if you could take the time to fill it out. Please email the following address *glenahulla.ns@gmail.com* if you have not already submitted your email details to us this year. Thanking you in advance.

Classroom Update

The Board of Management are constantly working to get the additional classroom in place as soon as possible. Once there is concrete information, parents will be amongst those first to know. We hope to have news for you before the Christmas holidays!!

Supervision Reminder

The school hall is open from 8.45am - 9am every morning to facilitate drop off.

The school does not open for official instruction until 9am.

The children are also supervised in the afternoon from 2.40pm - 2.55pm to facilitate collection.

We wish to thank all staff as this is voluntary supervision provided by S.N.A.s and teachers.

We also wish to remind parents that outside these times, the children remain unsupervised in the yard.

Healthy Eating Reminder

The food that children eat plays a huge role in their development and good eating habits are formed when we are young. You are aware of our Healthy Eating policy. We ask that all parents adhere to it as other parents find it difficult to implement unless everybody is aboard.

Children may of course bring one small treat (e.g. fun-size amount) on Fridays.

However chewing gum is never allowed.

Remember also the importance of a good night's sleep so children are alert and focused on learning. Bí sláintiúil le bia sláintiúil!

