

Glencull's February 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!

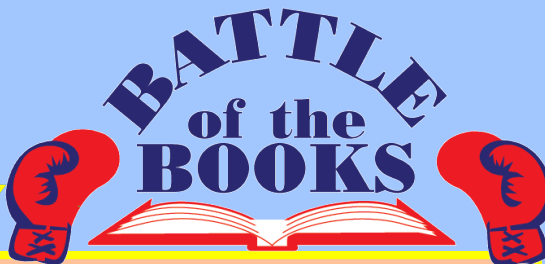
BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The School is split into teams.

Read the book alone or with an adult.

If the whole school manages to reach 1000 stars by world book day we will give all pupils a reward of

Your teacher will give your team one star !!



When you reach 5 stars in your diary you get a prize night off homework!
10 stars gets you a pizza voucher!
The last day for handing in book reviews is 15th March
Only those with 10 stars participate in the day of play



Prize for team with best average!

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY 3 MARCH

IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!

READ 20 MINUTES A DAY

STUDENT A reads at home	20 min/day	STUDENT B reads at home	5 min/day	STUDENT C reads at home	1 min/day
1,800,000	282,000	8,000			
THEY WILL HEAR					
WORDS PER YEAR					
851	212	42			
THEY WILL HAVE READ FOR					
HOURS BY 6TH GRADE					
90%	50%	10%			
AND ON STANDARDIZED TESTS, THEY WILL LIKELY SCORE BETTER THAN					
OF THEIR PEERS					

How to contact a Teacher

The partnership between you, the parents, and teachers is vital for your child's education. Please take any opportunity available to speak to the teacher about your child's progress. The best time to reach teachers and the principal is via email or before 9.05 and after 3.15 and we will try our utmost to accommodate your needs. Or ring the office to make an appointment. Only use the school landline number to contact teachers 02885568344. What's Apps will not be answered. *We request that teachers private numbers or other private means of communication are never used to contact teachers regarding school issues.*

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Caution
Moving vehicles

Thanks to Sharon McAleer and DFi who have been working with the Governors and parents of the school to temporarily erect a speed indication sign outside St Malachy's. This coupled with the 50mph speedlimit is improving safety at St Malachy's.

A Safe Car Park

Some rules for safe use of the carpark:

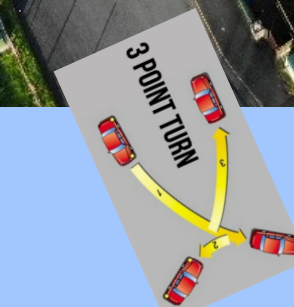
Those parking on the A5 side of the car park; please exit your cars and walk to collect your child from the adult who is at the gate.

The bottom of the car park is to be used as an area for turning. See the illustration of the area for a 3 point turn below. Avoid 3 point turns anywhere else in the car park.

Road markings show areas that have to be kept clear to allow cars to move freely. The school gate, three point turn area and the gate of the private entrance



If the car park is full we also advise parking along the left hand side of the private road from the school to the parochial house, until the car park clears.



Walk to collect

next door should be kept clear.

Please respect the 'Keep Clear' and double yellow line markings. Those who disregard the markings by parking in them, even for a short time, **risk the lives of others** using the car park.

Please be mindful of

children who are disembarking buses and walking on the footpath and on the private road above the school.

Please do not wait in the driveway entrance area as this means others may have to sit waiting on the A5.

Please pass this information on to all those who lift your children.

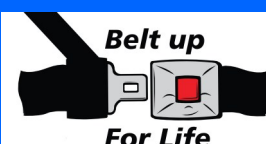
When a child is in your care in the car park, please hold their hand until they enter the car.



Seatbelts
Are
For
Everyone

We remind the children in school that wearing a seatbelt, even in the carpark, is a must. Drivers and passengers who fail to wear seatbelts in the front and back of vehicles are breaking the law. There is evidence that people are less likely to use seatbelts on short or familiar journeys -

this puts them at serious risk of injury in a crash. Please belt up before you leave the carpark.



Who do I talk to if I'm feeling worried?

Encourage your child to talk to their teacher, or any member of staff whenever something is worrying them. We have given each of them one of these newsletters so they remember who they can talk to when they are feeling worried about something. Mrs Mc Kenna is the Designated teacher for safeguarding and Mr Gormley is the Deputy. Pauline Turbitt is the Designated Governor for safeguarding and Austin Walsh is the chair of governors.



Concussion Awareness

The benefits of exercise and sport for children and young people are well known. Children who are active have stronger muscles and bones, are less likely to become overweight, have a

lower risk of developing some illnesses and have a better outlook on life.

Taking part in sport has additional benefits such as improving co-ordination, flexibility and stamina while being part of

a sports team provides a great sense of belonging and encourages life skills such as teamwork, goal-setting and self-control. Accidents happen from time to time, on the sports pitch, in the school grounds or even at home and injury can occur. This month we will be explaining a type of injury called a concussion to the children.

Our message to them is to report to an adult whenever someone receives a blow to the head or is displaying any of the signs of concussion shown below.



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is celebrated across the globe on 8th February. Schools, companies, governments are all getting involved to help encourage the safe, responsible and positive use of technology. For parents, Safer Internet Day is a great time to have a conversation with their child about staying safe online. The children will be carrying out planned activities to raise awareness of how to be safe online.

Safer Internet Day 2022

Together for a better internet

Tuesday
8 February

How Are You Getting Home?

If there is any change to how your child is being lifted after school please inform the child's teacher. The best way to inform the teacher is via email. If a child is lucky enough to be going to a friend's house for the afternoon it's important that the school knows who is collecting your child.



Big Litter Pick

On Friday 4th Feb The pupils of St Malachy's will be taking care of their immediate environment by taking charge of 'The Big Spring Clean'!

Each class will be given an area of the school to carry out a litter pick.

We'll be surveying how the litter is created and we'll put measures in place to make an improvement of how litter is treated at St Malachy's.



February 2022

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Mid Term

The dates that the children are off for Mid Term are:
Monday 14th until Friday 18th Feb. Returning to school on Monday 21st.

Covid Isolation

We again thank you and your family for looking after your school community by following PHA guidelines on stopping the spread of Covid. A reminder to book a PCR test if your child shows any symptoms.

If you are isolating due to you, or a member of your family having Covid, a reminder to contact your teacher to arrange the best means of St Malachy's sending you work for remote learning. P4-7 use GoogleClassroom and P1-3 have been arranging hard copies of work going home.

COVID SYMPTOMS? ISOLATE STRAIGHT AWAY!

DON'T WAIT FOR YOUR TEST RESULTS



HIGH TEMPERATURE



NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH



LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL



ISOLATE



GET TESTED

AND STAY AT HOME EXCEPT FOR GOING FOR A TEST.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 31/1 28/2	Breaded Fish Fingers Or Spaghetti Bolognese Baked Beans Medley of Fresh Vegetables Mashed Potato Vanilla Ice Cream, Oranges & Chocolate Sauce	Breast of Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread Or Steak Burger Baton Carrots Gravy Mashed Potato Salad Selection Sponge with Jam Topping & Custard	Homemade Breaded Chicken Goujons Or Spicy Chicken in a Warm Tortilla wrap Sweetcorn, Hot Pasta Twists Mashed Potato Salad Selection Fresh Fruit Selection and Yoghurt	Roast Chicken Or Roast Beef Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Fresh Baton Carrots Broccoli Florets Mashed Potato Rice Krispie Square & Custard	Hot Dog Or Homemade Margherita Pizza Peas Tossed Salad Chips Mashed Potato Oat Biscuits & Fresh Fruit Chunks
WEEK 7/2	Steak Burger Or Pasta Twists with homemade Tomato sauce and Sliced Chicken Gravy, Broccoli Florets Fresh Baton Carrots Mashed Potato Chocolate Cracknel & Cus- tard	Homemade Margherita Pizza Or Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread Sweetcorn Pasta Twists Salad Selection Fresh Fruit Selection and Yoghurt	Fresh Breaded Fish Goujons Or Chicken Crumble Baked Beans Garden Peas Mashed Potato Salad Selection Strawberry Jelly & Fruit or Yoghurt	Roast Breast of Chicken Or Savoury Mince Traditional Stuffing Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots / Pars- nip, Mashed Potato Vanilla Cake & Custard	Chicken Nuggets Or Baked Potato with Chicken & Cheese Sweetcorn Chips Baked Potato Salad Selection Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit
WEEK 14/2					
WEEK 21/2	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread Or Oven Baked Sausage Baton Carrots Garden Peas Gravy Mashed Potato Fresh Fruit Selection and Yoghurt	Spaghetti Bolognese Or Fresh Breaded Fish Fillets Broccoli & Cauliflower Florets Mashed Potato Jelly & Fruit & Ice Cream	Roast Breast Chicken Or Brown Stew Traditional Stuffing Gravy, Diced Turnip Fresh Baton Carrots Mashed Potato Chocolate Muffin Cake & Custard	Homemade Salt & Chilli Or Traditional Chicken Goujons Chicken Tortilla Wraps Baked Beans Sweetcorn, Salad Selection Mashed Potato Flakemeal Biscuit Fingers, Fruit & Custard	Homemade Margherita Pizza Or Fish finger Sweetcorn Traditional Champ Chips Salad Selection Artic Roll & Fruit Chunks