

Glencull's December News

Christmas Show

This year, our Christmas Productions; 'Mother Goose on the Loose' and 'Lights, Camel, Action, the Strictly Nativity' will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 13th of December. So on **Wednesday 13th at 2p.m** or 7pm be sure to be in your seat early for a real show stopping performance from Glencull's finest. Every year we ask for your help with costumes for the children. If you wish to discuss your child's costume just call the school for a chat. We

will also send home a copy of the music from the KS2 show via What's app for each family to practice. This will give each child some rehearsal time at home. Click the picture of the tickets to book a seat!



Really Big Draw!

The student council have focused their attention on making using the 3G pitch as easy as possible. They're hoping to put a storage shed beside the pitch. They've got some help from their friends Pete Harte and David Clifford!!! Pete has

sourced a signed Kerry Jersey! Kerry full forward David Clifford has retained the GAA Footballer of the Year title, the first to do so in the awards history. The Kingdom star, who won the award in 2022, was named ahead of Dublin's Brian Fenton and Derry's Brendan Rogers. In order to raise funds for the storage shed the Student council will raffle the signed jersey and other prizes for Christmas! Children will have a sheet each to try to fill. There are prizes for the pupil who raises the most money! If you know a business who wishes to contribute another prize please email bgormley892@c2ken.net. The draw will be made on Tues 19th Dec.



Proposed Storage shed for outdoor equipment at St Malachy's Primary School, Glencull.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner for our children is on Tuesday 5th of December. Please pay for Christmas dinner by Monday 4th via the school Money App.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Wear your Christmas Jumper for Christmas dinner on Tuesday 5th of December




Food Bank/Hamper

It's the time of year when we encourage people to think about others who are less well off. Working in conjunction with St Ciaran's College, in December we are asking families to send in essentials that could be part of hampers for distribution by Dungannon Food Bank. P6/7 children will collect the donations from all families by 7th December.


I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.

Charles Dickens


Dungannon's food banks 'shopping list' shows the food items that they need right now. Visit their website <https://dungannon.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



4871
seven-day emergency food supplies given to people in crisis last year




2007
the year that our foodbank opened



1 IN 5
of the UK population live below the poverty line

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

- TINNED FRUIT (400GMS)
- TINNED DESSERTS (400GMS)
- TINNED VEGETABLES (400GMS)
- TINNED TOMATOES (400GMS)
- UTH MILK (1 LITRE)
- BAKED BEANS (400GMS)
- BREAKFAST CEREALS



WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

- PASTA
- TEA BAGS (80'S)

School Holidays

Half Day Thursday 21st of December. Finishing at 11 o'clock.

Return Thursday 4th of January. Enjoy your well earned break.

The last day for paying dinner money is Monday 11th December. After this date there will be no facility for collection of money until January.

December 2023						
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January 2024						
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Adverse Weather: Action Plan

As was the case in January 2015, adverse weather conditions can hinder the smooth operation of day to day activities in school. In January 2015 we were forced to have an exceptional closure due to the kitchen at St Mary's being closed (which supplies our meals). To avoid this happening this winter the Board of Governors have put in place the following contingency plan.

In the event of adverse weather e.g. closing the meals kitchen, the school will send a text message by 8.15am to allow parents to prepare a packed lunch for the day ahead.



New P1 2024

If your child was born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019, they will be due to start primary one in September 2024, and as they will be of compulsory school age, you must apply for a place in a primary school.

If your child is starting pre-school or primary school in September 2024, you can apply for their place online from Tuesday 09 January 2024 - 12 noon. The portal closes Friday 26 January 2024 - 12 noon .

- A new portal for parents to apply online for a place has been created and it will include the listing of preferences of schools.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

The process is called 'Open Enrolment'. A welcome booklet is available from Glencull PS. Contact Mr Gormley: bgormley892@c2kni.net.

- Our Open Funday is in September and every day at St Malachy's we will welcome visitors who wish to have a

Personal Guided Tour of our school to see the exciting activities that take place. Just contact Mr Gormley to arrange a time that is suitable for you.

Please advise any new families, who may be your friends or neighbours, of this closing

date.

Shared Education

Mid Ulster District Council have invited P6 and P7 pupils to a Shared Education Tree Planting & Biodiversity Lesson in Tullyvar Recycling Centre on Thursday 30th November 2023 10am-12 noon.

- Tree planting
- Daffodil bulb planting
- Tree I.D. lesson
- Outdoor Recycling Games

Due to the time of year and the nature of this outdoor activity we would ask pupils to wear suitable clothing and footwear e.g.coats/wellies—ie not uniform. All other equipment will be provided on the day.

Christmas Choir

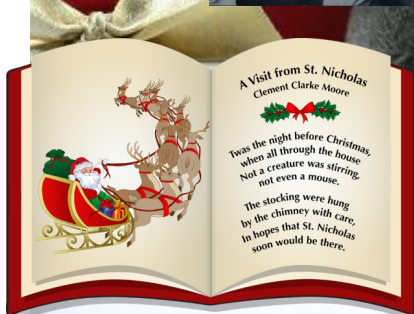
Fr O'Dwyer invites the p7 confirmation class to sing at Sounds of the season:

Following on from our great start yesterday morning, we will have two rehearsals with all the P7 children, in Ballygawley chapel this coming week.

29th Nov from 6.30pm to 8pm and again on Saturday 2nd Dec from 4.30pm to 6pm.

We appreciate this is a very busy time of the year but hope that you can arrange for your child to attend on both of these occasions ahead of this very special parish event on Sunday 10th Dec.

Wednesday





Word of the Month: Gratitude



Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all
families.

Let Mary's openness to your
wondrous ways be an inspiration
to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope
during times of anxiety and
uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with
a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the
Holy Family widen to embrace all
families.

For this we pray.
Amen.



Benefits of gratitude
Gratitude is an antidote to
negative emotion, it combats
worry, stress, envy and
so much more. Talking
about what we are grateful
for might help our children
be happier, more energetic,
more hopeful and report
more positive emotions. At
this time of year, we could
embrace happiness more, be
grateful for what we have
and take a more positive
outlook on the world. It is a
lot more than just saying
"thank you".

Gratitute **T**hank others
Is **H**elp others
Very **A**ppreciate what you have
Easy **N**otice your blessings
Know your gifts
Serve others

Teaching Gratitude



EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH ea catering WEEK 4 4th Dec

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSES Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread Or Stuffed Bacon Roll/Bacon Slice SIDES Garden Peas & Savoy Cabbage Oven Baked Potato Wedges, Spaghetti DESSERT Chocolate Cake & Custard	MAIN COURSES Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Or Steak Burger & Gravy SIDES Green Beans & Sweetcorn Mashed Potato, Rice DESSERT Cornflake Biscuit & Custard	MAIN COURSES Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Rich Gravy Or Stuffed Chicken SIDES Cauliflower Cheese & Baton Carrots Mashed Potato DESSERT Ice Cream Slider & Fruit	MAIN COURSES Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets Or Admiral's Ocean Pie SIDES Garden Peas & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes, Jacket Potato, Salad DESSERT Homemade Ginger Biscuit & Fruit

MILK, WATER, BREAD AND FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY | MENU MAY CHANGE DUE TO DELIVERY CHANGES | IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR SPECIAL DIETS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL

EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH ea catering WEEK 1 11th Dec

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSES Spaghetti Bolognese Or Crispy Cod Fishcake with Tomato Ketchup SIDES Baton Carrots & Baked Beans Mashed Potato, Salad DESSERT Homemade Ginger Biscuit & Custard	MAIN COURSES Classic Margherita Pizza Or Italian Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread SIDES Garden Peas & Coleslaw Chipped Potato, Mashed Potato DESSERT Strawberry Jelly, Ice Cream & Fruit	MAIN COURSES Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Or Chicken Panini & Coleslaw SIDES Steamed Broccoli & Baked Sweetcorn Oven Roasted Potato Wedges, Rice DESSERT Banana Yoghurt Pot	MAIN COURSES Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Rich Gravy Or Beef Olive SIDES Baton Carrots & Savoy Cabbage Mashed Potato DESSERT Chocolate Sponge & Custard	MAIN COURSES Hot Dog Or Chicken Wrap & Sweet Chilli Salsa SIDES Garden Peas & Spaghetti Hoops Chipped Potato, Mashed Potato DESSERT Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

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EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH ea catering WEEK 2 18th Dec

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSES Chicken Nuggets Or Homemade Lasagne SIDES Steamed Broccoli & Garden Peas Chipped Potato, Rice DESSERT Ice Cream, Chocolate Sauce & Sliced Pears	MAIN COURSES Spaghetti Bolognese Or BBQ Chicken Pizza SIDES Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Diced Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Salad DESSERT Fruit & Rice Pudding	MAIN COURSES Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Or Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers SIDES Garden Peas Rice, Salad, Mashed Potato DESSERT Rice Krispie Square & Fruit		

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Dear Families,
Exciting News!

The Seesaw app is getting a fresh new icon.
On **October 27**, you will see this change.
Don't worry, everything inside the app will stay the same.

OLD ICON

NEW ICON

P1-3 use Seesaw to keep parents updated with information on what's going on in class. If you're having difficulty signing into Seesaw please contact your class teacher via email. From P4 onward we encourage children to be more independent and self-led by managing their own homework and bringing messages home.