



Glencull's September News

New Year New Faces

Welcome back for 2024-25 academic year; a fresh start for everyone to work towards their goals for learning and improvement.

We aim to provide a happy, safe environment where all our pupils fulfil their potential; our whole school community plays a vital role in wel-

coming all our new children and their families to their community.

I congratulate you on the excellent standard of your child's uniform. This really creates a great image for the school and will help the children carry the same standards into their work. Our staff have been working hard all summer to improve the school grounds and buildings. A huge thanks to all the staff for giving up their free time to get the school looking so well.

We welcome; Chloe, Eoghan, Caitlin, Rory, Isla, Ailagh, Oisín, Tiernan, Niamh, Senan, Lucy, Grace, Ethan, Isla, Nancy and Maggie.

Six families are new to the school and it's the job of the whole school community to make everyone feel welcome. I am sure they will have many happy days, and contribute much, to St. Malachy's P.S.



Breakfast Club

WELCOME
to our team!

Glencull's breakfast club runs from 8.00 am to 8.45am, Monday to Friday. It's open to children of school going age who get a chance to use all the facilities available at Glencull, including ICT equipment, outdoor play equipment and sporting facilities. The children get a healthy breakfast when they arrive and get a chance to relax before a hard day's work. From 8.45 teachers are available to supervise. Any children dropped off before 8.45 will be charged for the breakfast club. If a family wishes to use the

service we ask you to commit to a full year, a minimum of 3 days a week. The cost is £2 per child per day. If you have two or more children using the service the 2nd child costs £1 as does the third. The initiative is none profit. The Employers For Childcare Vouchers scheme is still available for those who have already signed up. Childcare Vouchers are available to all working parents. They can help each parent make up to £933 of tax and National Insurance savings per year on their childcare costs,

until their child is 15. The scheme is implemented through your employer's payroll via a 'salary sacrifice' scheme, which means you swap part of your salary to pay for childcare. Visit www.employersforchildcare.org. When arriving for breakfast club please go straight to your classroom bubble for the day. School money will be available for all next week.





Dinner and Milk Money

Dinner is £2.70 per day. Milk money for this term (until Christmas) is £16. Money is collected via school money. The app is up and running for P2-7 children in week 1 and will be available to P1 children in week 2. Please supply a valid email address in any surveys that are sent home as this email address will be used to connect you to the school money app.



Pupil Information

WhatsApp

We are updating the Contact details etc. that were submitted last year. Later in the month we will send home a link to P2-7 parents to update their contact details. Please read and amend. P1s will fill in a new form via our school website. Also, if your mobile phone number changes, please update the mobile number you wish to receive school 'What's App Broadcast' on. If you don't have 'WhatsApp' you can download it from the 'Apple Store' or 'Google Play Store'. If you want to update your number, or a child minders number, please send an email to bgormley892@c2kni.net.

***Remember to save the school mobile number in the contacts of your phone*. If the number isn't in your phone you can't receive the WhatsApp broadcast.**

Video and photographic permission slips

In line with our Child Protection Policy, permission to take video and photographic images must be obtained along with other permissions. An online agreement has been sent home via WhatsApp, please fill it in by this Friday.

Labelling Belongings

Please ensure that all items of uniform and PE kit are labelled with a name and class to ensure that no pieces of clothing are lost. We encourage dark shoes as part of the uniform.

School Money

For new families; You won't need to sign up to this system as this is done automatically through the school and as long as you have provided us with up to date contact details (the email address given in surveys) we will send you a password within the next week (or use last years). This password will give you access to your SchoolMoney account where you can pay for any items we have requested from you.

To log into SchoolMoney, visit the website www.eduspot.co.uk and click on the sign in button in the top right hand corner. In the drop down, select the SchoolMoney Parent Login option and this will send you through to a page where you need to enter your mobile number, email address, the password we have sent to you, and your child's first name. If for any reason you are struggling to log in, it may be because you have not provided us with the correct contact details. Please let us know immediately if either your mobile number or email address changes.

Contacting Teachers

The preferred method of contacting a teacher is via email. This method allows us all to communicate quickly about everything from a lost jumper to a changed collection time.

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bgormley892@c2kni.net

rlynch465@c2kni.net

ookane826@c2kni.net

dcanavan577@c2kni.net

We aim to get back to your emails within two working days.

Healthy Break/Lunch

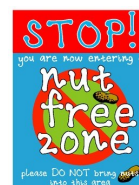
Each day the children who have a Healthy Fruit only Break with them get an extra 5 minutes before break time to eat their snack. We would encourage all the children to participate in this.

In order to ensure families are not going to expense buying food that goes uneaten, we have put in place some rules to help the children with eating their lunch. It will also help parents see what is being eaten and which items are not:

1. **If we find that your child is not eating items in their packed lunch we encourage them to bring it home for you to discuss this with them—No food can be thrown in the bin.**
2. **Pupils should eat their own lunch and never swap food.**
3. **Children should only bring one 'treat' with them per day.**
4. **Children should always eat their sandwiches before everything else.**
5. **Always have grapes cut into two piece to avoid choking hazard.**



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School Bus



Buses travel in the morning and at home-time to and from St Malachy's from Laverder Health Spa and the car park at St. Matthew's Church Garvaghy. **The bus now also stops at 'Brysons' on the A5 for those living on**

Tullyglush Rd. Even if you aren't entitled to free transport to St Malachy's you may receive concessionary travel on these buses.

Apply for the bus via this link

[Check Transport Eligibility | Education Authority Northern Ireland \(eani.org.uk\)](https://eani.org.uk)

If you need help with applying for the school bus please contact Mr Gormley.

TUI Club

Primary 1 and 2 children can participate in planned activities and have a snack from 2pm -3.15 with Mrs Mallon. Money for TUI club is prepaid via school money or by the Employers For Childcare scheme Vouchers. The cost is £10 per week. If siblings are attending TUI club, the second child is half price.

Absence notes

Reminder: All absences should be followed up with a note for the class teacher via email. Please record the date and reason for the absence.

back2school prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to **see** new friends.
Open my ears to **hear** my teacher.
Open my mind to **learn** new things.
Let my heart **remember** YOU are near when I'm afraid.
Help me to **love** others like you do.
I want to **shine** your light so bright in my school."
Amen.
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Uniforms

On days with no PE, Full school uniform is to be worn, including a warm, waterproof coat as there will be lots of outdoor learning. P.E. uniform will be worn to school on P.E. days (class days to be confirmed). **Policy on P.E. uniform: children can wear any sports gear to avoid any unnecessary expenditure for parents.** Please include a change of PE clothes in your school bag on PE days encase of wet days—include socks. If girls are wearing earrings, please wear stud earrings. Earrings that hang down or loop could potentially catch during play times.



Water Bottles



Please bring a water bottle to school. Write your child's name on the water bottle clearly. The bottle can stay in school to reduce the number of items your child is carrying.

Authorisation for collection of children:

If you are unable to collect your child:

If someone else is to collect your child or you are allowing them to walk home on their own, please inform the class teacher by means of an email or a phone call. We will only release children into the care of individuals named by the parent/carer by means of an email note or a phone call. This applies to groups of children going to a friends house. Each child must have permission from their guardian.

This is a 'nut free' school. In the interests of the safety of all children, please do not include peanuts in your child's packed lunch.

FAQ about a nut free school

- 1. Which nuts cannot be brought to school?** Peanuts and tree nuts should not be brought to school. The following nuts are tree nuts and should not be brought to school: walnuts, almonds, pecans, hazelnuts, cashews, pistachios, Brazil nuts, pine nuts, macadamia nuts. Snack and lunch foods that typically contain peanuts or tree nuts are granola bars/tracker, Snickers, some cookies.
- 2. Can seeds (like sunflower seeds) be brought to school?** Yes. All seeds such as sunflower seeds or sesame seeds can be brought to school.
- 3. I have a food with a label that says, "manufactured in a facility" with nuts or "processed on shared equipment" with nuts. Can I bring that to school?** Yes. Those with an allergy cannot actually eat items with the "manufactured in a facility" with nuts or "processed on shared equipment" with nuts labels, but these foods can safely be consumed by other children nearby.

EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

ea catering WEEK 2

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| MAIN COURSES Spaghetti Bolognese Or BBQ Chicken Pizza SIDES Steamed Broccoli & Garden Peas Chopped Potato, Rice DESSERT Ice Cream, Chocolate Sauce & Stuffed 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 | MAIN COURSES Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Rich Gravy Or Salmon Fillet SIDES Cauliflower & Baked Beans Mashed Potato DESSERT Fruit Muffin | MAIN COURSES Steak Burger & Tomato Ketchup Or Chicken Crumble SIDES Sweetcorn & Salad Or Chopped Potato, Rice DESSERT Pakemal Biscuit & Fruit |

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EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

ea catering WEEK 4

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| MAIN COURSES Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread Or Stuffed Buns SIDES Garden Peas & Savoy Cabbage Oven Baked Potato Wedges, Spaghetti DESSERT Chocolate Cake & Custard | MAIN COURSES Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread Or Tuna Mince with Pasta SIDES Mini Corn on the Cob & Spiced Peas & Carrots Chopped Potatoes, Pasta DESSERT Jelly & Mandarin Oranges | 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 & Baked Beans Mashed Potato DESSERT Ice Cream Sides & Fruit | MAIN COURSES Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets Or Admin's Ocean Pie SIDES Garden Peas & Baked Beans Chopped Potatoes, Jacket Potato, Salad DESSERT Homemade Ginger Biscuit & Fruit |

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EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

ea catering WEEK 1
2nd Sept

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| MAIN COURSES Spaghetti Bolognese Or Chicken Curry & Tomato Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread SIDES Bacon Carrots & Baked Beans Mashed Potato, Salad DESSERT Homemade Ginger Biscuit & Custard | MAIN COURSES Classic Margherita Pizza Or Indian Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread SIDES Garden Peas & Cauliflower Chopped Potatoes, Mashed Potato DESSERT Strawberry Jelly, Ice Cream & Fruit | MAIN COURSES Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Or Chicken Penicil & Colelaw SIDES Steamed Broccoli & Sweetcorn Oven Roasted Potato Wedges, Rice DESSERT Banana Yoghurt Pot | MAIN COURSES Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Rich Gravy Or Beef Olive SIDES Bacon Carrots & Savoy Cabbage Mashed Potato DESSERT Chocolate Sponge & Custard | MAIN COURSES Hot Dog Or Chicken Wings & Sweet Chilli Sauce SIDES Garden Peas & Spaghetti Hoops Chopped Potato, Mashed Potato DESSERT Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt |

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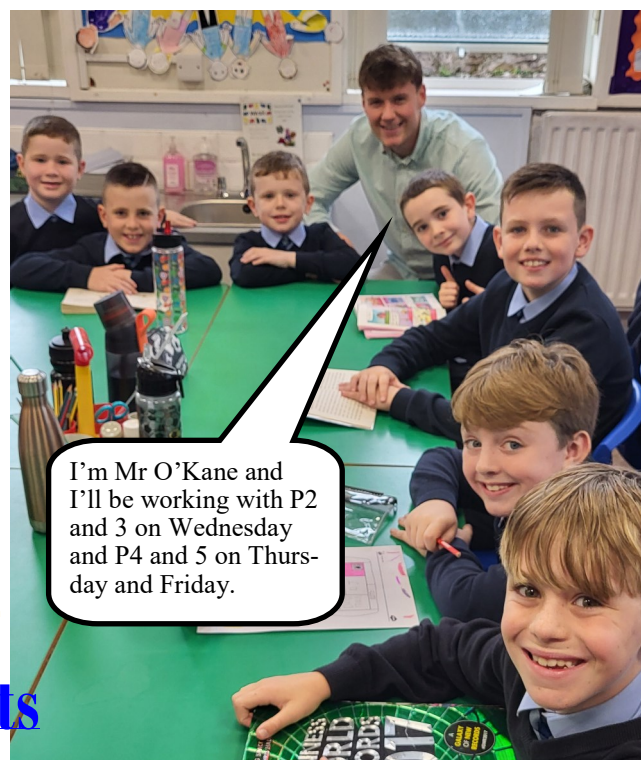
ea catering WEEK 3

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| MAIN COURSES Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Or Mildly Marinated Chicken with Garlic Bread Slice SIDES Baked Beans & Biscuits & Colelaw Mashed Potatoes DESSERT Artic Boil with Peaches | MAIN COURSES Beef Meatballs with Italian Tomato & Basil Sauce Or Margherita Pizza SIDES Garden Peas & Salad Oven Baked Potato Wedges, Pasta DESSERT Shortbread, Custard & Fruit | MAIN COURSES Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Or Bacon Slice SIDES Mini Corn on the Cob Steamed Rice, Chopped Potatoes DESSERT Strawberry Jelly & Fruit | MAIN COURSES Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Rich Gravy Or Mexican Chili with Noodles SIDES Bacon Carrots & Tossed Salad Mashed Potato DESSERT Jam & Coconut Sponge & Custard | MAIN COURSES Tasty Pork Sausages with Tomato Ketchup or Gravy Or Chicken Penicil & Colelaw SIDES Sweetcorn & Spaghetti Hoops Chopped Potatoes, Mashed Potato, Salad DESSERT Milkshake |

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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 Mc Ginley is the Designated Governor for safeguarding and Michael Mc Rory is the chair of governors.



Classroom Arrangements

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------|---------------|---------|-----------|---------------|--------|
| P1/2 | Mrs. Mc Kenna | | | | |
| P2/3 | Mrs. Mc Veigh | | Mr O'Kane | Mrs. Mc Veigh | |
| P4/5 | Mr Lynch | | | Mr O'Kane | |
| P6/7 | Mr Canavan | | | Mr Gormley | |

A Safe Car Park

Some rules for safe use of the new pick up and collection area

1. Enter school grounds from the A5. Do not leave the waiting box unless the school entrance is clear
2. Turn left and travel up to the Parochial house to the temporary round.
3. Drive slowly back down this private road and wait at the stop logo on the road until the collection point becomes available.
4. After you collect your children use the middle of the car park to execute a 3 point turn and then drive back out onto the A5
5. Do Not Stop behind the school bus as it reverses out. Drive up the private road instead.

Any waiting will create a back log so please move swiftly



| Times | P1/2 children | P3-7 +TUI club |
|----------|---------------|----------------|
| Drop Off | 8.45-9.15am | 8.45-9.15am |
| Pick Up | 2pm | 3.00-3.15 pm |



Please distribute this message to all those collecting children at St Malachy's.

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



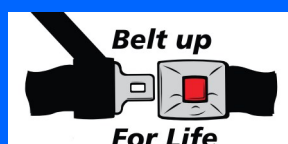
Do Not Stop behind the school bus



**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.



School day

BREAKFAST CLUB



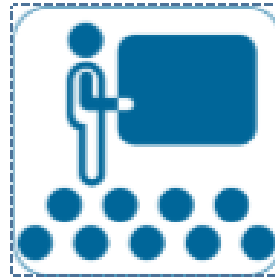
8.00am



8.45am

Start

8.45am -
9.15am

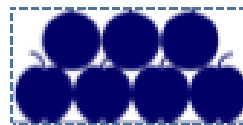


Break 11.00am



10.55am

Only Fruit can
be eaten at this
time.

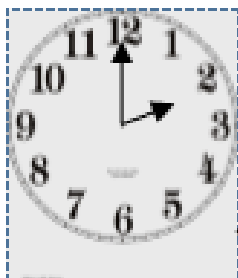


Lunch 12.30pm

Home

P1,2

(2pm)



Tui Club

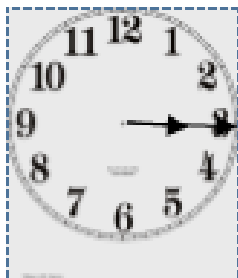
or



Home

P3,4,5,6,7

3.00-3.15 pm



BUILDING THE



£335,001.59

Last year the Board of Governors of St Malachy's asked the Department of Education to make further improvements to the school building.

They asked for the staffroom, the staff toilets, the principal's office, the store-rooms and a hygiene room to be improved.

Department of Education (DE) approvals are now in place and DE have confirmed that based on an estimated costings, **£335,001.59 has been put aside for the project.** Subject to the appointment of a contractor etc. work will hopefully be finished this Academic year.

See the initial suggested changes (subject to change)

