



Spooky October News!

Pumpkin Carving Competition!

This year we are also running a Pumpkin Competition. Children and their families can design and carve out pumpkins and some will win prizes.

Entries can be brought to school to be displayed outside for the day on Thursday 24th October and the winners will be announced after the Halloween Party. Please note all pumpkins must be brought home at home time.



Mathletics—A multitude of fun games

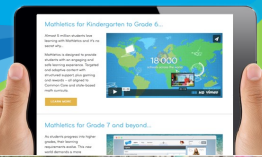
There's always something new to do and somewhere new to explore. Mathletics is continually updated with fresh learning content, meaning your P2-7 child can always be excited for the next big thing to land.

The all-new Student Center With enhanced personalisation and a streamlined interface, the newly built Student Center is a place that motivates and excites your child every time they log in. Students can set goals easily and celebrate their achievements like never before.

In the new Avatar Maker system, children will also notice a new Mathletics currency called M coins. One point earned in Mathletics converts to one M Coin. Earning more coins gives them the ability to choose more backgrounds and features to decorate their characters. So keep encouraging your children to build their skills in Mathletics and earn more points!

Mathletics usually costs £5 pounds per child per year. We originally suggested that parents may pay for this. However, we've been lucky enough that a local business has offered to sponsor £4 per child at Glencull. Therefore the cost to parents is £1 per child this year. This represents excellent value for families at Glencull Please find the £1 payment available on School Money on Monday 10th.

Mathletics



P2 will be getting their usernames and passwords over the month of October along with training on how to enjoy the site. Details to follow. Every class will be partaking in challenging Maths week activities from 12th -20th October for Irish Maths week.



https://youtu.be/r_0OwhN0j4g

Parent Teacher Meetings

These will be held with the option of face to face or via a video conferencing app during the day of Friday 25th Oct— therefore, school is closed for children on 25th Oct. A message will follow shortly about how to set up a time for your face to face meeting or video conference with your child's class teacher.

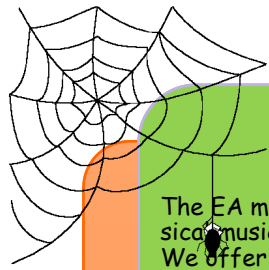


Halloween Holidays

Halloween Holidays will be taking place from the Friday 25th Oct until Fri 1st of Nov inclusive, with children returning to school on Monday 4th of November.

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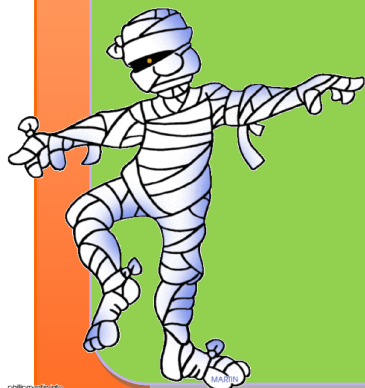
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Music

The EA music service teaches in the tradition of classical music tuition, which involves reading music score. We offer violin, drums, and flute from P4 up. If your child is interested contact Mr Gormley as all are arranged on a first come first served basis.

Our other instrumental music service in school, run by Nuala Sweeney, is taught using Irish Traditional (Comhaltas) tuition. The Mrs Sweeney teaches tin whistle. If you play another traditional instrument outside school (banjo, flute, fiddle etc.) she also involves those instruments. This involves using your 'ear' to follow the music with less sight reading. In St Malachy's we advise that going through both types of tuition is best, as it will allow for more enjoyment of the music, and more opportunities for playing, both now and in the future.



Halloween Party!

This year's Halloween Party will take place in school on Thursday 24th Oct during the school day. The children come to school dressed up for a day of craic and learning activities.

Our new hall's black out blinds and curtains will make a spooky venue for a daytime movie.



PE Days

| Class | Day | Coach |
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| P1-7 | Monday | Errigal Coach |
| P1-7 | Wednesday | Hurling/Class teacher |

Uniforms

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. Please label Glencull Jerseys and club Tyrone school bags. The labels and markings often come off so checking them is a huge help with identifying owners of lost property.

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 way to reach teachers and the principal is via email, or call the office before 9.05 and after 3.15. 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.* If you have are not receiving any of the school Whatsapp Broadcasts please contact the school immediately.

Digital Leaders

Our digital leaders have the following jobs to do:

Train and support newly appointed teachers in the school in the use of technology like the Surface Pro teacher devices or iPads that enhance learning and teaching across the curriculum.

Oversee the timetable of laptops, chrome books, iPads or the ICT area in the school, ensuring that apps are updated and all devices are charged and ready for use each day.

Mentor younger pupils in the school, helping them to use laptops, chrome books and iPads to create amazing projects in the classroom.

Plan with teachers and help them to embed the use of technology in a

range of outdoor lessons e.g. using the camera and Numbers app on the iPad. Provide technical support in the use of technology

Digital Leaders could present ideas on how to keep safe online to teachers, pupils, parents and the wider school community.

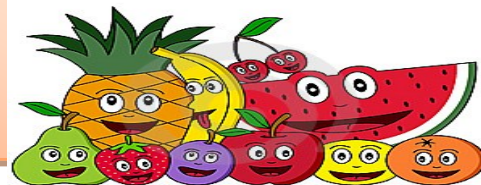
Take photographs at school events. Assist teachers in connecting to the IWB Clevershare. Digital Leaders can ensure a seamless transition for great content to be mirrored to the whole class.





Fruit Break

Just before morning breaktime the children who bring fruit with them will get an extra 5 min break to eat their snack. This should be a piece of fruit/veg. We would encourage all children to bring a piece of fruit every day. Parents can choose not to participate but other types of food can not be eaten at this time. Only fruit or vegetables.



October is the month of the Rosary. Every day we will say a decade of the rosary together at school. If your child has a pair of rosary beads-send them into school and they can use them every day.

Free School Meal Forms

Free School Meals and Transport forms are available from the office for anyone who wishes to apply or visit <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Absence notes

Reminder: All absences should be followed up with a email for the class teacher. Please record the date and reason for the absence in an email and send it to your class teacher.

School Dinner

The school dinners at Glencull are famous for their quality and popularity amongst the students (and staff). So what's the plus side to a school dinner at Glencull.

- at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables with every meal
- high-quality meat, poultry or oily fish regularly
- bread, other cereals and potatoes regularly

Manners are important at Glencull (we say that 'Manners will take you places!'), school meals encourage your child to become adept at the table. Children eating

school meals have more opportunities to use a knife and fork and they are encouraged to say please and thank you during their meal times.

Glencull's smooth-running payment system makes it easy for you to organise your child's dinner routine at school. School money is available to book a dinner until midnight the night before a child would like to have dinner in school. Preferably prebook and pay for dinner before a child has it. All



your child has to do is remember is to say to their teacher that they are having dinner during role call.

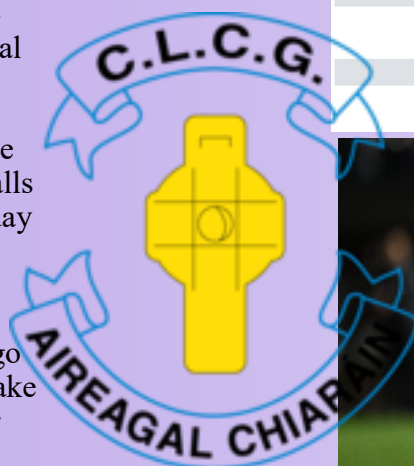
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Errigal County Semi- Final

Friday 4th Oct is a Blue and Yellow Colour day celebrating Errigal Ciaran men playing in this years county semi final.

Errigal Ciaran have offered all the schools in the parish some footballs so they will be delivered on the day as well!

The semi final is on Sunday 6th Oct in Healy Park in Omagh. We're encouraging everyone to go down and support our team to make as much noise as possible for our men.



| Sunday 6th Oct 2024 | | |
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| SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL FINAL | | |
| Eire Og An Charraig Mhór | 15:00 | Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh /Dún Geanainn Eogha... |
| Venue: Healy Park, Omagh | | |
| Senior Championship Semi Final | | |
| Coill an Chlochair Naomh Mhuire | 19:00 | Errigal Ciaran |
| Venue: Healy Park, Omagh | | |





St Malachy's Primary School

Full School Day

Every morning from 8.45 until 9.15am children should put their bags in their cloakroom and go straight to their classroom! **Remember to arrive on time.** If your child needs to leave school early please let us know, via email, with a reason for the early home time.

Breakfast Club

A reminder about pre booking breakfast club.

The first child in your family costs £2 with every subsequent child costing £1. Any child arriving before 8.45 is charged for breakfast club.

Battle of the Books 2025

We're seeking a sponsor for the prizes for battle of the books this year. If your business is willing to sponsor a t-shirt or other commemorative prize for all those who get 10 starts during Battle of the Books this year—please email bgormley892@c2ken.net

Coats



Please remember to bring your coats from now on as Autumnal weather creeps in. Children may not be allowed out to play outside if they have no coats. Please label coats!!!!

| | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| WEE K 1 23rd Oct | Homemade Breaded Chicken Goujons & Dip Or Chicken Wrap Diced Carrots Salad Selection Herb Diced Potato Gravy Jelly & Ice-Cream Slice with Orange Segments | Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread Or Oven Baked Breaded Fish Fingers Sweetcorn, Broccoli Florets Mashed Potato Fresh Fruit Or Fresh Yoghurt | Roast Breast of Chicken Or Roast Pork Traditional Stuffing Fresh Diced Carrots, Broccoli Florets Oven Roast Potato Mashed Potato, Gravy Rice Krispie Square & Custard | |
| WEE K 2 2nd Oct | Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread Or Steak Burger Broccoli Florets Carrots Mashed Potato, Gravy Muffin Cake & Custard | Italian Pasta Bake Or Fresh Breaded Fish Goujons Baked Beans Sweetcorn / Garden Peas Mashed Potato Jelly & Ice-Cream Slice Or Fresh Fruit | Roast Breast of Chicken Or Chicken Crumble Traditional Stuffing Fresh Diced Carrots / Parsnip Oven Roast Potato Mashed Potato, Gravy Fruit Sponge & Custard | Chicken Nuggets Or Beef Lasagne Sweetcorn Salad Selection Mashed Potato Chips Frozen Yoghurt & Fruit Pieces |
| WEE K 3 9th Oct | Breast of Chicken Curry & Boiled Rice & Naan Bread Or Chicken Panini / Wrap Sweetcorn Broccoli Florets Herb Diced Potato Jelly & Fruit Pieces | Homemade Breaded Chicken Goujons & Dip Or Cottage Pie Salad Selection Baked Beans, Diced Turnip Mashed Potato, Gravy Rice Pudding Or Fresh Yoghurt Or Fresh Fruit | Roast Gammon Or Chicken & Pasta Bake Traditional Stuffing Fresh Baton Carrots Cauliflower Florets, Mashed Potato, Oven Roast Potato Gravy Ginger Biscuit & Custard | Oven Baked Sausages Or Macaroni Cheese Garden Peas Coleslaw Baked Potato Chips Ice Cream & Fruit Pieces |
| WEE K 4 16th Oct | Pasta Bolognese Or Fresh Breaded Fish Goujons Fresh Baton Carrot Garden Peas Herb Diced Potato Parsley Sauce Eton Mess (Meringue, Fruit & Yoghurt) | Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread Or Oven Baked Sausage Garden Peas Diced Carrots Mashed Potato, Gravy Fresh Fruit salad Jelly | Roast Breast of Chicken Or Flaked Salmon Wrap Traditional Stuffing Broccoli Floret Tossed Green Salad Oven Roast Potatoes Mashed Potato, Gravy Chocolate Brownie & Custard | Homemade Margherita Pizza Or Marinated Chicken & Vegetable Stir-Fry Noodles Sweetcorn, Salad Selection Chips Ice Cream & Fruit Pieces |

Tyrone Blitz

Tyrone Coaching and Games Primary school go games for the 24/25 school year begin next Thursday 10th October. P6/7 travel to Garvaghey centre to work on enjoyment of playing and skills improvement in Football/Hurling/Camogie. Wrap up warm

St Malachy's PS

First Communion - Saturday 10th May

at St Malachy's Church at 11am

Confirmation dates have not been confirmed yet.