



# Glencull's December News

## Christmas Show

This year, our Christmas Productions; 'It's A Nativity' and 'Hansel and Gretel', will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 17th of December.

So on **Tuesday 17th 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 email or 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!

St Malachy's P1-3  
**It's a Nativity**

2pm and 7pm 17 Dec 2024  
Everyone is welcome!



The Performance of the Year!



St Malachy's PS Glencull

For more information  
phone 02885568344  
[www.glencull.com](http://www.glencull.com)

Use Eventbrite to book your tickets. There are tickets priced for adults and tickets priced for U-16s. Current pupils do not have to buy a ticket. Parents of P1-3 children may wish to keep their child a seat to allow them to watch the P4-7 show after 'It's a Nativity' is over. [Click this picture of the ticket to find the link to Eventbrite.](#)

**Tickets**



# HANSEL AND GRETEL

## A CHRISTMAS TALE

P4-7 St Malachy's Glencull



PIC•COLLAGE

## Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner for our children is on Tuesday 10th of December. Please pay for Christmas dinner by Wednesday 4th via the school Money App.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Wear your Christmas Jumper for Christmas dinner on Tuesday 10th 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 13th December.

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/>

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



**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)

Dungannon

**foodbank**



## School Holidays

Half Day Friday 20th of December. Finishing at 11 o'clock.

Return Tuesday 7th of January. Enjoy your well earned break.

The last day for paying dinner money is Monday 16th December. After this date there will be no facility for collection of money until January.



### December 2024

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
48							1
49	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
50	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
51	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
52	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	30	31					

### January 2025

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1			1	2	3	4	5
2		7	8	9	10	11	12
3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
5	27	28	29	30	31		



# 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.*



## P2 Fundamentals

St Ciaran's college are running some sporting events throughout the year to give as many pupils as possible the chance to take part in sport. The first event we will attend in St Ciaran's is the fundamental Christmas themed morning of activities for P2's on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. P2 children

will need to bring a lunch on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.



A Visit from St. Nicholas  
Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas,  
when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring,  
not even a mouse.  
The stockings were hung  
by the chimney with care,  
in hopes that St. Nicholas  
soon would be there.



## New P1 2025

If your child was born between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020, they will be due to start primary one in September 2025, 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 2025, you can apply for their place online from Tuesday 07 January 2025 - 12 noon. The portal closes Friday 31 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](mailto: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.

[www.glencull.com](http://www.glencull.com)



Starting P1 in Sept '25?

## Personal Guided Tour

An opportunity for you and your child to meet the principal, staff and pupils at St Malachy's. You will see the school operating on a normal school day, at a time that is convenient to you.

★ ★ NOW ENROLLING ★ ★		At St Malachy's we offer:		To arrange a time that is suitable for you and your child; Contact us on 02885568344 or 07825274194 Or email: <a href="mailto:bgormley892@c2kni.net">bgormley892@c2kni.net</a>	
P1-2 After School—2pm—3.15	Breakfast Club—8am	Traditional music—Banjo, fiddle, Mandolin, tin whistle, Concertina	Covered Outdoor area, 3G	Swimming lessons	Football/hurling/Handball
2 Play trails	Drama/Irish/Public Speaking	Classic Music—Violin, Flute and Drumkit!	Lots of School Trips	Top Class Achievement	Great Fun

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**G**ratitute **T**hank others  
**I**s **H**elp others  
**V**ery **A**ppreciate what you have  
**E**asy **N**otice your blessings  
**S**erve others

## Teaching Gratitude

View our  
**CHRISTMAS  
 MENU**

## Word of the Month: Gratitude



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".

## 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.



FRIDAY

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY

MONDAY

7 October 4 November 2 December 30 December 27 January	Oven-Baked Fish Fingers - Or - Beef Bolognese & Garlic Bread Baked Beans / Marrowfat Peas Pasta Spirals / Oven-baked Wedges Vanilla Ice-Cream, with Peas & Butterscotch Sauce	Homemade BBQ Chicken Pizza - Or - Traditional Irish Stew & Wheaten Bread Coleslaw / Bacon Carrots Chipped Potato / Baked Potato Homemade Banana Cake	"Lunch Bunch" Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Baked Quorn Dippers & BBQ Sauce Sweetcorn / Roast Courgette Boiled Rice / Mashed Potato Chocolate & Raspberry Spongecake with Custard	Roast Pork, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Chicken Goujons & Sweet Chili Dip Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato Home-baked Popcorn Cookie & Orange Wedges	Beef Burger & Bap - Or - Rainbow Salad Wrap Iceberg Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Pepper, Cheese Mini Corn-on-the-Cob / Garden Peas Chipped Potato / Baked Potato Frozen Strawberry Mousse
14 October 11 November 9 December 6 January 3 February	Fish Finger "Seadog" served in a finger roll - Or - Beef Lasagne & Coleslaw Marrowfat Peas / Baked Beans Chipped Potato / Baby Potato Apple & Pear Crumble with Custard	Savoury Beef Mince & Crusty Bread - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza Sweetcorn / Bacon Carrots Oven-baked Cubed Potato / Mashed Potato Arctic Roll & Winter Berry Sauce	Peppered Chicken - Or - Oven-Baked Pork Sausages Mini Corn-on-the-Cob / Garden Peas Mashed Potato / Boiled Rice Home-baked Jam & Coconut Sponge & Custard	Roast Gammon, Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Creamy Mac 'n' Cheese with Garlic Bread Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato Chocolate Rice Krispie Square	Crispy Baked Chicken Burger & Bap - Or - Tuna Mayo Deli Roll Spaghetti Hoops / Asian Slaw Chipped Potato / Baked Potato Raspberry Jelly & Peach Slices
21 October 18 November 16 December 13 January 10 February	Homemade Ham & Cheese Pizza - Or - Home-Baked Chicken Crumble Spaghetti Hoops / Mini Corn-on-the-Cob Roast Potato Wedges / Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Ice-Cream with Pear Slices & Hot Chocolate Sauce	Beef Bolognese - Or - Roast Chicken and Gravy Cauliflower Cheese / Steamed Broccoli Mashed Potato / Pasta Apple Sponge with Custard	"Lunch Bunch" Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Oven-Baked Breaded Whiling Garden Peas / Roast Butternut Squash Chipped Potato / Boiled Rice Frozen Smoothie	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy - Or - Salmon Fish Fingers & Lemon Mayonnaise Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato Chocolate Cracknel & Custard	Hotdog & Tomato Ketchup - Or - Beef Burrito Coleslaw / Baked Beans Chipped Potato / Pasta Salad Homemade Oatmeal Biscuit & Fresh Fruit Pot
28 October 25 November 23 December 20 January	Oven-Baked Fish Goujons - Or - Homemade Margherita Pizza Steamed Garden Peas / Spaghetti Hoops Chipped Potato / Baked Potato Chocolate & Raspberry Brownie	Cottage Pie - Or - Oven-Baked Chicken Goujons & Choice of Dip Bacon Carrots / Steamed Broccoli Garlic & Herb Potato Wedges / Pasta Spirals Ice-cream, Jelly & Two Fruit	"Lunch Bunch" Chicken Curry & Naan Bread - Or - Oven-Baked Cod Fishcake Sweetcorn / Roasted Butternut Squash Boiled Rice / Mashed Potato Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Custard	Turkey & Ham, Stuffing, Gravy - Or - Sweet Potato Fritter with Flatbread & Sweet Chili Mayo Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato Homemade Flagjack & Orange Wedges	Oven-Baked Chicken Nuggets - Or - Homemade Beef Lasagne with Crunchy Coleslaw Baked Beans / Garden Peas Chipped Potato / Baked Potato Choice of Fruit / Yoghurt Pot

MENU SUBJECT TO  
 PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS, OR HAVE SPECIAL  
 DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL ACCORDINGLY

MILK, WATER, BREAD &  
 FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

## Errigal Day

We're in it to win it!  
 Get your yellow and blue on  
 this Friday 6th.  
 And get your col-  
 ours on for 8th  
 Dec in Armagh!



Sunday 8th Dec 2024

2024 Ulster GAA Football Senior Club Championship Final

Kilcoo

15:30

Errigal Ciaran

Venue: BOX-IT Athletic Grounds, Armagh - Referee: Noel Mooney