



# Glencull's April News

## The Big Spring Clean

This month all the children at St Malachy's will be participating in a Big Spring clean outside and inside the school classrooms and grounds. Each child will be allocated a task that will allow them to be part of the team that keeps their shared space in ship shape. The P5-7 children will be writing a speech that they will deliver to their classmates to

encourage them to use the blue recycling bins inside and outside of school. The speeches will also allow the pupils in school decide who they would like to vote into their new student council. Best of luck to all those who will be standing for a place in the new student council.



### Confirmation

Confirmation date: Sunday 15th June 11am St Brigid's, St Mary's and St Malachy's Primary Schools—Church of the Immaculate Conception Ballygawley. Primary 7 have begun preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. In school we are developing our understanding of the Holy Spirit and in what scenarios they can allow the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be evident in their own lives.

### Communion Photo

The parents association are contacting photographers so that one will be available for taking photos before and after First Holy Communion. Contact Mr Gormley if you'd like photos taken before the ceremony so that arrangements can be made. [bgormley892@c2kni.net](mailto:bgormley892@c2kni.net)



### Mathletics Challenge

250,000 points

We're putting a night off homework on the line to help you with your numeracy!! We have challenged P2-7 to earn over a quarter of a million points on Mathletics in the month of April. If they reach this target they will win a night off homework in May! If every pupil in P2-7 score 1,000 points per school week they will have a total of 250,000 points. For a week in April 7th-11th May, we'll be placing most of P2-7 maths homework on Mathletics!



### School Photo

On Monday 14th April 'Donny McGale is coming to take the school photographs. Anyone wishing to bring in family members that are not at St. Malachy's for a family photograph please email Mr Gormley [bgormley892@c2ken.net](mailto:bgormley892@c2ken.net), the photographer will be ready at 9.30am.



### Easter Holidays

School closes at 11am Wed 16th April and reopens Monday 28th April.

### April 2025

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14		1	2	3	4	5	6
15	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
16	14	15	16 <small>Half day</small>	17	18	19	20
17	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
18	28	29	30				

# Preparing for Easter

You're doing an amazing job with your Lenten promises! As Easter approaches, remember that every small effort counts. Whether it's being kinder, helping others, or giving up a favorite treat, your dedication is truly inspiring. Keep going strong, knowing that your efforts make a difference. Think of the joy and sense of accomplishment you'll feel when you reach Easter, having fulfilled your promises. Stay positive, support each other, and remember that you're capable of great things. Let's finish this journey together with smiles



## Positive Discipline



At Glencull the children are 'caught' being 'good' all the time! If caught showing positive behaviours there are lots of rewards. We celebrate great examples of positive actions each Friday during our assembly. It's important that children get an opportunity to talk about how they have won these rewards at home, so asking about their successes in school will help discipline in school. Reinforcing that you think these positive behaviours are important will help enthuse your child about showing these behaviours in school. Our discipline policy also has sanctions for those displaying behaviours that are not appropriate. When sanctions are taken, we encourage children to discuss these at home and for home to support sanctions and reinforce that these behaviours are inappropriate. We have had great improvements in pupils where sanctions are followed up at home and we encourage this support. Please discuss these with your child focusing on their behaviour, rather the behaviours of others.

### Inappropriate Language.

Whether on the football pitch or during a disagreement we encourage children to negotiate problems using the rich language they learn in class. Our school community does not accept bad language. **Sanction:** Yellow card. Two yellow cards in a fortnight = a red card and a note home to parents regarding inappropriate language.

### Rough Play

Sometimes rough play can result from many different games e.g. pretending to be superheroes or good guys and bad guys. We encourage and discuss how to enjoy these games without being rough. When playing football in school, children are encouraged to use less contact and to be mindful of the difference in age present during their game. Rough play is off putting for some children who wish to play and everyone has the job of making sure those who are playing are enjoying the game. **Sanction:** removal from the game for a fixed time to allow reflection.



## Saturday School

In a surprising twist, US President Donald Trump took to the White House podium to announce a groundbreaking educational reform: the children of St Malachy's Glencull will now attend school every Saturday. "It's going to be huge, folks. Tremendous learning, the best learning," Trump declared, with his signature hand gestures. Parents and students alike were left scratching their heads. "Saturday school? Is this a new reality show?" wondered one bewildered parent. Trump assured everyone that this move would make St Malachy's students "the smartest kids in the world, believe me."

The announcement was met with mixed reactions. Some students were seen Googling "how to escape to from school," while others started planning elaborate pranks to make Saturday school more bearable. One enterprising student even suggested turning the school into a theme park on weekends, complete with roller coasters and cotton candy.

Teachers, on the other hand, were busy calculating how many extra cups of coffee they'd need to survive the new schedule. "I guess I'll just live here now," sighed one exhausted teacher, eyeing a corner of the classroom for potential nap space.



In true Trump fashion, he ended the announcement with, "It's going to be fantastic. You'll love it. Everyone loves Saturdays, right?" The jury's still out on that one.



# Uniforms


The school jumper can not be replaced by another sports top or quarter zip. Please remind your child to put their jumper on and if cold, then a coat or sports top can be worn. 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.

Mark 28th -2nd May in your diary! It's CnmB Trone Rounders Week. We're asking pupils to try Rounders in St Malachy's. The children will get the opportunity to play this GAA sport that encourages team work and craic!

## Rounders Week!

28th April—2 May



**Try something a little different this term!**

**Rounders is an inclusive sport which encourages great teamwork and is fun for all ages! Let's all give it a go!**

# Swimming

We've had confirmation that Wed 9th April is the last swimming session. Congratulations to all the P4-7 children who pushed themselves out of their comfort zone to improve so much from their starting point! Great learning for everyone.

# Music and Drama

After Easter: Traditional music, with Nuala Sweeney, continues music every Tuesday After Easter. There are 8 weeks of music left from after Easter until the summer holidays. This term costs £7 per child. Please pay via the school money app. Drama continues with Stephanie on the following Tuesdays: 29 April, 6 May, 13 May, 20 May & 3 June. This term costs £4 per child. Please pay via the school money app after Easter.

# PE

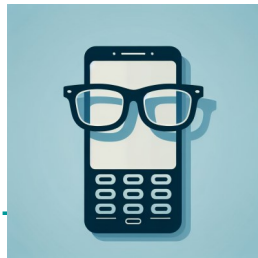
Errigal Ciaran football coach Ryan Daly continues coaching sessions for P1-7s.

PE days for PE gear:  
P1-7: Thursday—Errigal Coach  
P4/7: Friday—Rauri O'Sullivan—Hurling—Tyrone GAA

Wednesday swimming finished before Easter.

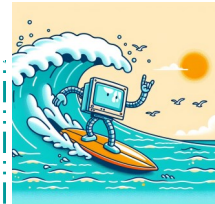
Why did the phone wear glasses?

It had no contacts!



Why did the computer go to the beach?

To surf the net!



Why did the student eat his homework?

Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!

What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A gummy bear!

Why did the math book look sad?

Because it had too many problems.

## Are You Joking?

## April Fools

Why did the scarecrow win an award?

Because he was outstanding in his field!

# FOOTBALL



# AT GLENCULL

# Football Ban

In a twist that left everyone gobsmacked, St Malachy's Primary School Glencull announced a ban on football. The playground turned into a scene from a dystopian movie, with kids wandering aimlessly, clutching their now-useless football boots. "What do we do now, play chess?" one student grumbled. Teachers tried to introduce alternative activities like interpretive dance and synchronized skipping, but the kids were having none of it. The school's resident prankster, Dave, even started a black market for footballs, trading them for lunch snacks

# Policy Updates

See updated policies on our school website for Attendance, Visitors to the School and Educational trips. Regards 'Family holidays during Term Time' St Malachy's Primary School Glencull discourages holidays during term time due to the impact they have on pupils' learning. Family holidays taken during term time will be categorised as an unauthorised absence.



### The Visitor's Code of Conduct

All visitors must:

- ◆ Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour, as everyone in school is a 'duty bearer' (positive role model). This includes consideration of others when parking in or near to the school.
- ◆ Don't enter school grounds without permission. Report immediately to the Principal/Office.
- ◆ Read the Code of Conduct and sign the Visitors' book.
- ◆ Wait until you can be escorted to a work area or the person to be visited.
- ◆ Knock the door before entering an office/classroom and explain the reason for your visit.
- ◆ Never be alone with a child.
- ◆ Avoid physical contact with a child.
- ◆ Be mindful of the presence of children and use appropriate language.
- ◆ Never smoke on the premises.
- ◆ Take precautions to ensure that any equipment you have is safely stored so pupils do not have access.
- ◆ Report any incidents to Mr Gormley.
- ◆ Make sure school gates are closed upon departure.



# EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

WEEK BEGINNING	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
17 February 17 March 14 April 12 May 9 June	Homemade Beef Bolognaise - Or - Home-Baked Margherita Pizza & Coleslaw Green Beans & Diced Carrots Penne Pasta or Baby Potatoes with Herbs Iced Lemon Sponge Finger	Baked Breaded Whiting & Tartare Mayo - Or - Creamy Mac 'n' Cheese & Garlic Bread Garden Peas & Sweetcorn Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato Forest Fruits Flavoured Jelly with Mandarin Oranges	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread - Or - Quorn Fillet with Creamy Pepper Sauce Broccoli & Roasted Butternut Squash Steamed Fluffy Rice or Oven-Baked Herb Wedges Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce	Cook's Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Penne Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season Oven Baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Belgian Waffles with Fruit Salad & Chocolate Sauce	Oven Baked Chicken Goujons with Choice of Dip - Or - Baked Potato with Cheesy Beans & Salad Baked Beans & Coleslaw Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato Artic Roll with Summer Berry Sauce
24 February 24 March 21 April 19 May 16 June	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers & Mayo Dip - Or - Roasted Garlic & Pesto Chicken Pasta Garden Peas & Baked Beans Mashed Potato or Pasta Salad Homebaked Chocolate & Raspberry Brownie	Homemade Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread Slice - Or - Home-Baked Margherita Pizza with Salad in Season Baton Carrots & Broccoli Chipped Potato & Baby Potato Salad Assorted Yoghurt Pots & Fresh Fruit Salad	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread - Or - Oven-Baked Pork Sausages with Gravy or Ketchup Sweetcorn & Spaghetti Hoops Steamed Fluffy Rice or Mashed Potato Caramel Apple Crumble & Custard	Cook's Roast Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Salmon Fishcake with Mayo Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season Oven Baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream with Two Fruits	Cheeseburger with Burger Sauce in Bap - Or - Tex-Mex Chicken Fajita Mini Corn on the Cob & Coleslaw Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato Homebaked Oaty Biscuit with Fresh Fruit
3 March 31 March 28 April 26 May 23 June	Oven Baked Cod Goujons with Mayo Dip - Or - Veggie Dog with Crispy Onions & Ketchup Garden Peas & Potato Salad Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato Ice-Cream Slider & Orange Wedges	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise - Or - Chicken Tikka Mayo Wrap with Salad & Coleslaw Baton Carrots & Broccoli Spaghetti & Parsley Baby Potatoes Homemade Jam & Coconut Sponge & Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread - Or - Home Baked Margherita or BBQ Chicken Pizza Mini Corn on the Cob & Butternut Squash Steamed Rice or Oven Roasted Cubed Potatoes Summer Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Cook's Roast Pork with Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Homemade Savory Mince with Crusty Bread Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season Oven Baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Strawberry Jelly & Sliced Peas	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets with Choice of Dip - Or - Ham & Mushroom Carbonara & Garlic Bread Slice Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato Homemade Shurbread & Watermelon Wedge
10 March 7 April 5 May 2 June 30 June	Baked Cod Bites with mayo Dip - Or - Sweet Chilli Chicken Prawn & Salad in Season Mushy Peas & Coleslaw Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato Chocolate Kraspie Square & Orange Wedges	Home-Baked Margherita or Tex-Mex Spicy Beef Pizza - Or - Penne Pasta & Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables Baton Carrots & Broccoli Oven Baked Pasta Wedges & Baby Potato Salad Cola Jelly & Chopped Fruit	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread - Or - BBQ Pulled Pork with Cheese in Broodie Bun Sweetcorn & Roasted Butternut Squash Steamed Fluffy Rice & Pasta Salad Angel Cake & Custard	Cook's Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding with Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Quorn Dippers with Choice of Dip Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season Oven Baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Ice-Cream Sliced Peas & Caramel Sauce	Hot Dog with Ketchup - Or - BBQ Chicken Wrap with Salad in Season Mini Corn on the Cob & Baked Beans Skinny "French Fries" or Baked Jacket Potato Chocolate Cookie & Milkshake

MILK, WATER, BREAD & FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS, OR HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL ACCORDINGLY MENU SUBJECT TO PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

## April Menu

### Reporting Illnesses

When someone at home (even if they are not a pupil e.g younger sibling) has chicken pox, measles, or shingles, it's crucial for parents to inform the school immediately [bgormley892@c2ken.net](mailto:bgormley892@c2ken.net). If your child has any illness please do not administer medication and send them on to school. These medications temporarily ease symptoms that then present during the school day.

These illnesses are highly contagious and can spread quickly among children especially those who are vulnerable. The school can then take necessary precautions, such as informing other parents, monitoring symptoms,

WASH YOUR HANDS

1. WASH WITH WATER AND SOAP
2. RUB PALM TO PALM
3. RUB BETWEEN FINGERS
4. RUB BACK OF HANDS
5. RUB FOCUS ON THUMB
6. RUB FOCUS ON WRISTS