Beginning of DECEMBER Newsletter 2024

Important Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 3rd of December - School Closed for staff PMC in service **Friday 6th of December**- Festive Friday in aid of the Southeast Simon Community

Tuesday 10^{th} of December - Carol Singing at Lawson House at 11.00am Monday 16^{th} of December - School Choir at Light Up Glenbrien Carol Service (Pupils from 1^{st} to 6^{th})

Wednesday 18th of December - Christmas Concert 12.45pm and 7.00pm Thursday 19th December - Christmas Mass at 9.30am in St Peter's Church Friday 20th December - School closes at 12.00pm for the Christmas holidays

New Parents' Association Committee



A new Parents' Association committee has been formed for the year ahead. THANK YOU to all the new committee members for offering their time and energy to support the school community this year.

The committee for 2024/2025 is as follows:

Chairperson: Aisling Murphy Secretary/ PRO: Cathy Larkin

Treasurer: Aisling O' Mahoney

The Class Representatives are as follows:

Junior Infants-Maria Butler

Senior Infants - Helena Lambert/ Ellen Kavanagh

1st Class - Heather O' Connor/ Heather Keating

2nd Class - Claire Atkinson/ Margaret Kehoe

3rd Class - Carol Heffernan/ Ana Egan

4th Class - Sharon Healy/ Tanya O' Flynn

5th Class - Áine Leacy/ Mary Kehoe

6th Class - Lisa Mullholland/ Marina Atkinson/ Louise Flynn

Festive Friday

The school will host a Festive Friday this week on the 6^{th} of December to raise funds for the South East Simon Community. Pupils may come to school dressed in their festive clothing and hats. Donations will be collected that morning (suggested donation $\[\epsilon \]$ per child)

Charitable Achievement



We are very proud of 2nd class pupil Adelaide Murray, who has raised over €1,000 for the Lauralynn foundation. Adelaide very selflessly donated her hair to the charity and her kindness will be very much appreciated by those children affected by illness.

Green Schools

The Green School Committee has been hard at work this term to finish the application process for our Biodiversity Green Flag. Already this term, we have planted new wild flowers in the school planters, planted daffodils at the front of the school and cleaned up the village as part of Science Week! This week at our Green School Committee meeting, we created our Biodiversity Green Code and made our notice board even more beautiful! We're all looking forward to what is to come this year as we work towards our Biodiversity Green Flag.

Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas concert will take place on Wednesday 18th of December. There are two performances scheduled; a Matinee from 12.45pm to 2.40pm and an Evening show from 7.00pm-9.00pm. Tickets are on sale now and payment links have been sent out. Please do not send cash into the school office. The cost of each tickets is €6. There will be two tickets for every family reserved for each performance. Any tickets not sold by Wednesday 11thth will be made available to other families. We look forward to seeing you all there.

School Christmas Mass

The school community will celebrate a Christmas mass with Fr Gahan on Thursday 19th December at 9.30am in St Peter's Church, Glenbrien. All are welcome to join us for the celebration of this special season.

Carol Singing at Lawson House

We are very excited to be returning to Lawson House this year to present a Christmas selection of songs for the residents. Pupils from 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes will travel there on Tuesday the 10th of December at 11am.

Community Christmas Carol Service

The pupils from 3rd to 6th classes will form a choir and participate in the outdoor Light Up Glenbrien, Community Carol Service on Monday 16th December at the big tree in the village.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to all those families who donated to this year's Shoebox appeal. 69 Boxes were delivered to the Wexford collection point. Thank you to everyone for their generosity. Your kindness makes a big difference in the lives of others.

Attendance

When a pupil is absent for any reason, parents and guardians should continue to use the link to the Absence form, sent out in September to all families. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1d43XNjKdbbIRZOqCDui3oWp I2oTaAu3GmZt1Eu0NxyIIKQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Science Week 2024

A BIG congratulations to all of the Glenbrien scientists who carried out amazing experiments during this year's Science Week. We had great fun planting daffodils and participating in a Litter Clean Up in Glenbrien with our buddies. Classes were involved lots of interesting activities, such as making water walk, exploring the properties of materials and making sugar crystals, to name a few. Well done to everyone for their hard work.

Christmas Cards

Well done to all classes on their wonderful Christmas card designs that have been printed and sent home ready to be sent to friends and family for Christmas. The standard of art work displayed on the Christmas cards gets higher every year.

Hurling 365

A massive THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who help out on Tuesday mornings at the 365 sessions. If anyone else would like to get involved please contact Miss Doyle.

BOM Meeting

The next BoM meeting will take place on Tuesday the 12th of February.

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