

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2024

Witch Walk

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the parents and guardians, who planned scare stations, decorated the village and set up Halloween games for this year's Halloween Witch Walk. A very special thank you to Aisling Murphy and Cathy Larkin who coordinated the event this year. Without all of the continued support from parents and guardians, the day would not be as enjoyable or as successful year after year. This year's Halloween Witch Walk was thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils, teachers, staff, parents and family members who walked around the village. As usual the spooky costumes were out in force and our school community was full of fun throughout the day. Well done to all the families and staff who embraced the fun and made such an effort to dress up! Thank you to all of the families for returning their sponsorship cards. A special mention to Alan Maher, who added greatly to the spooky atmosphere when he entertained all of the classes as Beetlejuice, during the walk around the village.

Post of Responsibility

Congratulations to Miss Ivers on her appointment to the in-school management team for the year ahead. At the beginning of September, the staff and the Board of Management engaged in a review of the posts of responsibility in the school. Miss Ivers will take over the schedule of duties from this month and we wish her every success in her new role.

Parent Teacher Meetings

This year's Parent Teacher meetings will take place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st of November. An email with a google doc link was sent out last week. Parents and Guardians have been offered a choice of day and also a choice to have a phone or face to face meeting. Times for each pupil will be sent out later this week.

Science Week

Science week will run this week from 11th -15th November. Each class will participate in some fun science experiments and we will be completing two buddy activities. We will plant daffodils with our buddies in the flowerbeds by the new car park. For our second buddy activity, we will be carrying out a **litter pick up on Friday 15th November at 9.00am through Glenbrien Village**. Parents and Guardians are very welcome to join us on our walk down to the village, collecting litter with our buddies as we go. **Please send a pair of garden/outdoor gloves into school with your child for this activity**. We will supply plastic bags.

Rackard League



Well Done to the Boys and Girls in 4th, 5th and 6th classes who represented the school in the Rackard Football competitions this year. The girls played three great matches against Mayglass, Taghmon and Rosslare. It was brilliant to see so many girls from Glenbrien playing football for the first time. The Boys' team reached the Rackard League Roinn A semi-final for the first time in the school's history. They had great wins against Ferns, Bunclody, Bree and Blackwater along the way. They lost out to the eventual Roinn A winners Piercestown/Murrintown in the semi-final.

Mini Sevens Football



Well Done to both the Boys' and Girls' teams who qualified for Round 2 of the Mini Sevens Football Competition. The Girls' team will play tomorrow against Ballindaggin NS and Monomolin NS while the boys will travel on Thursday to play against Murrintown NS and Monomolin NS. We wish both teams the best of luck this week!

Maths Week



Maths Week 2024 ran from the 14th-18th of October this year. We had great fun celebrating the many aspects of numeracy by engaging in many wonderful maths activities and problem-solving tasks, both in class and with the whole school. We buddied up for some 'Black Dot' artwork, where the children enjoyed exploring their creativity in the company of their buddy. We participated in a problem-solving challenge and went on a maths trail. The maths fun continued at home as we engaged in 'Math Eyes' homework. To finish off the week, we had an 'Odd Clothes' Day, where the children were encouraged to wear odd clothes. Thank you to all of the children, parents and staff for their support and engagement during Maths Week 2024.

Friendship Week



Congratulations to all pupils on their fantastic contribution to Friendship Week. Friendship Week encourages children to share, be cooperative and kind with all members of the school community. Children met up with their buddies and it was lovely to see the kindness on display between the younger and older children.

Policy Formation and Review



We are currently reviewing our Child Safeguarding policy. This is available to view on the school website. As part of the school's improvement plan for Wellbeing we are developing a Communication Policy. A copy of the draft policy will be sent home this week. If any parent or guardian has feedback on either policy, their input would be appreciated and can be emailed to fionacleereglenbrien@gmail.com.

International Competitor



We are very proud of Archie Sludds Murphy in 3rd class who recently competed in the World Kickboxing Championships in Albufeira, Portugal representing Ireland. In an extremely tough category, Archie's courage really shone through, as he faced up against last year's World champion! This achievement is testament to all the hard work and commitment he has shown in getting to this level. We done, Archie!

Christmas Shoebox Appeal



This year we will be facilitating the collection of boxes for the Christmas Shoebox appeal for any pupils and their parents who are interested. Leaflets were sent home in schoolbags before the midterm break. Boxes may be dropped into the school, with the final drop off day this week being Wednesday 13th of November. This is a very worthwhile cause and an excellent learning opportunity for the children. Last year the families in Glenbrien donated over 60 shoeboxes to the Appeal. Please click on the link below if you would like more information. https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/?gclid=CjwKCAjwv-2pBhB-EiwAtsQZFH9Pv4XvB6cJY6mCxMIMbz40_obqOXrJ0yHqJJxAN9DUqPKW9iOZDRoCYfAQAvD_BwE

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. Arrangements for both concerts will be sent home in December. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of December and can be purchased from the school office. The cost of each ticket will be €6 and payment links will be sent out. There will be two tickets for every family reserved for each performance. Any tickets not sold by Monday 16th will be made available to other families. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Christmas Cards



Pupils in all classes have been busy designing their own Christmas card. Their creativity and attention to detail showed in the outstanding artwork produced. We are very excited to see the finished samples when they return from the printers in the next number of weeks. Parents and guardians will then have the option to order packs of their child's Christmas card design.

Board of Management Meeting



The next BoM meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th of November.

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