



GLASHEEN BOYS' SCHOOL

Winter Newsletter 2018/2019



Dear Parents/Friends,

What a busy and productive First Term we have had! On behalf of the Board of Management and Staff, I would like to thank everybody who supported the work of the school, in any way, throughout 2018. These are exciting times, with lots of upgrades to our classrooms, preparation for our own Christmas Concert and many other exciting plans for 2019. Wishing you all a joyful, safe festive season, with good health and happiness in 2019. Go n-éirí libh go léir ,

Michael Daly (Principal), Board of Management & All The School Staff



HOLIDAYS

Closing: Friday 21st. December 2018 @ 12 noon.
Reopening: Monday 7th. January 2019 @ 8.50 a.m.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our annual concert will take place on Tuesday 18th. and Thursday 20th. December 2018. To facilitate parents with busy schedules, we are holding a concert on Tuesday 18th. for Junior & Senior Infants only. On Thursday 20th. December, a concert for Junior Infants to 3rd. Classes will take place. The following are **approximate times**:

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - TUESDAY 18TH. DECEMBER

School Band 9.15 a.m.
Junior Infants - Christmas Songs 9.30 a.m.
Senior Infants - Santa's Hat 9.40 a.m.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - THURSDAY 20TH. DECEMBER

School Band 9.15 a.m.
Junior Infants - Christmas Songs 9.30 a.m.
Senior Infants - Santa's Hat 9.40 a.m.
2nd. Class - Elves on Strike 9.50 a.m.
1st. Class - Seasonal Songs 10.05 a.m.
3rd. Class - A Christmas Medley 10.15 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - THURSDAY 20TH. DECEMBER

Meanwhile, 4th., 5th. and 6th. Classes will host a Christmas Market in the Senior Building from **9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.** on Thursday, 20th. December 2018. Other parents attending the concert will also have the chance to attend the Christmas Market.



CHILD SAFEGUARDING

We ask that all families be aware of our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment (on our website). The Statement and Risk Assessment are also on the Notice Board, next to the school office. Our Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Michael Daly & our Deputy DLP is Ms. Sheila Clark.

INTERNET SAFETY

4th.- 6th. Classes will have Internet Safety talks from Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th. February 2019.



There will be a talk for parents, on Internet Safety, on Tuesday 12th. February 2019, in the School at 7.00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!



NEW APPLICATIONS

Applications for 2019 are extremely strong. We already have **waiting lists** for certain classes. Family circumstances sometimes change and occasionally families need to relocate due to working elsewhere. We hope that everybody will be with us in 2019 but if you are aware that you will possibly be leaving in 2019, **it is extremely important that you notify us of the possibility, as soon as possible.** If you are aware of anybody who is hoping to join our school in 2019, who has not already been in contact, please advise them to do so as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION

We are working hard to ensure that we are constantly evaluating our work. The area of focus at the moment is **Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE)**. We are particularly focusing on the **Stay Safe** Programme. We are also reviewing **Maths** and the **New Primary Language Curriculum**, as part of our DEIS Plan 2018 / 2019.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Once again, a huge 'Thank You' to our Parents' Association for all their work this term. This includes the Family Bingo Night, the Open Night, the Christmas Cards and the Movie Night set for Wednesday 20th. February 2019. Our Parents' Association has been extremely helpful in making special arrangements for Santa in Glasheen.

Selection of our School Achievements / Events 2018

Digital School of Distinction, Active School & Yellow Flag status maintained. (7th. **Green Flag almost complete**). Eco Rangers Award 2018 and Science Award winning School 2018. **Health Promoting & European Blue Flag** Status renewed. **Interschool Quiz & Interschool Soccer Winners 2018**; **Hurling by The Lough winners**; Amazing winning **Port of Cork** entry; Interschool **Tug of War** Winners for 34th. Year. **Cricket Tournament**; **Winners of Cork & Munster F.A.I. Soccer**, as well as **Football, Hurling & Art** Competitions; **Hockey, Rugby, GAA** & Cricket Coaching. Very Successful **School Concert** & School Choir performances. Various **Class Exhibitions, Christmas Market & Parents Visiting Classes** for Maths for Fun, Reading, Games. Constantly updated **School Website, Twitter & Facebook pages**; Close links fostered with **UCC**. Partner school with **Lifetime Lab & Wilton Library. Culture Day; Friendship Week; Active Schools Week, Punctuality Week, Healthy Eating Week; Grandparents' Day. School Assemblies.** Successful **'Be Active AfterSchool Programme', Breakfast Club. Students' Council.** Halloween, Easter & Summer 2018 **Camps.** **'Welcome Booklet'** updated on school website. **Homework Club** extended and **Lego Club, Acrylic Art, Fret work, Active Body Active Mind** & several other After school Clubs running. Planning Application lodged for **new Classrooms.**

COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION

Please note that for those making **Communion** and **Confirmation**, our Parents' Association very kindly organises the hiring of School Blazers. You will be notified of dates for fittings, in the coming months.



GREEN SCHOOLS UPDATE

Ms. Costelloe and the Green School Committee members are working on our 7th. Green Flag for Global Citizenship : Energy. Pupils will explore Energy in a global context as well as working to reduce energy used in our school.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



This year we are making a big effort to encourage good attendance. We understand that if somebody is unwell, they need to be at home to recover. Each year we reward good attendance and this year, we will be focussing on 'Improved Attendance'. **We ask all parents to bear this in mind, when planning holidays and to please avoid planning holidays during term time.** Thank You.

SCHOOL WEBSITE (www.glasheenboys.com)

Please remember to check our website for important dates and updates, as well as news for Parents & all members of our school community.



SAFETY REMINDERS

To ensure all of our children are safe, we appeal to all members of our School Community-

1. Please **park your car and walk**, rather than stopping a car in the middle of the road outside the School and leaving children out of the car. Some cars are stopping on School Avenue, causing a serious tailback behind them.
2. Please use any one of the **3 pedestrian gates** but do not use the Car Park gate.
3. Please do **not drive in and out of the Car Park.**
4. Please ensure that children and adults do **not walk through the Car Park.**
5. Please ensure that small children do not run ahead of parents/minders, around the school grounds or down School Avenue, unsupervised. Thank You for keeping everybody safe.

