Glengurt National School Board Meeting
Agreed Report

Date: 06/02/2025

- The Board of Management ratified the Assessment Policy.
- The Board of Management would like to congratulate staff member Mairead Forde, her husband James and son Richie on the birth of their beautiful daughter Molly.
- The Board of Management would like to congratulate Martina McMahon on securing a permanent position in Lixnaw. Thanks Martina for your contribution to the school during your time with us. We wish you the very best of luck in your new school.
- The BOM would like to welcome Múinteoir Róisín Brosnan who is covering the shared SET role with Dromtrasna NS.
- The BOM is still actively pursuing a Special Education Classroom for our school. An email was sent to Michael Moynihan, Hildegarde Naughton and Helen McEntee on February 4th 2025 regarding this.
- The BOM wishes the students from 3rd – 6th class the best of luck at Peace Proms this Saturday 8th February. Thank you to Múinteoir Ellie and Múinteoir Therese for all of their work with this.
- Oide Wellbeing co-ordinator Lisa Sheehan Jones will be in school on March 3rd to facilitate the staff Croke Park meeting.
- Music Generation has commenced and will continue until early June.
- Gymnastics will commence February 27th following a request from the Parents Association during the 2023/2024 academic year.
- The BOM would like to thank the school community for their support with the Bottle Returns and Split the Bucket which have been a great success to date in raising funds for our school.
- The BOM paid for a Drumming workshop on February 4th 2025.
- Grandparents Day took place on the 23rd of January 2025 and was very well attended.
- Lá Glas will take place on March 14th 2025 in Halla Tadhg Gaelach.
- Swimming will hopefully commence in March 2025. We are waiting for confirmation as the roof collapsed in the sports hall section of the building following the recent snowfall.
- Junior Entrepreneur Project is underway in 5th & 6th Class.

- STEAM is underway in 3rd- 6th class. Thanks to Kostal Ireland Gmbh for sponsoring the STEAM kits. Kostal will be visiting on Tuesday 25th February.

- The Active Schools Committee continue to facilitate Active Breaks every Tuesday.

- The school tours will take place in June. The Junior School Tour will attend UL Adventure World and the Senior School Tour will attend UL Activity Centre in Killaloe.

- The BOM would like to thank Johnie Ward and Noel Horgan for clearing the snow off the school yard to ensure that the school could reopen following heavy snowfall.

- A Fire Drill took place in school last week.

- The First Holy Communion takes place on May 11th 2025.

- Currently there are over 50 children availing of the Breakfast and Afterschools service. The BOM would like to thank Doreen and Noelle for providing such a wonderful service for our students and their families.

- **The BOM would like to inform the school community of the following developments in relation to enhancing the external and internal facilities in the school:**

    - Three trees were removed to the front of the school during the Christmas holidays to facilitate the ballcourt expansion.
    - The school has almost finalised the purchasing neighbouring land to facilitate the installation of a new bio cycle and associated works. The BOM would like to thank Fr. Mullane and the parish finance committee for their support with this.
    - The BOM has requested quotations for fencing and AstroTurf with the aim of upgrading the playing facilities in our school for our students to enjoy. The plan is to upgrade the existing ballcourt with perimeter fencing with an AstroTurf surface and a shockpad underlay.
    - The rear of school was cleaned, power washed and trees were cut before Christmas with the aim of further developing our garden area for our students.
    - The BOM are gathering data to upgrade the internal fabric of our school. The plan is to install new flooring, storage areas, display boards, whiteboards as well as new tables and chairs in each classroom over the coming years.
    - The BOM approved the purchase of 2 new interactive whiteboards as the rental contract on the 2 current boards are up.
    - The BOM is in the process of submitting an application for funding to the Department to upgrade the BER energy rating of the school.
    - The BOM applied to SSE Renewables as part of their Community Fund to replace the existing blinds in all classrooms with new roller blinds to enhance the learning facilities for students.
    - The BOM applied to SSE Generation Green for funding for a new garden to the rear of the school with the aim of installing a new shed, poly tunnel, raised beds, sensory areas, picnic benches etc.
    - The BOM applied for Rise Community Funding for investment in STEM equipment for our students.