


Glasheen Girls' Gazette

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

As we come to the end of another wonderful year at Glasheen Girls' NS, we look back on some of the fantastic things we got up to this year. From science workshops to trips to the playground, from local history to all of our music and sporting occasions, we had one fun filled year.

Like always, Term 3 was a busy one! We had our sport's day, school tours, local excursions, crazy hair day and so much more. Have a look to see what we have been up to lately and to see some amazing photos of our wonderful girls!

Roll on 2025/26!

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON LATELY

CONFIRMATION

6TH class girls made their Confirmation on the 24th March. It was a beautiful ceremony. The school choir also did us all proud.



COMMUNION

2ND class girls made their First Holy Communion on the 24th May. They spent a lot of time practising for their big day.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUGUST

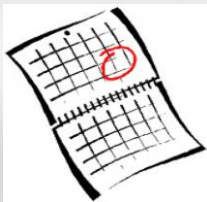
- ♥ **School Re-opens**
Thurs 28th @ 8.50am

OCTOBER

- ♥ **Midterm Break (School Closed)**
Mon 28th – Friday 1st (inclusive)

DECEMBER

- ♥ **School Closed**
Mon 8th
- ♥ **Christmas Holidays (School Closed)**
Mon 22nd – Fri 2nd Jan (inclusive)



GOODBYE TO OUR FABULOUS 6TH CLASSES

It is that time of year again where we say goodbye to our 6th Class girls as their time here in Glasheen Girls' comes to an end. While we are sad to see them go, it is time for them to set off on their next adventure in Secondary School. We know they will do us proud wherever they may go.

We are really looking forward to celebrating the last few days of Primary School with you and making even more memories.



Ms O'Mahony's Class 2024/25



Ms Manning's Class 2024/25

go n-éirí an
bóthar leat

May the road rise to meet you

JUNIOR INFANTS 2024/25



Ms McAuliffe's Class 2024/25

Ms Walsh's Class 2024/25

We were delighted to welcome our newest members to Glasheen Girls' NS last September. They had a wonderful year with Ms McAuliffe and Ms Walsh. They have learned so much and made many new friends.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We are very lucky to have such a hard-working Parents' Association in our school. So far this year they have organised our Christmas Raffle, Easter Fun Day, Confirmation Refreshments, Fundraisers for 6th Class hoodies and much more. They are always looking for new members so please contact the school if you are interested.



ZOE - MY CANINE COMPANION



Zoe is our fabulous School Therapy Dog from an amazing charity called My Canine Companion. Zoe has many jobs in the school including visiting classrooms, going for walks (with classes or groups), and working with children in the school garden. Zoe loves fetch, treats and sniffing in school bags. Here she is at her recent graduation from Puppy School. Thanks for all the hard work Zoe, our favourite furry friend!

UNIFORM SWAP

Glasheen Girls' recently held a Uniform Swap. This was a wonderful chance to embrace sustainability, support each other, and get organised for the new school year! Families took part by donating clean, good-quality school uniforms and tracksuits that were no longer needed. These items were then made available (completely free of charge) to other families during the event. It was great to see everyone come together as a school community to reduce waste, ease the financial load, and ensure every child is ready for the school year ahead.

PLAYTIME PALS

Our wonderful *Playtime Pals* from 6th Class play a special role in making lunchtime fun and inclusive for our younger pupils. Each day, these kind and enthusiastic girls set up a variety of activities in the yard, creating a welcoming and playful atmosphere for all. From board games and building blocks to skipping ropes and hula hoops, there's something for everyone to enjoy. The Playtime Pals not only help organise the games but also join in the fun, encouraging teamwork, creativity, and friendship across the classes. Their leadership and positivity make lunchtime a highlight of the day for so many of our younger students!

MUSIC

Music continues to be a vibrant and exciting part of life at our school! While it was difficult to follow on from our outstanding musical last year, our talented pupils have been making great progress in tin whistle, learning new tunes and improving their musical skills with Joanne each week. The school band has been busy rehearsing and is sounding fantastic - their enthusiasm and teamwork is truly inspiring.

Meanwhile, our school choir has been lifting our spirits with their beautiful singing. Their most recent performance was at the Cork Choral Festival. We're so proud of all our young musicians and look forward to more performances throughout the year!





Sciath na Scol 2024 Football Champions



Sciath na Scol 2025 Camogie Semi-Finalists



FAI Schools Soccer Team 2025

SPORT

Sport is thriving in our school, with a wide range of activities keeping everyone active and engaged! Our football, camogie, and soccer teams have been training hard and showing great teamwork and sportsmanship in their matches. Our Sciath na Scol Football team won the final in Páirc Uí Chaoimh and our Camogie team made it to the semi-finals.

Tennis and athletics have been popular this term, with pupils enjoying the chance to build skills and fitness. In basketball, students are learning new techniques and working well together on the court.

We've also been focusing on movement and well-being through gymnastics, yoga, and Zumba, which have been a big hit across all classes. It's wonderful to see so many children getting involved, staying active, and having fun through sport!

STEM

STEM activities have brought lots of excitement and discovery to our school this term! Pupils have been busy exploring, experimenting, and learning through hands-on Science Workshops that sparked curiosity and creativity. Our budding engineers enjoyed working with Robotics, building and programming their own creations. Classes also visited the Lifetime Lab, where they explored energy, water, and the environment through fun, interactive exhibits.

A highlight for our younger pupils was the Teddy Bear Hospital, where they learned about health & medicine in a fun and friendly way. With even more STEM activities planned, we're thrilled to see such enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering, and maths!



GLASHEEN GIRLS CAMP

Because of the incredible success of the camps over the past few years, we are thrilled to announce that we will be running the camp for two full weeks this year. This will give even more pupils the chance to take part in the fun and enjoy everything the camp has to offer. We look forward to making even more memories - fun, laughter and learning through exciting and creative activities. The camp is free of charge and run by the dedicated staff of Glasheen Girls'.

NEW SCHOOL TRACKSUIT

We are delighted to announce that we are updating our current school tracksuit. The girls will continue to wear their school uniform but we are updating our tracksuit design to give it a more modern and stylish look. The new tracksuits will be phased in starting with Junior Infants over the next two years. There is no pressure for anyone to purchase the new tracksuit immediately - our current design will remain valid alongside the new one.

FAREWELL BEAN MHIC

It is with mixed emotions that we write to share some important news with you. After 33 years of outstanding service, dedication, and unwavering commitment, Ursula Bean Mhic Amhlaoibh will be retiring at the end of this school year. The motto of our neighbours UCC, 'Where Finbarr taught, let Munster learn' mirrors Ursula's long established links with Glasheen Girls' School. As a past pupil of this school, Ursula came full circle and returned here to teach generations of girls.

Throughout her career, Ursula has exemplified kindness, professionalism, and heartfelt care in everything she has done. She has supported countless pupils and families with her wisdom, encouraging spirit, and deep love of teaching. Her positive influence will long be remembered by all who have had the pleasure of working with or being taught by her. We know that this news will be met with a sense of both joy for her well-earned retirement and sadness as we say farewell to someone who has been such an integral part of our school community.

Thank you Bean Mhic Amhlaoibh, your legacy will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of the many children whose lives you have touched. You are the very essence of a *Glasheen Girl*.

PHOTO GALLERY

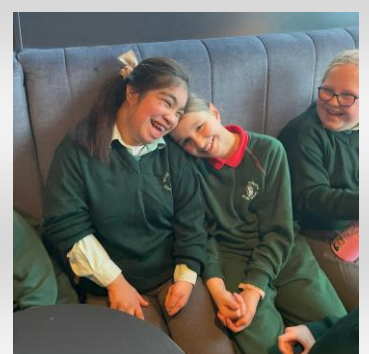














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School Reopens: Thursday August 28th (All Pupils)

Staff Meetings: Weds Nov 12th, Apr 22nd (Pupils finish at 1.30pm)

Parent Teacher Meetings: Wed Jan 28th (Pupils finish at 1.30pm)

Holidays/ School Closed

End of Term

These dates are correct as of April 2025. If we are notified of any changes to the school calendar, we will notify parents immediately. There may be whole staff training days on the new primary school curriculum. Details about this can be accessed here www.ncca.ie.