



## GLENGARRIFF NATIONAL SCHOOL

*Scoil Fhiachna*

**GLENGARRIFF**

*Co Cork*

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### **May 2024 Newsletter**

#### **New Email Address**

Please update your email contacts with the school new email address

**[info@glengarriffns.ie](mailto:info@glengarriffns.ie)**

#### **School Opening and Closing**

The school will open to receive pupils at the hour of 9.05 am.

No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9.20 am.

School ends each day at 2pm (infants) and 3pm (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>). Parents who wish to have their children escorted home should make their own arrangements to have them met at the end of the church wall and the person to escort them should be at the school not later than 2pm/3pm as the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after the children after that time.

**We ask parents and children to leave promptly as not to disturb the residents living locally.**

#### **School Tour**

All children from infants to 6th class will go on their school tour to Lagoon Activity Centre in Rosscarbery on Friday, June 14th.

If your child cannot go then please let me know asap so we can adjust our booking.

The cost of the School Tour is

€30 per pupil – Juniors – Second Class

€40 per pupil – Third – Sixth Class

This includes bus and activities. Please send in this to the school by May 31<sup>st</sup> 2024.

If your child will be absent on this day, **please let us know immediately as we need to confirm numbers.**

Please consider using bank transfer when making any payments to school. Please reference your child/children's names and activity, for example, JoeBloggs\_SchoolTour2024

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| <b>BIC:</b>          | <b>AIBKIE2D</b>                    |
| <b>IBAN Number:</b>  | <b>IE72 AIBK 9360 1411 4060 39</b> |
| <b>Account Name:</b> | <b>Glengarriff National School</b> |
| <b>Bank:</b>         | <b>AIB Bantry</b>                  |

### **Ring of Beara – Volunteers needed**

The Ring of Beara Cycle are using the school yard as a food stop on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May. They are looking for volunteers to help on the day. The school will receive a donation for any volunteers. If you can help out between 11am and 4pm please give your name to the school office.

### **Confirmation**

Congratulations to the pupils of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 25<sup>th</sup> last. The pupils of Scoil Fhiachna were joined by the pupils of Tulloha N.S., Bonane. Míle buíochas to Bishop Ray Browne and Fr. Niall for a beautiful ceremony. The choir, pupils from both schools sang beautifully on the day.

### **First Holy Communion**

Best wishes to the children who will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Church of the Sacred Heart Glengarriff. The children from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class who are in the choir need to be in the church at 10.45am. The Scoil Fhiachna Parents Association will serve some light refreshments in Glengarriff Hall directly after the ceremony. All welcome!

### **GAA**

Daniel from Castlehaven GAA will come to Scoil Fhiachna on Friday mornings for GAA skills. Thank you to Glengarriff GAA Club for organising this.

### **Sciath na Scol**

The children will play their Sciath na Scol matches this month.

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Scoil Fhiachna vs Caheragh NS

Scoil Fhiachna vs Scoil Chúil Aodha/Barr d'Inse in St.Colum's GAA, Kealkil.

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Scoil Fhiachna vs Scoil Fhionnbarra, Béal Átha 'n Ghaorthaidh in Ballingeary.

Best of luck to boys and girls taking part.

**GUM SHIELDS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ALL TRAINING AND MATCHES.**

### **Orienteering**

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, boys and girls from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> will go Orienteering in the Glengarriff Nature Reserve. The cost of the activity is €1 per child in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class and €3 per child in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class.

### **Beara Creative Clusters**

As part of the Beara Creative Clusters, Paula has been visiting all classes in Scoil Fhiachna for Drama, on May 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have a Drama Celebration in Glengarriff Hall where Trafrask N.S. and Adrigole N.S. will join us.

### **Athletics**

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> all pupils of Scoil Fhiachna will travel to Eyeries for an Athletics Event organised by Eyeries & Urhan National Schools, in conjunction with Béara AC.

### **Rugby**

Geraldine from Bantry Bay Rugby will continue to come on Thursday mornings to help us with our rugby skills.

### **Standardised Testing**

Standardised testing will be completed during the month of May. Standardised testing in Spellings, English and Maths takes place annually in classes 1st to 6th.

Standardised testing is one form of assessment used in schools. Many other forms of assessment are also used throughout the year. These include; teacher observation, child/parental feedback, self-assessment, work samples, projects, quizzes and weekly/termly tests. Standardised tests have many merits but do not measure many aspects of a child's learning and ability. Standardised tests do not measure resilience, creativity, critical thinking, self-discipline, social skills or motivation.

It is important that as parents and educators we do not allow our children to be defined by the results of test.

Further parental information on standardised tests and interpretation of test scores can be found via the following link;

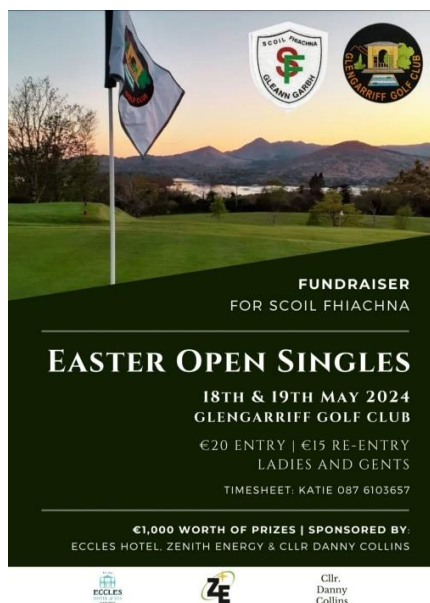
[https://ncca.ie/media/1429/understanding-standardscores\\_eng.pdf](https://ncca.ie/media/1429/understanding-standardscores_eng.pdf)

## Cork Primary School Sports

Cork Primary School Sports will take place on May 30<sup>th</sup> at MTU Cork.  
More information to follow.

## Scoil Fhiachna Parents Association

Please note the change of date for the Easter Golf Classic and Easter Raffle.



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### EASTER OPEN SINGLES

18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024  
GLENGARRIFF GOLF CLUB

€20 ENTRY | €15 RE-ENTRY  
LADIES AND GENTS

TIMESHEET: KATIE 087 6103657

€1,000 WORTH OF PRIZES | SPONSORED BY:  
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EASTER  
RAFFLE €5 PER LINE  
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- PRIZE DRAW NIGHT OF 19<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY IN THE GOLF CLUB
- RAFFLE TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT ONLINE ON IDONATE AND IN LOCAL PARTICIPATING SHOPS

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE:  
ONE NIGHT STAY FOR 2 IN  
SUPERIOR ROOM IN PARK  
HOTEL KENMARE  
*Park Hotel Kenmare*

PLUS A SELECTION OF VOUCHERS AND HAMPERS  
FROM MANY LOCAL BUSINESSES:

Centra THE MARITIME HOTEL ECCLES Organic

<https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/ScoilFhiachnaEasterRaffle>

*Online ticket sales close on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024,  
tickets also available in Casey's Hotel  
and in Glengarriff Golf Club over the Golf Classic Weekend.*

## Cúpla focal

Tá an samhradh ag teacht. – Summer is coming.

Tá na bláthanna ag fás sa ghairdín. – The flowers are growing in the garden.

Tá an ghrian ag taitneamh go hard sa spéir. – The sun is shining.

## School Closure

May Bank Holiday – May 6<sup>th</sup>

June Bank Holiday – June 3<sup>rd</sup>