

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

11th October 2018

A Chairde (Friends),

The Sun Shines on South Circular Road

We have just finished our 6th full week in School. Time flies in Griffith Barracks when you are having fun. It has been a pleasure to welcome the new members of our community to the school. Junior Infants are really enjoying life in the school and we love how 6th class have been so welcoming and supportive of them.

Individual Healthcare plan

I attach a template form for any parent whose child may need an individual healthcare plan. This form needs to be filled out if your child has an EpiPen or other medication that needs to be kept and administered at School. Could you contact me at eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie if you have any questions or your child has a medical condition that you feel we need to know about.

3rd class visit to Botanic Gardens

Third Class paid a visit to the Botanic Gardens this week as part of Tree Week.

4th Class News

Check out the latest goings on in 4th class below, especially their trip to the Ombudsman for Children's Office. The OCO investigates complaints about services provided to children by public organisations. The service is free and independent. The Ombudsman for Children's Office (OCO) is a human rights institution that promotes the rights and welfare of young people under 18 years of age living in Ireland.

<http://griffithbarracks.ie/News/4th-class-News/3793/Index.html>

6th Class

6th class are following in Senior Infants footsteps this week. They became the teachers in their own classroom.

<http://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Being-the-Teacher-in-6th-Class/3792/Index.html>

Classes ranged from Skiing to Dragon drawing. The whole project sounds like great fun. I love the interesting reads section in Rang 6. You need never be bored while you are waiting for the line to move in Rang 6 with such interesting material to read!



World Mental Health Day

As part of the Educate Together Calendar of Events, the 10th of October was World Mental Health Day. We looked at Mental Health in an age appropriate way in the Junior and Senior Assembly. We looked at different emotions in the Junior Assembly and the children were amazing at teasing out what the main emotions we experience are.

In the Senior Assembly we talked about what mental health is and how to get help if we need to. We showed the video below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCrjevx3-Js>

We practiced some mindful techniques that might be helpful in stressful situations.

Morning Yard

Many thanks to everybody for making morning yard such an enjoyable experience. This really enables the children to get into school and down to learning straight away. It really helps the children when they have those few minutes before school to gather themselves, say hello to their friends and be ready when school starts.

I would really appreciate it if parents could not walk through the lines as children are walking into the building. It is a really small thing but is something that really helps in the smooth running of the morning and means that children and teachers are relaxed and ready to learn at the start of the day

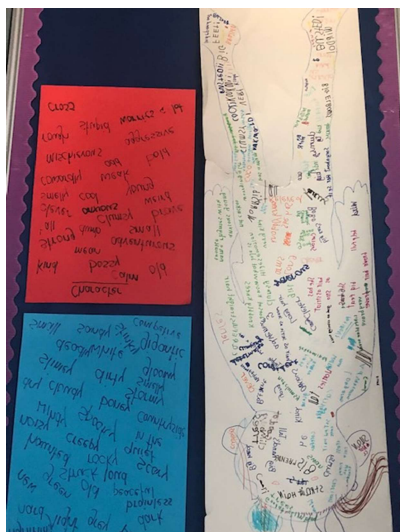
Students of the Week

Well done to all our Students of the week this week.



Rang 1 Family Project

As part of the theme they are working on Family and their own history. First class have been exploring all the places where they have a connection. The World is a small place in Rang 1.



Power Hour and Book Clubs

Check out the amazing word work been done by the Power Hour and Book Club Teams in 1st Class. We are so impressed by all the reading in Rang 1 this month. Both classes have had the chance to mix up during literacy and get to know their friends in the other class better. Well done all!

Board of Management and Parent's Association

This week the Parent's Association and the Board of Management both had meetings in the school.

The Board meets every month. This Month we were looking at:

- The School Improvement plan and our area of focus which is spelling for this year (this will be published on the School website in the coming months).
- Review of Child Protection Procedures
- Review of the Critical Incidents policy'
- The School Budget

The PA held a training evening with a facilitator from the National Parents Council. Many thanks to the committee for organising.

Trips/Workshops/ Swimming Payment

Payment for your child's trips, workshops and swimming will be due in November. We will send the link for payment on 1st November. The cost is €40 for Junior Infant and Senior Infant children and €90 for children from 1st to 6th Class inclusive. This covers trips, workshops and swimming (1st to 6th Class).

Golden Visits

Many children get to go on golden visits around the school. Sometimes they come to my office or they can go to another teacher. During the golden visit they get to celebrate a success or a difficulty they have overcome.

Mol an oige agus tiocfaidh said – Praise a child and they will thrive.



Bíodh deireadh seachtaine deas agaibh (Have a lovely weekend),

Beir Bua (Best wishes),

Eddie



Choir having 1st rehearsal for Peace Proms