

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

8th November 2018

A Chairde (Friends),

Welcome back to the second block of the term that will bring us to the end of 2018. It has been a very wet week at Griffith Barracks and many thanks to all the community who make sure we are safe by working together on wet days.

A big welcome back to Gina Fusco who returns to work as part of our Special Education Teaching team.

Swimming

5th Class and 2nd Class will begin their 7 swimming sessions tomorrow. If there is any parent who would be able to help out at swimming, please contact the relevant class teacher at firstname.surname@griffithbarracks.ie. Please make sure they have their swimming bag with them on Fridays.

School Trips/Workshops and Swimming

Many thanks to those who paid the trips, workshops & swimming this week and a reminder to those who haven't paid as yet that this is now due. We will send a further link today.

Aladdin Connect App

Many thanks to all who have downloaded the Aladdin connect APP. We would really love if all parents and guardians could sign up to the app.

Library

Work continues on the library with the design team working on making the most of the space. Many thanks to all the parents who have been part of opening and sorting all the books which came back from storage at the start of the year

Students of the Week



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

Pupil Insurance

Pupil Insurance is paid by all parents as part of the book money payment at the start of the year. This gives each pupil in the school 24-hour insurance cover. Please see Option 2 (24-hour compulsory cover) for full information.

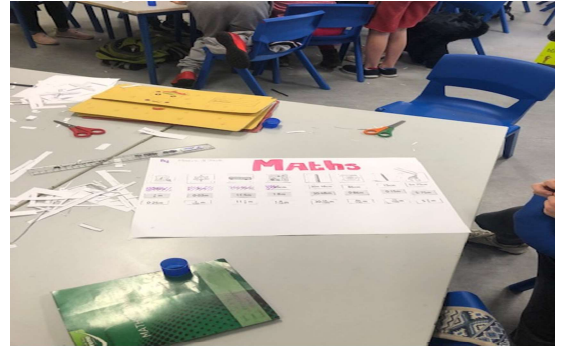
<https://www.pupilcover.ie/product-information/#2>

Great work on Measurement in 4th class

Some great work on Measurement in 4th class. Could you estimate and categorise the length of different items.

Learning Goals

Children across Griffith Barracks have been coming up with their own learning goals this week. I had a wonderful golden visit with Senior Infants who are working on finger spacing between words. Conferencing and giving constructive feedback to all the children is one of the most important aspects of the teacher's work in the school



Second Level meeting

Reminder - a meeting of the campaign for a new Educate Together second level school in the area takes place tonight (Thursday) at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

New Infant Yard

Our new look infant yard is almost ready. We are waiting on a break from the inclement weather to get it finished. The children are really lucky to have such a facility.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meetings for Senior Infants to Rang 6 will take place on the 20th and 21st of November. Junior Infants will have their meetings in February. On these days, classes will end at 2.15pm and meetings take place between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. We will be in touch shortly about how you can book an appointment.

This year we are hoping to trial using our Aladdin app to enable parents to book their parent teacher meeting slots. I will send a separate email on this tomorrow.

Each meeting is approximately 10 minutes long. The parent teacher meetings are a time to meet the teacher away from the hustle and bustle of the classroom to discuss your child's learning.

Assembly

This week in Assembly we looked at the festival of Diwali and we had a wonderful performance from Rang 3. We read the Diwali story of Rama and Sita in the junior assembly and in the senior assembly we looked at being safe online.

Child Protection

This week I am meeting a parent focus group as part of our annual review of the Child Safeguarding statement. The child protection Statement can be accessed on the school website or on the prominent noticeboard at the entrance to the school.

Building

Our building is not part of the recent group of school buildings built between 2003 and 2014 that requires investigation and remedial works. Our building was project managed by the OPW (Office of Public Works) and built by Principal Construction.



Learning all about the Hedgehog in Junior Infants Cathal





Figure 1 Some wonderful memories of Tree Day outside Rang 1

Roll Up, Roll Up! (Message from the Fundraising Committee)

It's that time of year again folks!

The Winter Fair is having its inaugural Fair in our amazing new school, so let's make it a great one.

We need your help!

We plan to hold the Fair on Sunday the 2nd of December.

We are looking for volunteers for the following:

- Café helpers and cooks (set up, wash up, servers, and take down)
- If you have a dish that you like to make and can help us out in the café on the day.
- Stall helpers (manning stalls)
- Set up and take down crew
- Helpers to coordinate drop off donations (times to be confirmed)
- Bakers to provide cakes and sweet treats for the cake stall



Something to bear in mind when you are donating:

As this is our first event in our new school we really want to make it a good one. In the past it has always raised great funds for the school, so please let's hold on to that.

We are kindly asking that when it comes to donations, you truly only donate things that are in good nick, things that you would like to buy yourself (not an excuse to empty out the house of junk!!!!!!!)

Those who can assist please contact Michelle Madden on michellemad@gmail.com or text her on 0868052535 stating your name and where you can help.

Beir Bua,

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