

# GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

A Chairde (Friends),

## Winter Fair

Last weekend, the Winter Fair came to Griffith Barracks. It was a super event and it was great to meet everybody in a more relaxed weekend mode. I want to thank all the parents who helped out on the day to make this a great event. I particularly want to thank fellow Fundraising Committee members Michelle and Anna who were amazing in the run up to the event. It simply would not have happened without them. We are already thinking of how we can make the Fair more enjoyable and sustainable to organise next year so watch this space! The school raised €4818.70 after expenses, which is amazing. The money will be used in the following ways:

- SEN OT Resources
- Our Mural and Poetry wall
- Our rooftop space and planting around the school.
- Support for Assessments



## Enrolment

Our enrolment for Junior Infants 2019 closes on 31<sup>st</sup> December. If you have a younger sibling of a child in the school, it is very important that you ensure you have applied and that you also make contact Rene in the office to ensure that your child is marked as a sibling on the list. I am attaching a link to our Enrolment Policy for your information. Places will be offered in early January 2018 and all siblings must be on the list before 31<sup>st</sup> December if they wish to be given priority for a place in the 2019 Junior Infant class.

[https://griffithbarracks.ie/Content/2018/5/ENROLMENT\\_POLICY\\_December\\_2017.pdf](https://griffithbarracks.ie/Content/2018/5/ENROLMENT_POLICY_December_2017.pdf)

## Dropping and Collecting Children from School outside the normal hours

If you need to drop a child to school late or collect a child early, please do your best to avoid the break times (between 10.30 – 10.45 and 12.30 – 12.55). It is difficult to find children in a hurry between those times and disruptive for the office. While we appreciate that it may sometimes be unavoidable, where possible, please collect a little earlier or a little later to avoid these times.

### School Trips/Workshops and Swimming

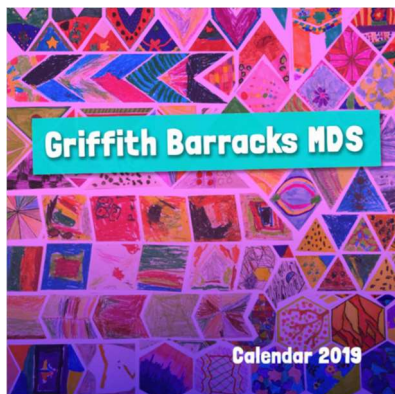
The link for payments for school trips/workshops and swimming remains open. If you have not already paid your child's trip money, please do so now.

### Students of the Week

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



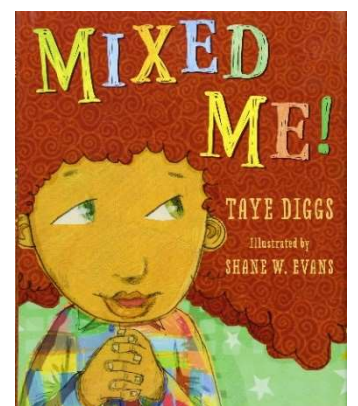
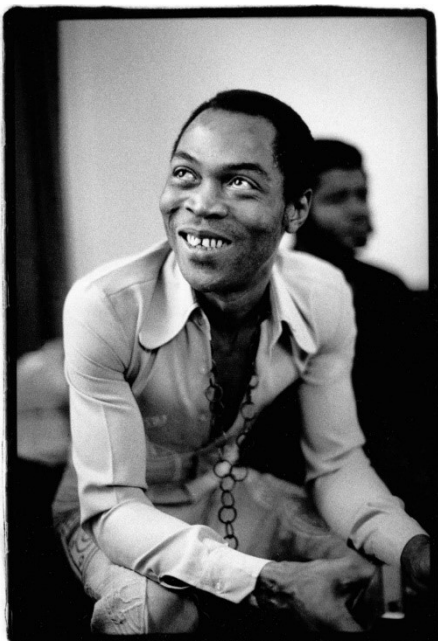
### School Calendar



The School Calendar is on its way to the printers and looks amazing. It will cost €10 and €15 for 2. Many thanks to Gráinne Murray for all her work in preparing the calendar. The children's work is amazing and it would make an ideal fixture on your fridge door or a wonderful gift to family and friends.

### Assembly

This week in Assembly, we celebrated getting our Yellow Flag. We had a wonderful performance from First Class Anne Marie with **"Bright Sunshiney Day"**. Second Class gave us a wonderful presentation on Fela Kuti, who was a famous musician and human rights activist. We read a story called **"Mixed Me"** by Taye Diggs which explores diversity in a child friendly way.



## End of Year Performance

Our End of Term Celebration takes place in the Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

There will be two shows:

**Junior Infants to Rang 1 (First class) will be at 9.15am**

**Rang 2 (Second Class) to Rang 6 (6<sup>th</sup> class) will be at 11am.**

This year's theme will be *'New Beginnings'*

## Weeding – Superhuman Olga

Many thanks to Junior Infant parent Olga who tackled all the weeding at the side of the school last Tuesday. We are very grateful. There is still some gardening to be done to clear the planting areas in the courtyards of the Guardhouse. Get in touch with me at [eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie](mailto:eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie) if you are able to help out.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Charity Boxes

Emma and third class have just completed a wonderful project based on the shoe box idea. They filled shoe boxes full of items that they felt might be useful for the homeless charity they are donating to. Many thanks to Emma for organising this project. I really think the children learned a lot from it. Yesterday Emma (assisted by Ben) dropped the boxes into the "Inner City Helping Homeless" Charity. Áine from Marino Institute of Education has also been working in the class and finishes tomorrow. Many thanks for all her work. We are so proud of all the boys and girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> class.



## Interesting History of our campus

This week Rene found a really interesting history of our campus here on South Circular Road and we said that we would share. It contains lots of facts and stories about the barracks and shows how embedded we are in the history of Dublin and the state.

<http://www.theirishstory.com/2010/06/09/wellington-barracks-dublin-1922-a-microcosm-of-the-irish-civil-war/#.XAKyP-LgqUI>

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