

# GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> December 2018

A Chairde (Friends),

It is our second last Newsletter of the year. This time last year I joined the Griffith Barracks community and I have enjoyed every minute of my time here over the last year. Our winter performances are next Wednesday and we finish early next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Junior and Senior Infants finish at 11.50am the rest of the school will finish at 12pm. I will send a text reminder the night before. Kids club does not run on the day of the holidays.

## *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:

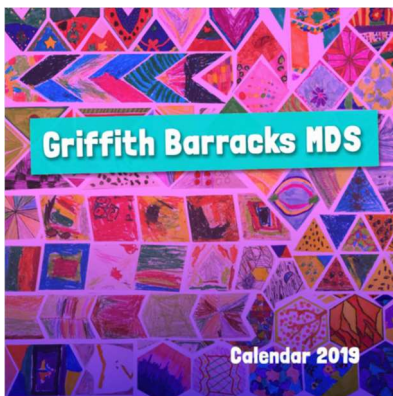
**Junior Infants to Rang 1 (First class) will be at 9.15am**

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

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

The children have been really enjoying getting ready for the performance and I am really looking forward to meeting you all at the shows next week. We have approximately 200 spaces in the hall so we ask that every child has a maximum of two adults present at each of the shows please.

## *School Calendar*



The School Calendar will be on sale next week and looks amazing. It will cost €10 for one or €15 for two. 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.

## *Enrolment*

Reminder - 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/2018/12/Enrolment\\_Policy.pdf](https://griffithbarracks.ie/Content/2018/12/Enrolment_Policy.pdf)

## *Social Media*

This term we have been working with the children, staff and within the wider ET family on good social media practices. Recently I went to a really interesting workshop on the use of social media in the adult context. It is important to remember that the same rules apply to adults as to children. A good way of looking at it is - If you would not be ok with the post you have written appearing on the wall of the school then maybe it is not appropriate for a group.

## *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.

## ETHX Campaign Public Meeting

The ETHX (Educate Together Harold's Cross) campaign will hold a **public meeting** in the Griffith Barracks school hall on **Thursday 31 January at 7.30pm**. We hope to have politicians, other public representatives and members of the Department of Education in attendance. Please come along and add your support on the night. Those of you on our mailing list, watch out for an email asking you if you can attend. If you are not signed up to the campaign, but would like to, you will find us here: [www.ethx.irish](http://www.ethx.irish). Thank you.

The ETHX Campaign group is campaigning for a secondary school that is:

- co-educational
- multi-denominational
- non-fee paying
- with a full Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate curriculum available
- for the Dublin 6, Dublin 6W, Dublin 8 and Dublin 12 areas



At present, the campaign is focused on the secondary school that is due to open in Harold's Cross, on the old Greyhound Racecourse site, in 2020. The catchment area is currently set by the Department of Education as Dublin 6 and Dublin 6W. Only families living within that area will be prioritised in the school's admission process. The campaign is seeking to have children from Dublin 8 and Dublin 12 included.

## Students of the Week

Well done to all our Students of the week this week. Everyone connected to them would be so proud of the wonderful things their teachers said about them.



## Assembly

This week in Assembly, we looked at Migrants in response to the international day of migrants. At the Junior Assembly we read the story "follow the Swallow" by Julia Donaldson.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Follow-Swallow-Bananas-Egmont-Press/dp/140521788X>

At the Senior Assembly we looked at where migrants live in the world. To our surprise we found that most of the refugees in the world do not live in Europe like we see in the news but closer to the area they are trying to get away from. We looked at this interesting video and put ourselves in the shoes of someone in a different situation to us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctCaKH-2Wm8>

### *Marshes Library fun in Rang 6*

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Lego-Ada-Lovelace/3814/Index.html>

### *Super Artists in Rang 3*

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Printastic-art-in-3rd-Class/3812/Index.html>

### *Parent's Room*

Our parents room is nearly ready to go. Many thanks to parents Sally and Maura for all their work with the interior design of the space. We hope to have it up and running next week after our next PA meeting. The PA will have their final meeting of 2018 in the staffroom at 7.30pm next Monday December 17<sup>th</sup> - all welcome.



### *Peace Proms*

The school choir will join other schools across the city and the country at their first Peace Proms rehearsal at the National Sports Arena in Abbotstown. The Peace Proms take place in February. Many thanks to Jenny, Anne Marie and Clare for organising. The children had some before school practices this week. Many thanks to all who attended. Find out more about the peace proms here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kv3j1ahEtUQ>

<https://peaceproms.com/>



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