

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

20th December 2018



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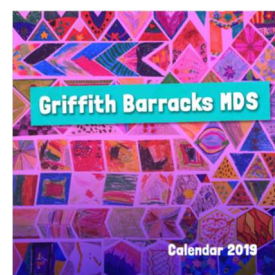
As the curtain closes on 2018, I would like to wish all of our families and community a Happy Holiday and a wonderful 2019. It was great to see all of us join together yesterday in our new hall to celebrate the end of term and marvel at the great performances of the children. We finish early tomorrow. Junior and Senior Infants finish at 11.50am the rest of the school will finish at 12pm. I will send a text reminder this evening. Kids Club does not run tomorrow. School reopens on Monday 7th January.

End of Year Performance

I am attaching a presentation of some photos submitted by parents for the Winter Performance. It was such a lovely day and showed all that is great about our school community. I am also attaching a presentation which gives a flavour of the last year here at GBMDS. I hope you enjoy both of them.

School Calendar

We still have some school calendars for sale if you'd like to buy any extras for friends and family. Calendars cost €10 each or €15 for two.



Enrolment

Final Reminder - Our enrolment for Junior Infants 2019 closes on 31st December. This week, we sent an email to all parents on our 2019 Junior Infant list. If you haven't received an email, please make contact us with urgently to have your child's name added to the list. 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 2019 and all siblings must be on the list before 31st 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

Peace Proms

Thank you to our fabulous Griffith Barracks Choir, we are very impressed with them. A big thank you also to all the parents who have facilitated their arrival on those early mornings at 8:15. In January 2019 3rd - 6th Class will be rehearsing on Mondays and Fridays in school time and for four weeks only on every Tuesday morning at 8:15; Tuesday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th January. This leads up to our performance on Sunday 3rd February. The children need to be available from 4pm until late on the 3rd February - it'll be great! There will be a performance in school at 2pm on Friday 8th February, more details to follow.

We're attaching some links from the Peace Proms team and would really appreciate it if some practicing could happen over the holidays.

Thank you, Jenny, Anne Marie and Clare

Boogie Medley

<https://youtu.be/moVnr77rYoQ>

Greatest Showman

https://youtu.be/if0_RIBocs

Make Some Noise

https://youtu.be/uniaF1e_nrl

Pop Medley

https://youtu.be/MD_lph7v8mY

Matilda Medley

<https://youtu.be/GQ0wP8g0oE>



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. 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.

Beir Bua,

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