

# GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

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17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

A Chairde (Friends),

## *Principal's News*

This time of year is always busy as we prepare for the end of the school year and our minds turn to the next one. You will find attached the school calendar for the upcoming school year. Next week I am meeting with the builders and Project Manager from the OPW and will be able to give you a definitive report on the progress of the building. This weekend I will be attending the annual general meeting of Educate Together which takes place in Kildare ETNS. There are 82 Educate Together National schools operating providing more than 20,000 primary school places to students around Ireland, with 9 Educate Together schools at Second-level. Next Tuesday, we welcome the parents who begin their Educate Together story with us here at GBMDS. It is always one of my favourite nights of the year. Many thanks to the PA for helping with refreshments on the night and for being the friendly face that so many GBMDS parents have been in the past before them.

## **Table Quiz**

Our annual table quiz takes place in Leonards Corner Café on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm sharp. This quiz is always great fun and is google proof. Proceeds from the quiz will fund a laptop trolley and 16 devices for the children which can be used in class in a variety of ways to enhance learning opportunities at GBMDS. Many thanks to Estelle for organising the quiz. Estelle is looking for donations of spot prizes. If you have anything suitable, you can contact her on 086-7941624.

## **Quick Trip around the Classes**

**Junior Infants** – Welcomed some lovely butterflies as they emerged from their cocoons this week.

**Senior Infants** – It has been great seeing all the parents who have helped out during “Ready Steady Maths” this year in Senior Infants. There is always a great atmosphere of learning. Simon’s class have also been doing great work with Simon, Cora, Cathal and Myra during Literacy Lift Off. Well done all.

**Rang 1** – First Class and Anne Marie have been doing great work with their projects and had a great visit to the library on Wednesday.

**Rang 2** – Jenny’s class have been really working on their cursive writing. They have also been working on our new spelling programme *Nessy* which has been a great success.

**Rang 3** – Rang 3 have been doing great work with their teacher Kieran this week who was in while Emma was out. It was great to see how welcoming Rang 3 can be and how impressed Kieran was with them.

**Rang 4 and Rang 5** – Both classes went on their school trip to the National Indoor Arena in Abbottstown. Maybe this trip has inspired some future Olympians!

**Rang 6** – 6<sup>th</sup> Class have finished all their documentation for their Junior Entrepreneur project. Most of the children are now paying visits to their new secondary schools and will be working with Jen Cummins on a transition programme which aims to make the jump from primary to secondary a good experience and less daunting.

## **Upcoming Dates for May**

- Monday 21st May – Santry Field events
- Tuesday 22nd of May - Junior Infant Information Evening
- Wednesday 23rd May - Santry Track events
- Thursday 24th May - Junior Infant Trip to Newbridge Farm, Donabate
- **Thursday 24th May – Table Quiz in The Headline**
- Friday 25th May - 2nd Class Trip to Causey Farm, Co. Meath
- Monday 28th May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Next year’s Junior Infant children to visit the school
- Monday 28th May – Third Class trip to Rathbeggan Lakes, Dunshaughlin.

### ***Book Money now due***

You should receive an email from us today regarding payment of your child's book money for the school year 2018/19. The email will explain this in detail. If you have any problems with accessing the information regarding your child or if you don't receive anything from us, please let us know.

### ***Women's Mini Marathon on behalf of the School***

A reminder to anybody who would like to join Lucia Walsh (a Senior Infant parent) in walking or running the Women's Mini Marathon on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June on behalf of the school. The group are hoping to raise money for PE mats and other PE equipment. If you would like to take part but have not yet contacted her, her number is Ph: 086-8911907 or email [lucia.walsh@gmail.com](mailto:lucia.walsh@gmail.com). Alternatively, if you would like to donate, they now have an iDonate page where you can do so directly at [www.idonate.ie/Griffith](http://www.idonate.ie/Griffith)

### ***Note from Patron***

There was an error in our last notice with regard to the date of the AGM. Please note that the AGM is on **Monday** 11th of June, not Wednesday as on the previous document (amended notice attached).

### ***Family Day Extravaganza***

Noel Sweeney from the charity One Family has sent us this information which may be of interest to you.

*This Saturday May 19 we will be celebrating all that is brilliant about family with the eighth annual free Family Day extravaganza in Smithfield Square, Dublin 7 from 1-5pm. The event is proudly sponsored by Dublin City Council and is organised to mark the UN International Day of Families.*

*The day will be filled with free, live acts, such as circus performers, alpine exuberance from Yodel and his unicycle, games, animation workshops with Brown Bags films, workshops and readings from the writer and illustrator of the President's Glasses, Peter Donnelly, face painting, live music, a vintage bus and much, much more. Please visit [www.familyday.ie](http://www.familyday.ie) or see attached flyer.*

### ***Students of the Week***



Adh Mór  
(Best wishes),  
Eddie  
(Príomhoide)