

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

24th May 2018

A Chairde (Friends),



Big news

for our school and our community this week. Yesterday, the Patron and myself met with the project Manager and the builders. The handover day for the building will be June 18th. The Office of Public Works (OPW) and the builders have advised however that the building will not be ready for the children before the end of this academic year.

The Clogher Road prefabs are being moved the day after school finishes for the summer. **It will be necessary therefore to take a half day and close for the summer**

on Wednesday 27th June. We can then move our entire school to our exciting new home on South Circular Road over the following two days. This also happened when we moved to Clogher Road.

We have secured a grant from the Department of Education and Skills to finance the move and Careline International are the company who will move everything for us.

We will be looking for volunteers to help us and we will assign two volunteers to each class teacher. I will email a form out next week for anybody who is interested.

A big part of all my work this year was to try to get into the building so that Sixth Class would be able to spend a week in GBMDS at our new site. Unfortunately, this will not now happen. The Architect and Project Manager will bring 6th class on a guided tour of the school in the week of the handover and we will have a special event for them in our new building in the new academic year. 6th Class Graduation will now take place on the evening of Tuesday 26th June. I would like to thank the Patron, Board of Management and all the school committees (past and present) who have been instrumental in getting our school to this historic moment in the story of Griffith Barracks and in particular, Sinead O'Kane, who for many years was at the forefront of the campaign to get this new school.



**KEEP
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QUIZ
TIME**

Table Quiz

A last reminder about the table quiz tonight in Leonard's Corner Café at 7.45pm sharp. There are still a few tickets left, which will be available on the door. If you have already bought yours, please make sure you bring it with you tonight. 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. If anybody has any last-minute donations of spot prizes, please contact Estelle on 086-7941624.

Summer Camp and End of Year Celebration

Unfortunately, due to the move, summer camp and the End of Year Celebration will not take place this year as we won't have the facilities. We hope these activities will take place next year.

Santry Sports

GBMDS Athletes did up proud in Santry this week. The children really enjoyed competing in the National Athletics Stadium with other athletes from all over Dublin. It is a great experience. Many thanks to Clare, Anne Marie and Cathal for organising it. All participants in the trials and competitions will receive a medal next week.

Book Money

Everybody should have received a link to their book money payment for next year. If you have any queries please contact the office. All book money should be paid by 20th June.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

- Today - Junior Infant are on a trip to Newbridge Farm, Donabate
- Tonight – Table Quiz in The Headline
- Today – Camogie Semi-Final in Na Fianna GAA pitch, Glasnevin
- Tomorrow - 2nd Class Trip to Causey Farm, Co. Meath
- Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June – Next year’s Junior Infant children to visit the school
- Monday 28th May – Third Class trip to Rathbeggan Lakes, Dunshaughlin.
- Thursday 31st May – Bake Sale
- Friday 1st June – 2nd Class trip to Bloom in Phoenix Park
- Friday 1st June – 1st Class trip to Dublin Zoo

Women’s Mini Marathon

A reminder to anybody who would like to donate to the team running the mini-marathon on the school’s behalf that they now have an iDonate page where you can do so directly at www.idonate.ie/Griffith

Bake Sale

The Bake Sale will take place next Thursday 31st May. Each morning before the sale, the Student Dáil are giving a Bake Sale fact on the intercom to remind all the boys and girls that the bake sale is coming. The sale is in aid of Unicef this year. Every year, the Student Dáil does one fundraising activity for an organisation outside the school. On Wednesday, there will be no homework to give families a chance to get their baking groove on and produce some delicious breads, cakes, buns, biscuits etc. For those of you who, like me, are best kept from the kitchen, there will be no checks to see if baked goods are purchased or actually baked. Children could bring in €1/€2 - they won't need any more than that. The Bake Sale will be open to parents after school on the day. As always, your support is hugely appreciated.

Hurling and Camogie News

After School Hurling continues today (Thursday) after school for Junior and Senior teams.

Today is also a huge day for our school. The Senior Camogie team are playing a semi-final against St. Columbas, Drumcondra, in Na Fianna GAA pitch, Glasnevin. The girls have represented their school with great pride all year and we wish them the very best of luck in the semi-final. The panel includes: Eimear, Kate, Dara, Joanna, Marya (6th), Noinín, Saoirse, LilyAnn, Martha, Ella S, Ella M, Evie, Talulla, Anna (5th), Eliza, Grace, Hannah (4th), and Aisling and Aoife (3rd).

The Senior Hurling team are also in a semi-final next week (day to be confirmed) against Francis Street, in the shield. The boys have been constantly improving all year as a team, and this resulted in a fantastic win against Carysfort last week in the quarter final. They worked hard for one another, picked off some fantastic scores, only got better as the game went on, and all made valuable contributions to the result.

The panel includes: Tadhg, Dylan and Walid (6th), Luca, Callum, Oisín, Finn (5th), Seán, Marco, Ted, Rory, Daniel, Ian, Rua, Dylan, Senan, Jack, Aran and Cornelius (4th). Best of luck to both teams who are wearing the Green and Red of GBMDS. It takes a lot of commitment and hard work to get to where we are, so well done to all. We hope we can go one step further and get to the finals in Croke Park! Ben and Cian



Students of the Week

Family urgently seeking accommodation in the area

A family from the school is urgently looking to rent a house or apartment in the area that will accept housing assistance payments (HAP). They are open to considering places outside the immediate area of the school if necessary. If anybody can help or has any contacts, please contact Eddie by email to eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie

ETHX Secondary School Campaign.

On Friday 13th April 2018, the Department of Education and Skills announced plans to establish a new second-level school in 2020 at the Harold's Cross Greyhound Track site. Dublin 8 and 12 are not included in the catchment area for this school. It is crucial that as many public representatives as possible are contacted with a direct request to include Dublin 8 and Dublin 12 in the proposed school's catchment. It would really help our campaign if you could send your local TDs a letter and position paper, or even simply your own request along those lines, in the coming days. If you have signed up to tinyurl.com/ethx-list please check your email for further details on how you can help. Thank you, ETHX Committee

Adh Mór
(Best wishes),
Eddie
(Príomhoide)

Some exciting photos of the new building below



The school name appeari...



Per Cent for Art Installation



We have a Hall!



Sink area in classroom



A Classroom

