

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

3rd May 2018

A Chairde (Friends),

Principal's News

Another great week at GBMDS. I was so proud of all sixth class and our community in general at the musical on Thursday and Friday last. It was great to see the children working with their parents to create a community of learning which is something to be so proud of. I want to thank the long list of helpers and organisers. You are all amazing! The PA are hoping to do a Manual for next year's class while it is all fresh in everybody's mind. This will give the group a template to work off.

On Monday 14th of May, Cora and myself are going to check out what we have in storage in Athlone to make sure we don't bring back anything unnecessary to SCR. If any parents are free and fancy a road trip please get in touch to eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie. We would really appreciate the help. Many thanks to Brian and Nerea who have given us this storage space free of charge for the last two years. Next week I will send on the plan for the move and for any help we may need.

I hope everybody has a safe and enjoyable few days off with lots of sunshine and no rain!

6th Class Play

What a great event! The school community shone at its best last Thursday and Friday night in Synge Street when 6th Class performed their play **"Grease"** to a packed hall. It was a really fun experience that we won't forget.

Note from 6th Class

After rehearsing tirelessly both inside and outside of school we were delighted to perform it for all of you. We had great fun back stage doing our makeup and a huge thanks to Laura and Shauna for doing an amazing job with our hair.

We would really like to thank all the parents that helped out, especially Rod and Liza which made this such an enjoyable experience that we will always remember – as the song goes - WE GO TOGETHER (Liadán and Roselyn – Rang 6)



School Photos

A reminder that the School Photos will take place tomorrow. Each child was given a flyer last week. If you did not receive one, please ask Rene for a spare. All the information you need is on the flyer. If you have any queries, please contact County Photos directly at info@countyphotos.net

Parent Survey

Many thanks to everybody who has already filled in the parent skills survey. If you have not had a chance to complete it yet, you can do so by following the link below. We've had 65 responses so far and would love a few more. If the link doesn't work for you, please copy and paste it into the search bar.

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Upcoming Dates for May

- Thursday 3rd May - Senior Infant trip to Imaginosity, Sandyford
- Friday 4th May - Class and Family Photos being taken
- Monday 14th May - Eddie and Cora going on a road trip to Athlone
- Tuesday 15th May - 4th and 5th class Trip to National Sports Campus, Blanchardstown
- 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 1st June – Next year’s Junior Infant children to visit the school
- Monday 28th May – Third Class trip to Rathbeggan Lakes, Dunshaughlin

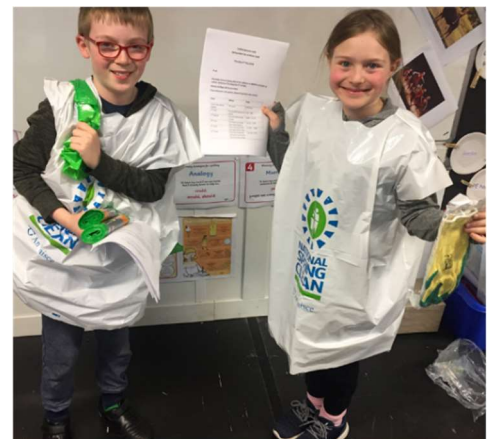
Book Money due

Your child’s book money is due shortly. This costs €110 for all children from Junior Infants to 5th Class inclusive. This year, you will be able to use our Aladdin online payment facility to make your book money payment, which will make it easier for you to pay and easier for the office to track payments. We will send you full details of how this system will work next week.

National Clean-Up Day

Many thanks to Cathal for organising National Clean-Up Day in the school. An Taisce’s National Spring Clean, Ireland’s premier anti-litter programme, takes place during the whole month of April every year. An Taisce’s Environmental Education Unit is a founding member of the Clean Europe Network. The Clean Europe Network brings together Europe’s leading litter prevention organisations in an EU-level network to share knowledge and transfer best practice. The Green council have been doing a great job raising awareness about this with all the school community. You can see their display on the top of the front stairs to the building.

See photos of Junior Infants cleaning the yard below



Junior Infant News

Big thanks to Paula (Teddy’s Mum) for coming in to both Junior Infant classes and doing drama lessons on Poetry/Pajama day. It was fantastic to watch the children engage and get so much fun and enjoyment out of the sessions.

Lost Property

Weather permitting, I will be putting out the unclaimed lost property in the yard tomorrow. Any unclaimed items will be taken to the clothes bank.

Our Chicks Have Hatched!

As promised, 21 days later, our chicks have hatched. The picture says it all. It was fun and created a great learning opportunity. Many thanks to Anne Marie for organising this. The chicks will now go to a free range farm.



P.A. Rep needed for the Board of Management

Last reminder that a vacancy exists on the Board of Management for a PA rep (a father) to take over from Mal Sweetman. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Margaret Cashman Margaret.cashman@gmail.com by tomorrow. The commitment involves one meeting per month which is held on a Tuesday.

Santry Athletics

Santry trials took place yesterday and the children will be notified of the teams today (Thursday). We were thrilled with how many people tried out, and with the positive attitude, sportspersonship and fun that was had by all. Massive thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped over the past few weeks and who were so encouraging of our budding athletes.

May Bank Holiday

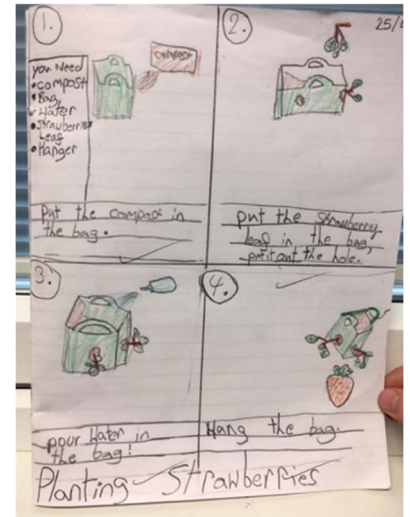
A reminder that the school will be closed for the May Bank Holiday for three days from Monday 7th May to Wednesday 9th May inclusive. School will re-open on Thursday 10th May at 8.30am. We hope you all have a lovely long weekend.

Procedural Writing

As part of the Agri Aware Programme, 2nd Class is planting strawberries and potatoes ... we have fingers firmly crossed for some shoots. There are free farm visits for all, organised in Dublin, Wicklow, Cork and Mayo on Monday May 7th as part of National Open Farm Day.

See the website for further details. www.agriaware.ie/openfarm

Here's a lovely piece of procedural writing by Paddy.



Students of the Week

This week's Students of the Week are Reuben & Zoe (Junior Infants Clare); Sonny & Olivia (Junior Infants Cian); Caitlin, Oisín & Roisin (Senior Infants Ruth); Ellen H., Charlie & Isaac (Senior Infants Simon); Theo, Juliette & Emily (1st Class); Aoibhinn, Chloe & Danny (2nd Class); Darragh, Lois & Sean (3rd Class); Kate and Ian (4th Class); Finn & Anna (5th Class) and Joanna & Emma (6th Class). Well done everybody.


Parenting Courses from Onefamily.ie

We have been asked to let you know that there are some places remaining on the One Parenting courses due to start in the next couple of weeks as per the chart. These are for one parent families only.

Adh Mór
(Best wishes),
Eddie
(Príomhoide)

PARENTING COURSES Spring 2018

ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS
MANAGE DIFFICULT BEHAVIOURS
STRENGTHEN YOUR FAMILY UNIT

Venue	Course	Day	Time	Dates
	Family Communications: Parenting Teens	Wednesday	10am to 12pm	9 May - 27 June 2018
	Family Communications: Parenting After Separation	Thursday	6.30pm to 8.30pm	10 May - 28 June 2018
	Self care and Personal Growth when Parenting	Thursday	10am to 12pm	10 May - 28 June 2018

8 week course €40 unwaged / €60 waged
Book now at 01 662 9212 or info@onefamily.ie



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Some photos of Junior Infants hard at work cleaning the yard

