

# GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

27<sup>th</sup> September 2018

A Chairde (Friends),

## *Orientation Meetings*

Our Orientation meetings have now finished. They were a great success and we had over 80% attendance. Many thanks to all the parents who attended.

## *Health and Safety Statement and Fire Drill*

Over the summer we worked on our Health and Safety Statement which is over 100 pages long. We will have a fire drill next week.

## *Tree Week*

Tree Week takes place next week. We are hoping that classes from Rang (class) 1 to Rang 6 will go to a local park and will need some parent helpers. If you can help out, please contact your child's teacher.

## *Parent's Association - After School Activities*

All offers for PA After School Activities have been issued this week. PLEASE RESPOND TO [gbmdsafterschool@gmail.com](mailto:gbmdsafterschool@gmail.com) IF YOU WILL **NOT** BE TAKING UP THE OFFER. This means we can make further offers to those on waitlists. Payment of stripe invoice (also sent this week) guarantees your child's place. If you haven't received an offer it means unfortunately your child hasn't a place in the registered activity this term.

## *6<sup>th</sup> Class Heritage in Schools*

6<sup>th</sup> class had a visit from Dr Nora White this week - an expert on ancient Ogham Stones. Nora worked with the class all day and everybody got to visit the History Museum on Merrion Square. More info and a report to follow on the Website.



## *Voluntary Parental Contributions*

A link will be sent today as mentioned last week.

## *6<sup>th</sup> class 2018 prominent in Junior Entrepreneur feature on Independent.ie*

There is a great piece on the Junior Entrepreneur Programme which took place in Sixth Class last year.

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/education/young-griffith-students-may-be-green-but-theyre-not-lacking-in-ability-37352343.html>

We hope to take part in the programme again this year. Many thanks to Anita who put lots of work into organising this project and to business owner and GBMDS parent Sinéad Deegan, who gave invaluable advice to all our entrepreneurs.

The Men's Shed is based in Dublin 12 and helped us a lot with our Window boxes last year. More information on their work and how to join can be sourced at <https://www.facebook.com/D12mensshed>



## *The Daily Mile*

The Daily Mile is a simple but ground-breaking initiative, encouraging primary schools and nurseries to take children outside running for approximately 10 minutes each day. The aim of The Daily Mile is to improve the physical, emotional, social, health and wellbeing of children in Ireland and around the world - regardless of age or personal circumstances - and to create healthy habits for life. It is a free and effective programme that any school can implement without the need for staff training, and its impact can be transformational – improving not only the children's fitness, but also their concentration levels, mood, behaviour and general wellbeing. 3rd and 4th class will be taking part in the daily mile this year. More information on the daily mile can be found at <https://thedailymile.ie/>

## Building Sub Committee

Jenny and I attended the official opening of Stepside ETNS this week. There are now 94 schools within the network. During the summer we invited the Building Sub-Committee to the school to see the new building. The Building Sub-Committee played a pivotal role in making the new building a reality.

## Students of the Week

Well done to all our Students of the week.

<http://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Students-of-the-Week/3787/Index.html>

## Assembly

It is fitting this week that in Assembly we are looking at democracy. As we embark on the presidential campaign, Griffith Barracks students will be holding elections to the Student Dáil and exploring what exactly is democracy. We will also be examining different forms of democracy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Arn8Fp1jyok&list=PL1775CD2417822B7A>

In our Junior Assembly we worked on sharing and taking turns.



Some Séan Scully inspired paintings in Junior Infants Cathal



Learning goals are so important– Watch this space in first class Anne Marie!



Check out what 5th class are reading at the moment



Pearse College  
Community Market

*Fresh & Local  
Market Produce*

**10am - 3pm  
Every Saturday**

*Beginning Saturday 29th September*

*Our Community  
Your College*

[www.pearsecollege.ie](http://www.pearsecollege.ie)



***Our former hosts and friends in Pearse College are starting a community Market this weekend. They hope to make it a weekly event.***

Bíodh deireadh seachtaine deas agaibh (Have a lovely weekend),

Beir Bua (Best wishes),  
Eddie