

# GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

24<sup>th</sup> January 2019

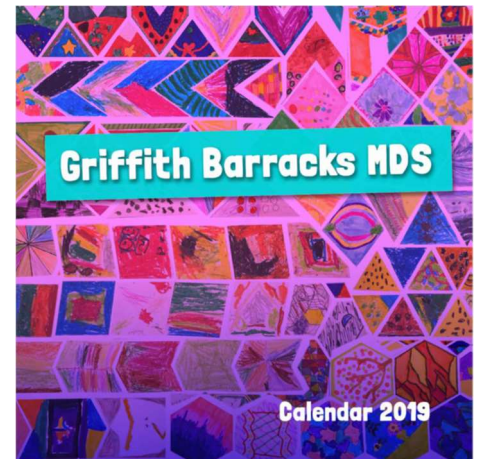
A Chairde (Friends),

## School Calendar

A shout out to any parents who have a connection to local shops and businesses. We are hoping to sell our remaining calendars at the amazing price of 5€. If you have any connections let me know and I can drop in some calendars. Many thanks to 3<sup>rd</sup> class parent Emma who took some already.

## Code of Conduct – Positive Behaviour Policy

Our ongoing work on the positive behaviour policy continues. We will work with our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes next week and I hope to attach a final draft with next week's Newsletter.



## Grandparent's Day Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of February – Save the Date

**Grandparents Day will take place at 11am to 12.30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of February.** All grandparents and special older relatives of every child in the school are welcome. The day will consist of a tour of the school and a look at the history of the Guard House followed by visits to the classrooms. We will round off the morning with some Tea/Coffee and light Refreshments provided by the PA. This is always a much looked forward to event and the children absolutely love it. We also have our lift now if the stairs might put off any attendees coming.

## ICT

This week the staff have been working on our Digital Learning Framework. ICT is an amazing tool which enhances the learning of all students within the school. This year we hope to purchase a group set of devices which will enable whole class work in every curricular area supported by ICT.

## Quiz

The School will host an inter school quiz on January 30<sup>th</sup> in the hall. We will have guests from our friends in:

- Canal Way ETNS
- Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School
- Stepside ETNS
- St. Catherine's NS
- Firhouse ETNS
- Ballinteer ETNS

It promises to be a great event and a great way to meet our counterparts in other schools. Our school quiz team will take part in the Credit Union quiz on Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Taney Parish Hall.

## Junior Infant Parent Teacher Meetings

**Junior Infant parent teacher meetings take place this term on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of February.** Meeting times can be booked through the Aladdin App from tomorrow afternoon. You will get an email when the booking window opens. Parent teacher meetings are an opportunity to meet the teacher away from the busy day to day running of the classroom. They are a really valuable part of the school year.

## Curriculum News

Gaeilge: I am looking for any parents who might be able to help with some Gaeilge workshops I hope to run during March in the older classes. I need three parents who have some Irish and don't mind giving it a go. I am hoping to do three workshops over three weeks in fifth and sixth classes based around the Irish circle model where we would have 4 to 5 stations based around different themes. I will have everything prepared and your Irish does not have to be amazing to take part. If you would like to take part just contact me at [eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie](mailto:eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie) The

workshops would take place on a weekday morning just after drop off to lessen the time for any parent with work commitments. Bain Trial as!

### PA News

An update on the PA AGM is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 at 7.30pm in the school - all parents and guardians are very welcome. The PA council has changed a bit over the last year. Details of these changes and some new developments regarding the After School Activities (ASAs) will all be discussed. A Constitution for the PA has been drafted and will be proposed for adoption - a preview will be posted and uploaded to the PA link on the school website shortly.

If you're thinking you'd like to do something for the school, now's your chance, as new officers will be appointed - in particular co-Chair, co- Secretary and Treasurer. This is your PA and the AGM is a great way to say hi to other parents and see what's going on.

If you want to propose any motions for the AGM, please submit to the PA by the 30<sup>th</sup> January. Looking forward to meeting you then.

### After School Activities

Children taking part in After School Activities are collected by the supervisor in the yard and brought to their class by the supervisor and teacher.

### Peace Proms

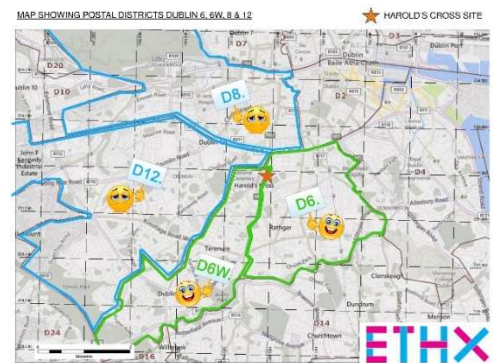
Peace Proms preparation continues as the big day approaches.

### ETHX Campaign Public Meeting

Will you help us change the minds of politicians and the Minister for Education on the new Harold's Cross second-level school catchment area? Children from Dublin 8 and 12, and not just Dublin 6 and 6W, should be eligible to attend this school in their locality.

The ETHX campaign will hold a **public meeting** in the Griffith Barracks school hall on **Thursday 31 January at 7.30pm**. Politicians and public representatives will be there. We will be there. Will you? We really need your support. Please sign up to attend on the night by clicking [here](#)

If the link doesn't work, please copy and paste this into your browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K8WQMHD>



### Students of the Week



Congratulations to all our students of the week.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Class Ethics Trip this morning

5<sup>th</sup> Class visited the Dublin Hebrew Centre in Terenure this morning on an Ethics trip, where they got a tour of the Synagogue and got to learn lots about Judaism.



### Open Day in St. Patrick's Grammar School for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class Students and Parents

A reminder that St. Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School will hold an Open Day for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class students and their parents tomorrow afternoon.

### Official Opening

We are still trying to finalise our guest of honour for our official opening. We now hope that the day will happen in April/May. I will hopefully have a more concrete date in the next few weeks – Watch this Space!

### Enrolment

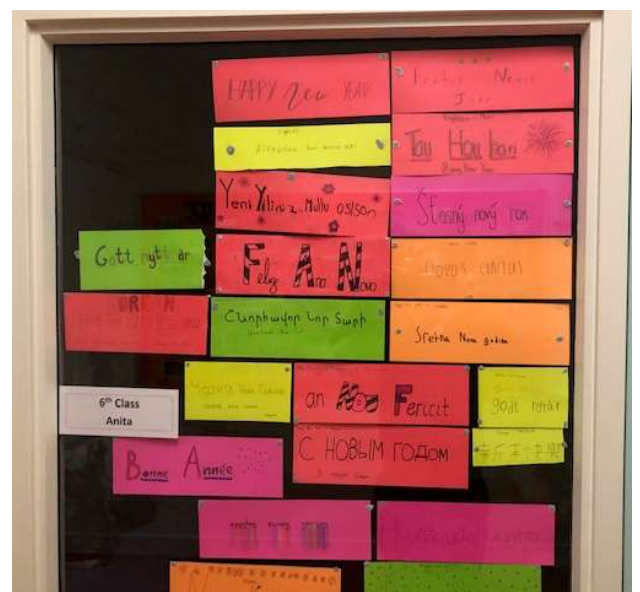
Tuesday is the closing date for acceptances of first round offers for Junior Infants 2019. A reminder to any siblings to get their acceptances back to the school before the deadline. We will then proceed to the second round of offers.

### Library

Many thanks to our Library Committee for all their work on the amazing space in the Guardhouse. We are reaching the end of our design phase and will shortly go to tender for building our shelving. Watch this Space x 2.

### Wall Mural

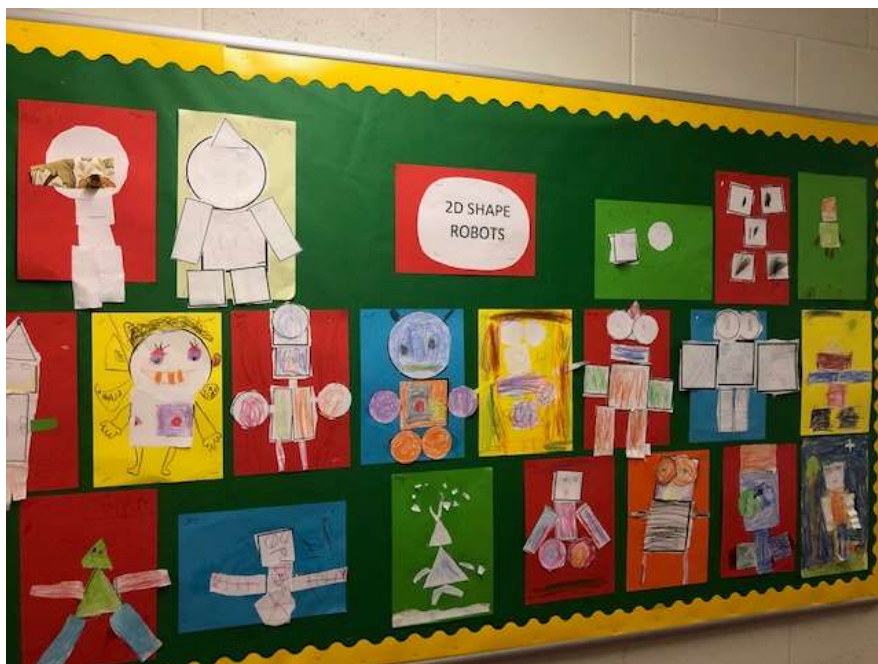
Over the coming months we will be working with 3<sup>rd</sup> class parent and muralist, Fintan Kennedy, on a project that will make our wall the envy of schools everywhere. We are going to do some work with all the children to get ideas. We also need to skim plaster the wall before the mural can go on it. If we have anybody with building skills who may be able to help us with this, get in touch with me at [eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie](mailto:eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie). Watch this Space x 3.



6<sup>th</sup> class say Happy New Year in different Languages

### 6<sup>th</sup> Class Food Extravaganza

6<sup>th</sup> class had an amazing Food Fayre in their class this week. Working together they created food suited to different parts of the day. I can safely say it was the highest standard of preparation, presentation and knowledge around nutrition that I have ever seen. Many thanks to Anita for organising and to sixth class for doing such a great job – Maith Sibh! (well done).



Junior Infants Cathal have amazing 2D shape art.



*New Year's Resolutions from Junior Infants Cian*



*Third Class have been looking at the Rights of the Child*



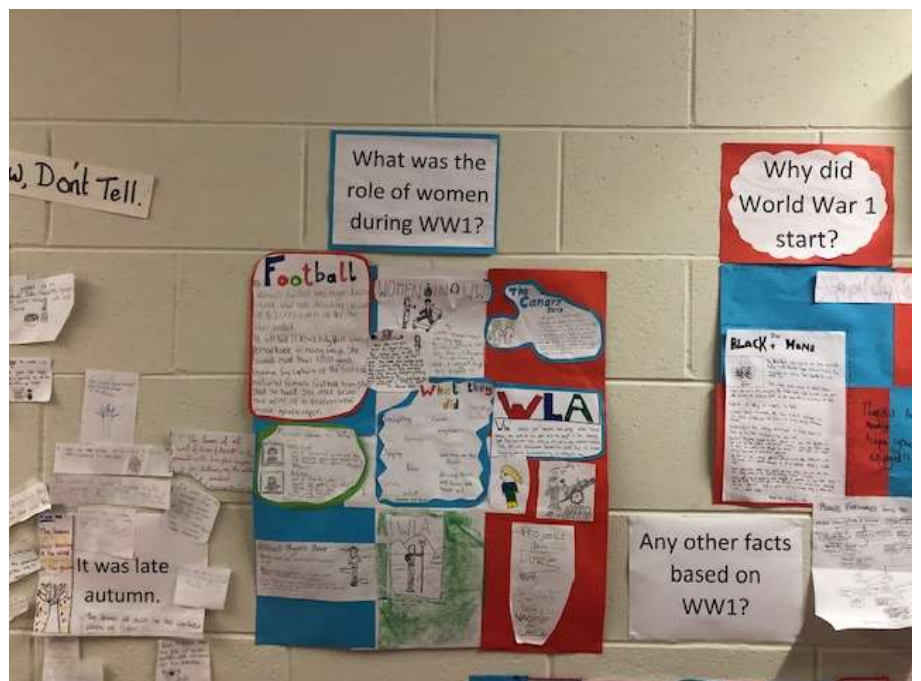
*Really interesting piece by 5th class based on "If the world had 100 people"*



*Third Class have made a timeline of Griffith Barracks*



5th Class look at the physical and political geography of Europe



5th Class have been looking at World War 1 and in particular the role of Women

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