GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

31st January 2019

A Chairde (Friends),

Griffith Barracks has been a great place to be this week. There have been lots of great learning taking place and a busy few days of events.

PA AGM and new Officers

The PA are hosting their AGM next week. I want to thank all the outgoing officers for all their hard work and dedication to the school. Their work on processes and governance will benefit the school for many years to come. The PA is a great way to get involved in the school and a super way to be an agent for the betterment of the school. If you are thinking of getting involved and are not sure what to expect get in touch with me and I will talk you through it. Apart from all those noble reasons – the PA is a place where friendships are formed and fun is had. As a community we are all here for the children and with this as our guiding light we can't go wrong!

Code of Conduct – Positive Behaviour Policy

Attached is the Positive Behaviour Policy which the whole school community has been working on over the last number of months. The current Code of Conduct is up on the school website which will enable you to see any changes that have been enacted in the new policy. Many thanks to all staff, students, parents and other stakeholders who have been part of this comprehensive review.

Grandparent's Day Thursday 14thof February – Save the Date

Grandparents Day will take place at 11am to 12.30pm on Thursday 14th of February. All grandparents and special older relatives of every child in the school are welcome. Every child got an invitation during the week in their bag. Return the invite to the class teacher if you have anyone who can attend. We are looking for volunteers to help with tea and coffee for the end of the event - contact the PA or Eddie if you can help out.

Quiz

The School was awash with quiz buffs yesterday as 6th Class and representatives of 5th class pitted their wits against our friends and neighbours in:

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

It was a great event and all the children had a great time. One of our fifth class teams were among the prize winners. We hope to run the same event next year. On Saturday GBMDS will take part in the Credit Union Quiz – They will do us proud.

Junior Infant Parent Teacher Meetings

Junior Infant parent teacher meetings will take place this term on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th of February. Don't forget to book your appointment on the Aladdin app. Immunisations take place next Monday in Junior Infants. Cathal and Cian have sent out a note to Junior Infant parents by email with specific information.

Curriculum News

Many thanks to the parents who responded to my Irish circles call out. I need one more parent so get in touch if you think you can help. It will be great fun and the children will really gain confidence using the Irish they have. Contact eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie if you would like to join in the fun.
We are currently looking at our music programme and hope to trial a new programme for next year. Its great to see so many people working on their spelling through the Nessy programme. We can really see that the consistent practice and engagement in the programme is helping during discrete spelling lessons and in reading and writing across the board. There is super maths work going on during Ready Set Go Maths. One volunteer parent tells me it's the highlight of her week. Thanks to all staff and parents for making this such an enriching experience for the children.

PA News from the PA

The PA AGM is scheduled for next Wednesday 6th 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. Looking forward to meeting you then. Attached is the agenda and the draft constitution.

After School Activities

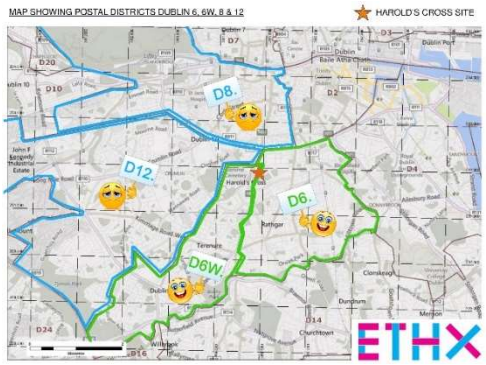
Children taking part in After School Activities are collected by the supervisor in the yard and brought to their class by the supervisor and teacher.

Peace Proms

Peace Proms preparation continues as the big day approaches on Sunday. Many thanks to Jenny, Clare and Anne Marie for all their work over the past number of months. We are all going to have a great time on Sunday night. Specific arrangements have been emailed to all the participants. To give you an idea of the event, there is a link below to the concert from 2017 which I was lucky enough to attend. There will be a performance of the songs by the GBMDS choir on Friday 8th February from 1.50pm to 2.30pm for parents who couldn't get tickets for the show. It will be a celebration of all their hard work and achievements over the last few months.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTZ_kIArfS8

ETHX Campaign Public Meeting

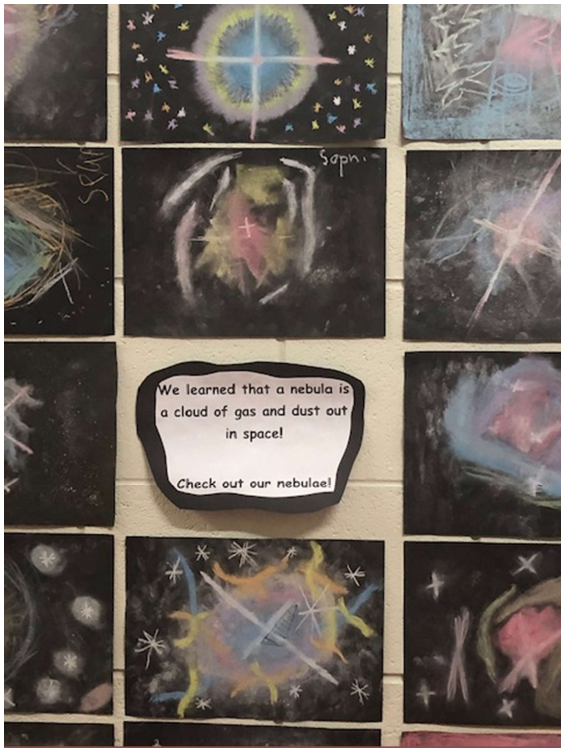
Will you help us change the minds of politicians and the Minister for Education on the new Harold's Cross second-level school catchment area? Children from Dublin 8 and 12, and not just Dublin 6 and 6W, should be eligible to attend this school in their locality.
The ETHX campaign will hold a **public meeting** in the Griffith Barracks school hall **Tonight 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.

Painting in Rang 3



Rang 4 artwork based on Space

Figure 1 Great work around the Titanic in Rang 2

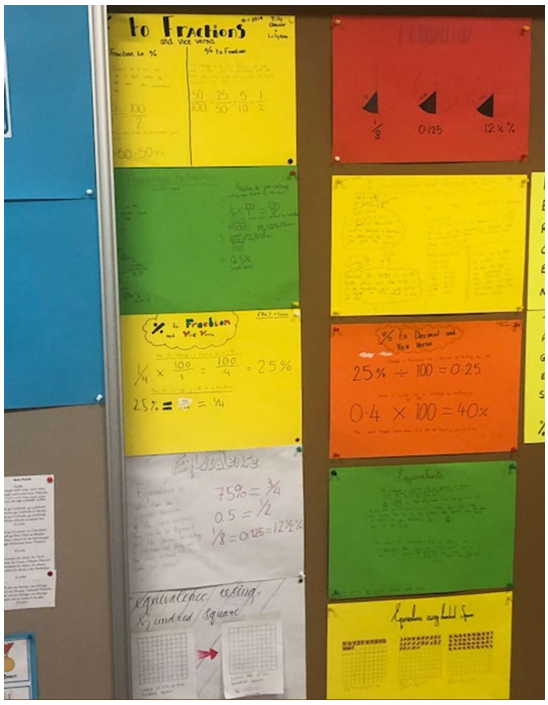


Figure 2 Rang 6 are studying all aspects of Fractions

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