

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

10th October 2019

A Chairde (Friends),

Internet Safety Day

Yesterday was Internet Safety day at GBMDS. We had workshops in all classes from R2 to R6. The staff had their workshop after school and we had a parents talk in the hall. There were great discussions and learning from all involved. The children learned:

- how to stop, block and tell,
- the t-shirt rule (never post anything that you wouldn't like to see on your T shirt),
- to have a 'chat buddy' to share everything with about their experiences on the internet.

It was great to see so many parents come to the talk. If you would like more information on the workshops and the provider, you can follow the link at <https://zeeko.ie/>

Reminder - Lines in the Morning

We would really appreciate if parents are mindful about not walking through the lines in the morning drop off. This particularly applies to Infant parents walking through R1, 2 and 3 lines after they have dropped off. This helps the line move along easily as it can be confusing for the children if adults are walking through and they don't know if they can continue or not.

School Noticeboard

Please keep an eye on our school noticeboard outside the main reception door. This is where we post any local notices that we feel may be of interest to parents in the school. It is regularly updated.



Note from PA re the School Fair

This school year there will be one School Fair happening in the Spring instead of one in Winter and one in Summer. We hope it will be a great school and community event, as the others have been, but it requires a lot of support from parents. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the PA. If you're new to the school and wondering what the school fair is, please contact us also as there are lots of photos from past fairs. We'll be starting to plan the fair at the next PA meeting on Tuesday November 5th at 7.30pm so please do come along.

This year it's hoped the children can get involved too. As part of the Creative Schools initiative (<http://www.artscouncil.ie/creative-schools>), the children and parents of selected classes will run some stalls.

Library News

Many thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to help out with the Library this **Saturday 12th September from 10:30am - 1:30pm**. We will be sorting books alphabetically, putting books on shelves, adding barcodes to books and entering books into the computer library system.

A big thank you to parents who are willing to get involved and just can't make this Saturday.

Friday 18th October at 2:40pm is our next library helping day. Please contact Jenny if you'd like to volunteer your help, thank you, jenny.mccrohan@griffithbarracks.ie

Intercultural day

The schools Intercultural Day will take place on Thursday 28th of November. This event is always a great event in the school calendar. If you would like to take part or volunteer contact Anita at anita.dermody@griffithbarracks.ie

Spooky Sponsored Walk

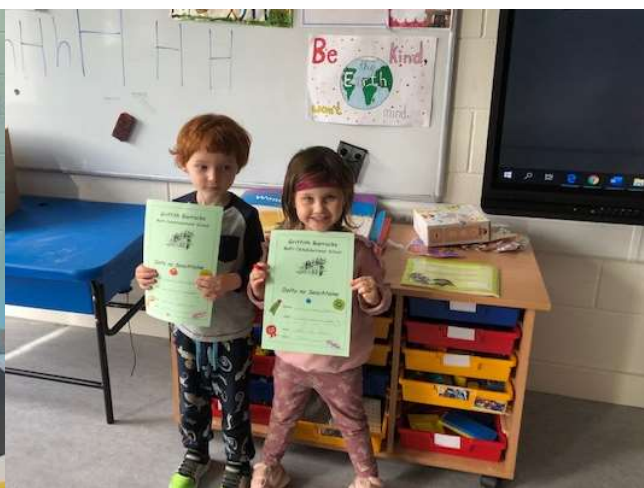
Our Spooky Sponsored Walks will take place on 25th October. This year we will be raising money for ICT equipment, a Bubble Tube for our Sensory Room and some soft furnishing for our Library. **Sponsorship cards will go out next Tuesday.** This is always a great event. The money is going to great use. Give as much or as little as you can and if you can't help this time, there will be other opportunities over the year.

Payments to the School

Many thanks for all the voluntary contributions we received in the last week. We really couldn't provide the service we do here without them. We will open the window for trips and workshops payments after the mid-term break. The voluntary contribution window remains open for the year.

Students of the week

Well done to all our students of the week.



Kevin Street Garda Station Open Day

This Sunday, 13th October 2019, Superintendent John Gordon of Kevin Street Garda Divisional Headquarters is hosting a Station Open Day. The event will run from 2-5pm (Autism Friendly from 2-2:30pm [No Lights or Sirens]), during which time members of the public are invited to tour the station, meet with various local and national units (including Garda Dog Unit, Garda Armed Support Unit and many more), view and experience various Garda vehicles and equipment etc. This is a family event and everyone is welcome. Please see attached poster.

Rubrics

This year the teachers will be working on developing Rubrics to help students evaluate and assess their own work as well as engaging in productive teacher and student conversations. Find out more about Rubrics below.

<https://teaching.berkeley.edu/resources/improve/evaluate-course-level-learning/rubrics>

Accommodation Sought

There are some parents in the school who are looking for accommodation over the next number of months as their leases are up. If anybody knows of any accommodation available that accepts HAP payments, please get in contact with me in confidence at eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie and I will put you in touch with the families involved.

Gaeilge

We are making Gaeilge (Irish) more visible around the school. This will give more scaffolds for the children when speaking and will promote more ease and frequency in speaking.



Beir Bua,
Eddie (Príomhoide)





Figure 1 Great to connect to

Actual artists in Junior Infants Cathal

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sean_Scully

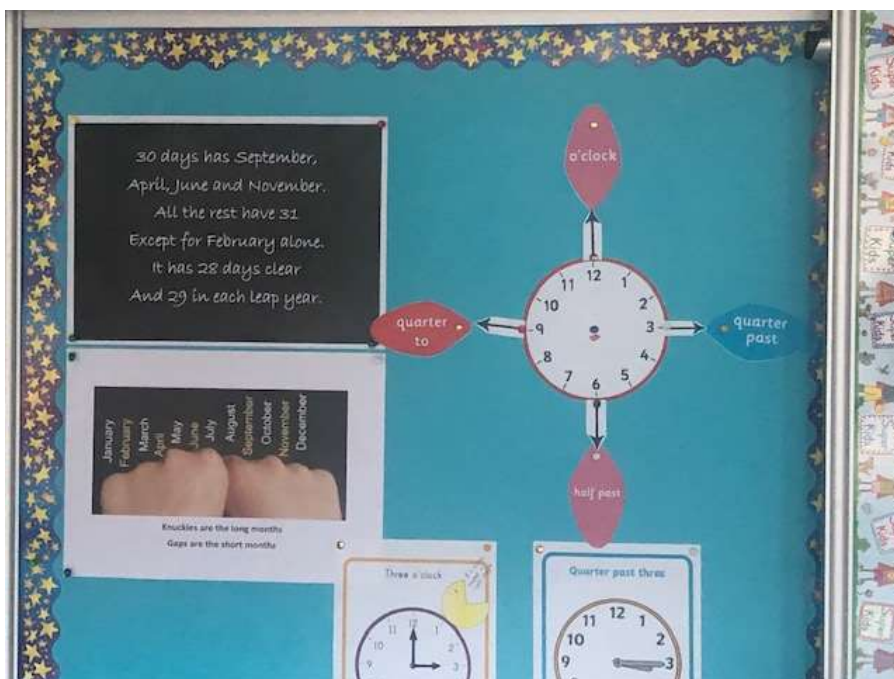


Figure 2 Great work on Time in R2 Anita - that rhyme never gets old

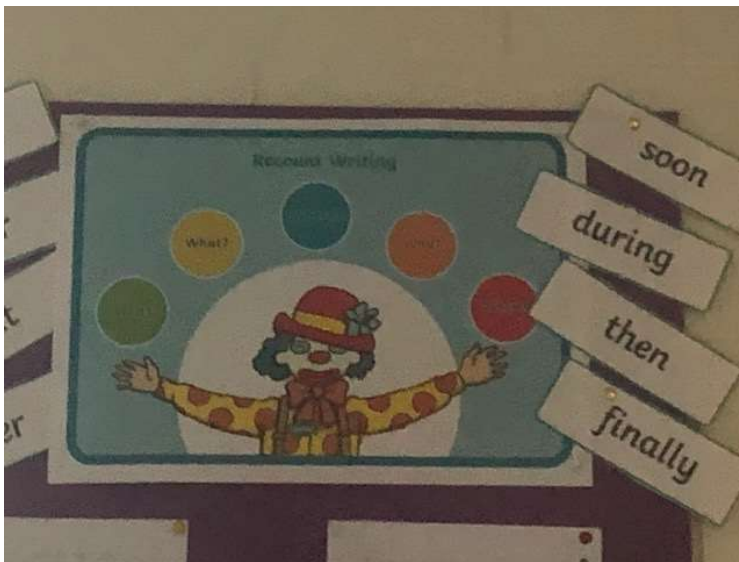


Figure 3 All classes are focusing on recount writing this month

<https://www.literacyideas.com/recounts/>



Figure 4 The shop is open - Socio dramatic play in SI Claire



Figure 5 Designing Stamps in R3 Derek



Figure 6 5th class went a great maths trip to castletown House



Figure 7 Nessie is helping us all with our spelling



Figure 8 Great work on the Lorax in SI Ruth

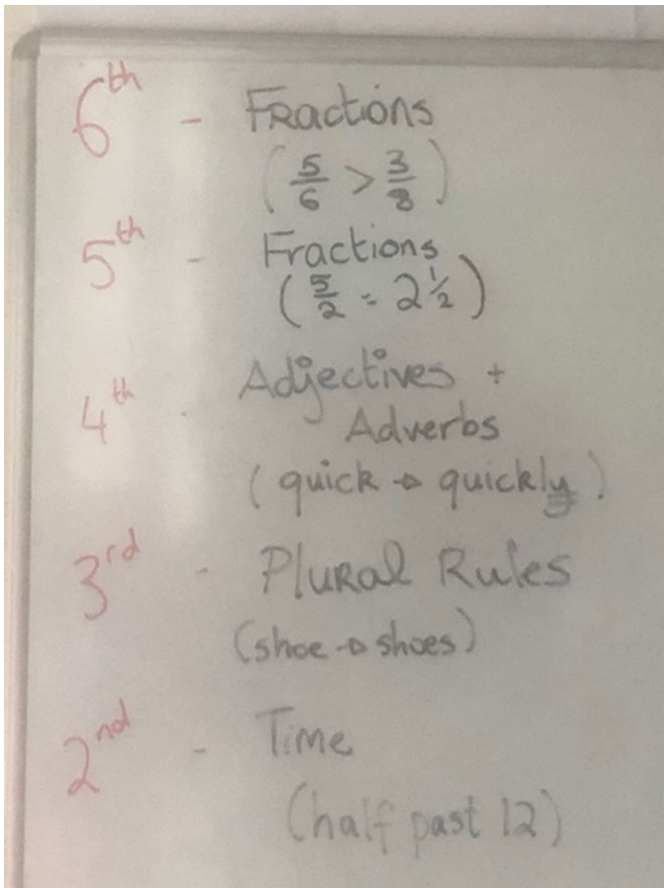


Figure 9 Lots of work happening in Bens mainstream inclusion classes