

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

7th November 2019

A Chairde (Friends),

Parent Teacher meetings

Parents can sign up through Aladdin for parent teacher meetings which take place on Tuesday and Wednesday 19th and 20th November for Senior Infants to 6th Class. The window for booking appointments will close on Friday 15th November. After this, time slots will be allocated to parents who have not signed up. Contact the office if you are having any technical difficulties and we will do our best to help you.

The school will close early at 2.15pm in line with Department guidelines on both days. Junior Infant meetings will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday 11th and 12th February next.

Swimming – 5th and 3rd Class

Reminder - 5th Class and 3rd Class will begin their swimming sessions tomorrow and will continue until 10th January. Please ensure you have completed your child's Permission Slip for Swimming on Aladdin as they won't be able to go unless this is completed.

Spooky Sponsored Walk

Many thanks to all the families and friends of GBMDS who contributed to our spooky sponsored walk. Unfortunately, the weather was too bad to complete the walk on the day so we will go for the walk together during the month of November. No need to dress up this time though!

Intercultural Day - Note from the Ethics Committee

We're really excited about Intercultural Day that will begin at drop-off on Thursday 28th November.

- Breakfast will start at 8.50am and run until 9.30am. All parents are welcome to stay and join in the fun.
- There will be a disco from 1.40pm to 2.10pm. Infant parents and children are welcome to attend the disco after collection time.
- A wide variety of workshops have been arranged for the children around the intercultural theme.
- Lots of parents have volunteered to prepare a food item from their culture but we still need more. It is not possible to cook food on site so please prepare bitesize portions in advance. There are children with nut allergies in the school so please avoid using nuts. Also, let us know what country you're representing, and we'll prepare flags and banners.

If you can help us with this, contact anita.dermody@griffithbarracks.ie. We're really looking forward to the day.

Payments to the School

Payment for trip money, swimming and workshops is now due and can be paid on Aladdin. Junior and Senior Infants pay €40 and 1st – 6th Class pay €90 (includes the cost of swimming). Please pay this at your earliest convenience. It is possible to pay it in two instalments if you wish (minimum payment set at €40 per instalment). Voluntary Contributions remain open for the year if you have not yet made a contribution and are in a position to do so.

Attendance

Attendance in our school is very good. Tusla has launched a campaign called **"Every School Day Counts"** for the month of November. Check out some of these tips from parents and info on attendance and punctuality.

Library

A thousand books have now been entered into our system and we are looking to scan and alphabetise another 4,000! In order to complete this task, we are looking for a group of parents who can help scan and alphabetise. It is very straightforward to scan in the books (no previous experience is needed). We're proposing two possible dates, the first is Saturday 16th (10-1pm) and if we need to do more, the subsequent date is Saturday 23rd November. Please email Jenny at jenny.mccrohan@griffithbarracks.ie if you can help, many thanks.

This week in Assembly

This week in assembly we looked at dreams and goals. We spoke about the women's hockey team who have just qualified for the Olympics and read the life story of Jane Goodall who followed her dream to work with chimpanzees in Tanzania.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Jane-Goodall-Little-People-Dreams/dp/1786032945>



Save the Date Winter Celebration

We will all gather together for our end of term celebration on Thursday 19th December. There will be two shows:

Show 1 - 9.05am - Junior Infants, Senior Infants, Rang 5, Rang 6

Show 2 – 11am - Rang 1, 2, 3, 4

This day is always one of the special days of the year and shows off our community at its best.

Students of the Week

Well done to all our students of the week.



GBMDS – Around the School

Figure 1 Lord Sugar would invest in these hoverbikes etc. great persuasive ads in Rang 3 Derek



Figure 2 Learning the letters P, Q and R in

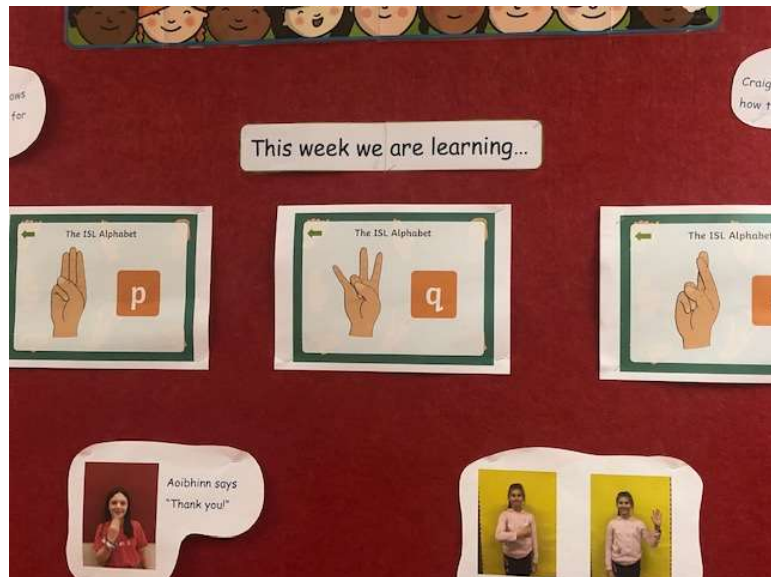


Figure 3 This is a lovely painting by Eoin O'Connor presented to the school by former Principal Sinéad O'Kane

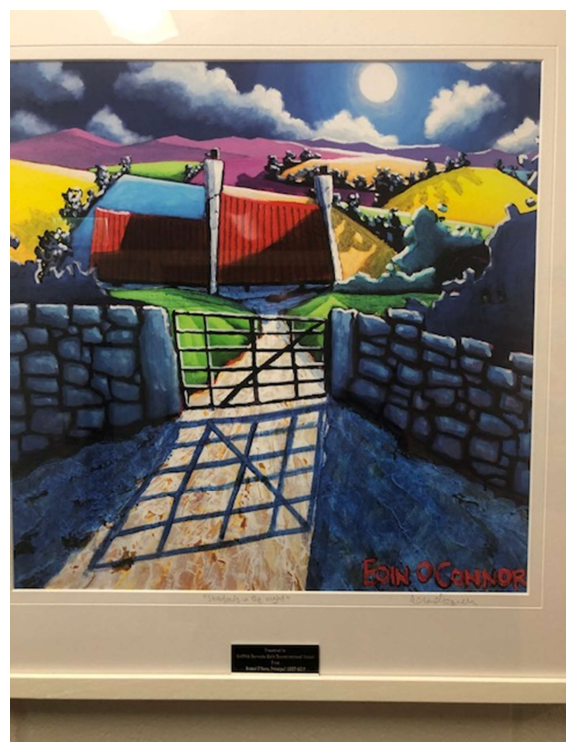




Figure 4 learning about Angles in Rang 4 Eoin



Figure 5 Great Visual Display on Trees in JI Cian

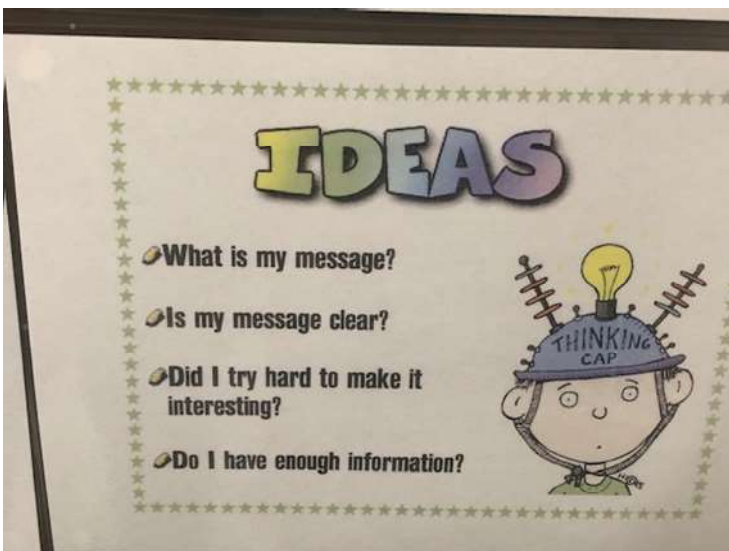


Figure 6 This Traits of writing prompt in Rang 6 Aisling helped me

writing this Newsletter



Figure 7 Superb mixed media art in Rang 1 Anne Marie



Figure 8 Great Work by Rang 6 and Deitmar Weiss on STEAM -

brilliant learning opportunity



Figure 9 great Construction in JI Cathal

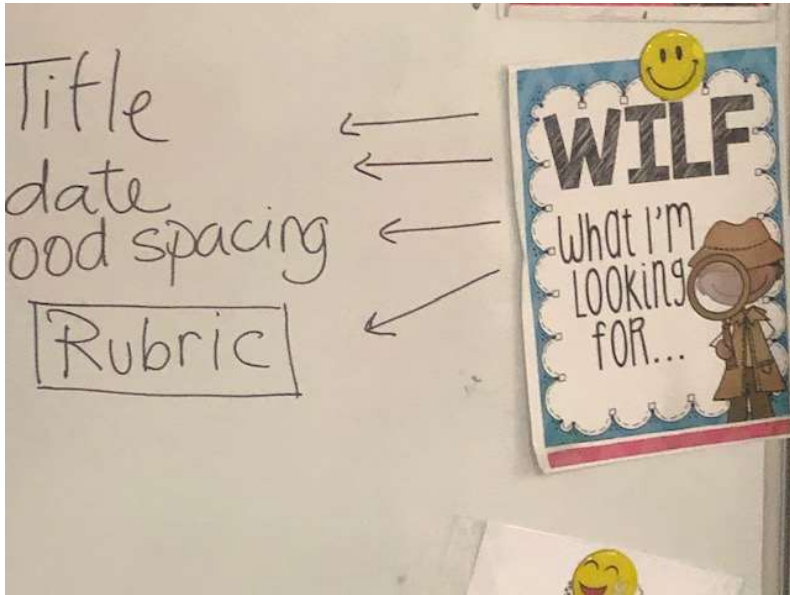


Figure 10 WILF means "What I'm Looking For" - Here Jenny is

clearly sharing learning Intentions



Figure 11: Superb representations of the local built

environment by R2 Anita

Open Day in Stratford College

Stratford College, a small co-educational secondary school in Rathgar has asked us to let you know that they will be holding an Open Day on 17th November from 2pm – 3.30pm.

Beir Bua,
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