

# GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

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5<sup>th</sup> December 2019

A Chairde (Friends),

It has been a wonderful week here at GBMDS. It is always such a pleasure to visit all the classrooms to see the great and innovative work that is going on. This week we did some work as a staff on the teaching of Philosophy to younger and older children <https://www.thephilosophyman.com/>. It was also great to catch up with the Parent's Association who met last night. Many thanks to everyone who has worked on behalf of our community this term. From our RSG Maths volunteers to the Patron gardening group and everyone in between, it's great to be part of such a wonderful community of learning.

## *Save the Date Winter Celebration*

A reminder that we will all gather together for our end of term celebration on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *After School Activities*

A reminder that hurling and camogie have finished up now and that all other after school activities finish up this week, except for Tuesday Art and Soccer, which finish next Tuesday.

## *Recycling of Plastic Waste*

3<sup>rd</sup> Class Derek are looking for somebody who works with or who is knowledgeable about recycling / the environment in relation to plastics and packaging etc and would be able to come in and give a short talk to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class on the subject. If you think you could help, please contact [derek.tiernan@griffithbarracks.ie](mailto:derek.tiernan@griffithbarracks.ie)

## *Payments to the School*

Many thanks to all who have already made a payment for trips, swimming and workshops, which was due at the beginning of November. A reminder to those that haven't made a payment yet to please do so on Aladdin. Junior and Senior Infants pay €40 and 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class pay €90 (includes the cost of swimming). It is possible to pay it in two instalments if you wish (minimum payment set at €40 per instalment).

## *Patron Gardening Group*

Many thanks to all the parents who came to weed our planting beds in the infant yard on Monday. Today some top soil and wooden boards will arrive in order for us to build up the beds so the children can reach them.

### **Friday Dec 6th**

- Raised planters to be built
- Weatherboard will be cut to size and attached to the black back fence
- Volunteers required to assist in the weatherboard construction and attaching weed barrier membrane to the weatherboard to hold the topsoil.
- Some topsoil may be moved into place on Friday

### **Saturday Dec 7th**

- Moving topsoil to beds, covering of beds and clean up. Saturday work days are always a great way to meet other parents and make new friends at GBMDS.

Volunteers and equipment (wheelbarrows!) are needed and all are welcome to help. Please email [patron@griffithbarracks.ie](mailto:patron@griffithbarracks.ie) so we can coordinate. (Aaron, Patron Chairperson)

### Students of the Week

Here are the photos from this week and last week's Students of the Week.



### This week in Assembly

This week in assembly we welcomed the Sam Maguire Cup. We learned about the Sam Maguire cup which is the Men's All Ireland Football Cup and the Martin Cup, which is the cup for the All Ireland Women's Championship. The Active Schools Committee introduced themselves to the school. If you have a picture of a Griffith Barracks student taking part in sport outside of school, send it to [eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie](mailto:eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie) and we will put it on the Griffith Barracks Active Schools board. Our Active Schools committee, led by Cathal, are organising yard games throughout the school to make play time more engaging and enjoyable for all the boys and girls.

Click on the link below to find out more about Active Schools Flag

<https://activeschoolflag.ie/>

### *ISL at GBMDS*

Many thanks to two sixth class students who, with Clare, have made an Irish Sign language video to recap on all the work we have done in ISL this year. We are going to have ISL homework next week and we will email home the video, which is for school use only and not for sharing, so that all the students can practice the signs. Many thanks to Clare for leading this project, which has been such a positive force for the school.

### *Intercultural Day Workshops*

Many thanks to all the facilitators who took part in intercultural day workshops. The Korean School uses our building every Saturday and it was a great experience for the education officer and cultural attaché to give a workshop to third class.



### *Creative Schools*

Jenny captured this wonderful representation of our Creative Schools Committee flying high on South Circular Road.



## Engineering in Action

2<sup>nd</sup> class Anita were inspired by the visit of parent Marcos Sanchez to the school to talk bridge construction. Their constructions are a sight to behold.







Check out Senior Infants Claire's amazing Turkeys



5th Class have been writing some amazing poetry. Watch out for news of our school poetry book volume 2, which we will inform you about in the coming weeks.



Two stars and a wish is one of the ways we give feedback to the children on their work



Diwali display by 3rd Class Derek



2nd Class Jenny working on different types of bridges.



1st Class Anne Marie bringing some sunshine to dark December days.



Van Gogh display by 3rd Class Derek



These questions and answers will help you talk about yourself in Irish. Go on, have a go!



*Check out our Dyslexia Hall of Fame*