

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

12th December 2019

A Chairde (Friends),

Save the Date Winter Celebration

A reminder that 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. It would be great if parents could stay for the entire show as it can be disconcerting for children as they are about to perform if they see parents leaving the hall. Please feel free to stay in the school if you are attending both shows.

Enrolment

Our window for Junior Infant enrolment closes on 31st December 2019. As per our policy Siblings of students within the school are given priority and then a lottery takes place to allocate the remaining places. This lottery takes place on January 7th. Places are offered until the class is full. The Junior Infant Information evening will take place on Tuesday 19th May 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the office if you have any questions. If any parent would like to attend the lottery draw, just contact Rene in the office and you are more than welcome.

Board of Management agreed Report

The new Board of Management met for the first time this week. The Board nominated members for community Representatives. The full Board is now constituted as follows:

Chairperson – Andy Haydu – Patron Representative

Treasurer – Niall Dunne – Parent Representative

Secretary - Eddie Fox – Principal

Clare Dunne – Teacher Representative

Mary Greene – Patron Representative

Aideen Burke – Parent Representative

Diarmuid Collins – Community Representative

Síle Larkin – Community Representative

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 1st - 6th 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

The Patron Gardening group met last Saturday to work on the Infant planting area. We all worked so hard that I forgot to take a picture of all the parents who took part. Many thanks to Aaron (Chairperson) and Przemek (3rd class parent) who did lots of preparatory work on Friday last to make sure the area was ready for the soil to be planted. There is more work to be done on this project and you can get involved through the patron committee at patron@griffithbarracks.ie

Creative Schools Committee

The student led Creative Schools Committee presented at Assembly this week. Amongst the projects that the children will be working on this year are:

- A school quilt designed and made by the children in the school
- A school poetry book by the students of Griffith Barracks which follows up on the first volume of the Griffith Barracks Poetry book in 2014
- The garden project on the roof terrace in conjunction with the Patron Gardening Committee

Students of the Week



Library

A big thank you for all the help we have received with the library. There has been a very loyal team of helpers who have now scanned in more than 3,000 books. We look forward to opening the library to the whole school in 2020. We need about two more days of work alphabetising and shelving and we should be there. Thank you!

This week in Assembly

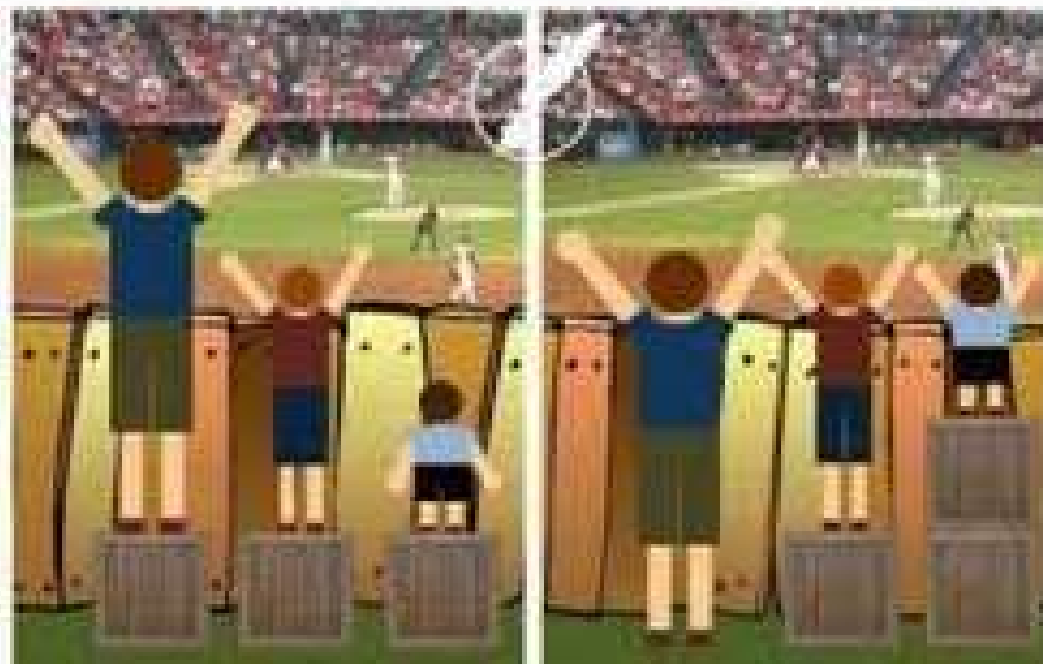
Every week in assembly we focus on an area of ethical education. This week we discussed the concept of equality versus equity

In the Junior assembly we read the story of "Fair is Fair" by Sonny Varella.

"It's not fair!" This is the lament of countless children when they perceive that a sibling or classmate is receiving more. Do special needs for one mean less love for another? This is the question explored in this short children's story of three zoo animals. They learn that being equally loved doesn't necessarily mean that they're treated the exact same. Rather, true love is expressed when each animal gets what they need. We explored this concept in more detail in the senior assembly.

Equality

Equity



Around the School

Links from posts to our website recently.

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Rang-1-have-been-learning-about-all-things-sun-related-in-celebration-of-the-Winter-Solstice/8938/Index.html>

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/YOGA-break-in-Senior-Infants-Ruth/8801/Index.html>

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Designing-Bridges/8664/Index.html>

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Science-workshop-with-Janet-for-both-2nd-Classes/8527/Index.html>

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Post-Office,-Writing-Letters-and-more-in-SI-Ruth/8253/Index.html>

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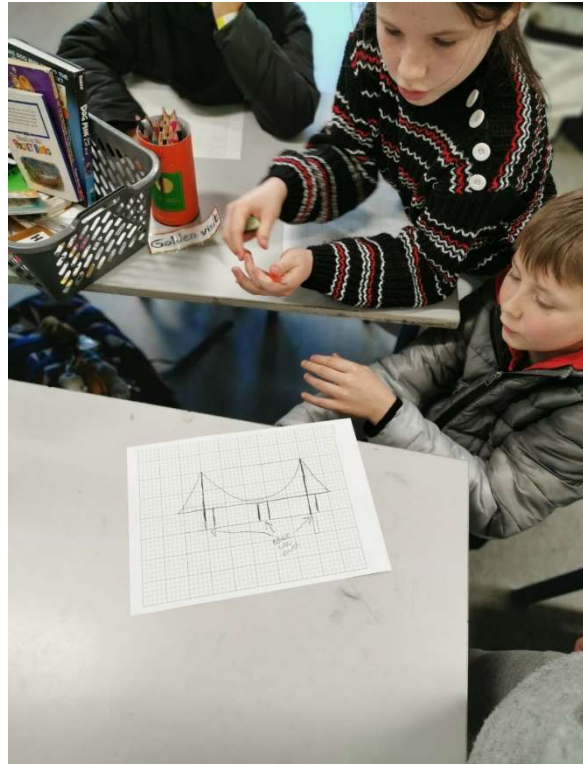
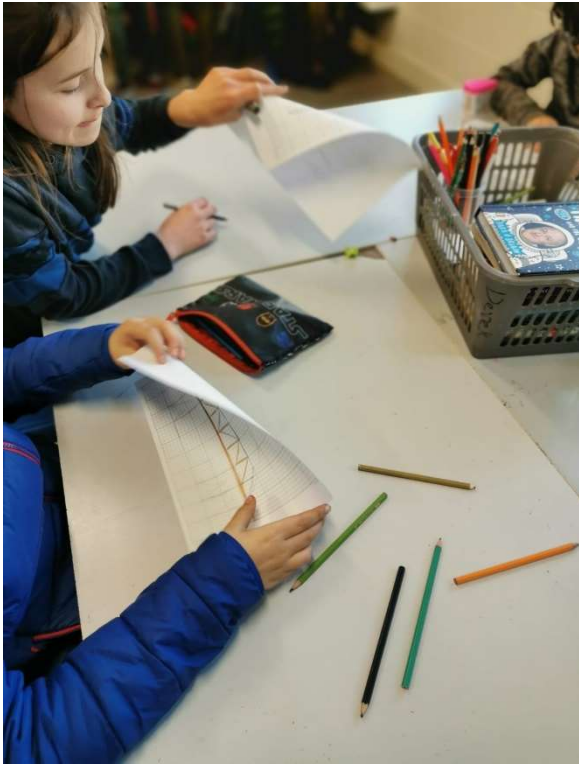


Figure 1 Learning to Build Bridges in 4th Class



Figure 2 Learning about our environment in Senior Infants Claire. Can you spot significant landmarks of SCR and our city?



Figure 3 Senior Infants are learning about Christmas



Figure 4 Many thanks for the sporting photos parents sent in. Keep them coming! Send to eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie

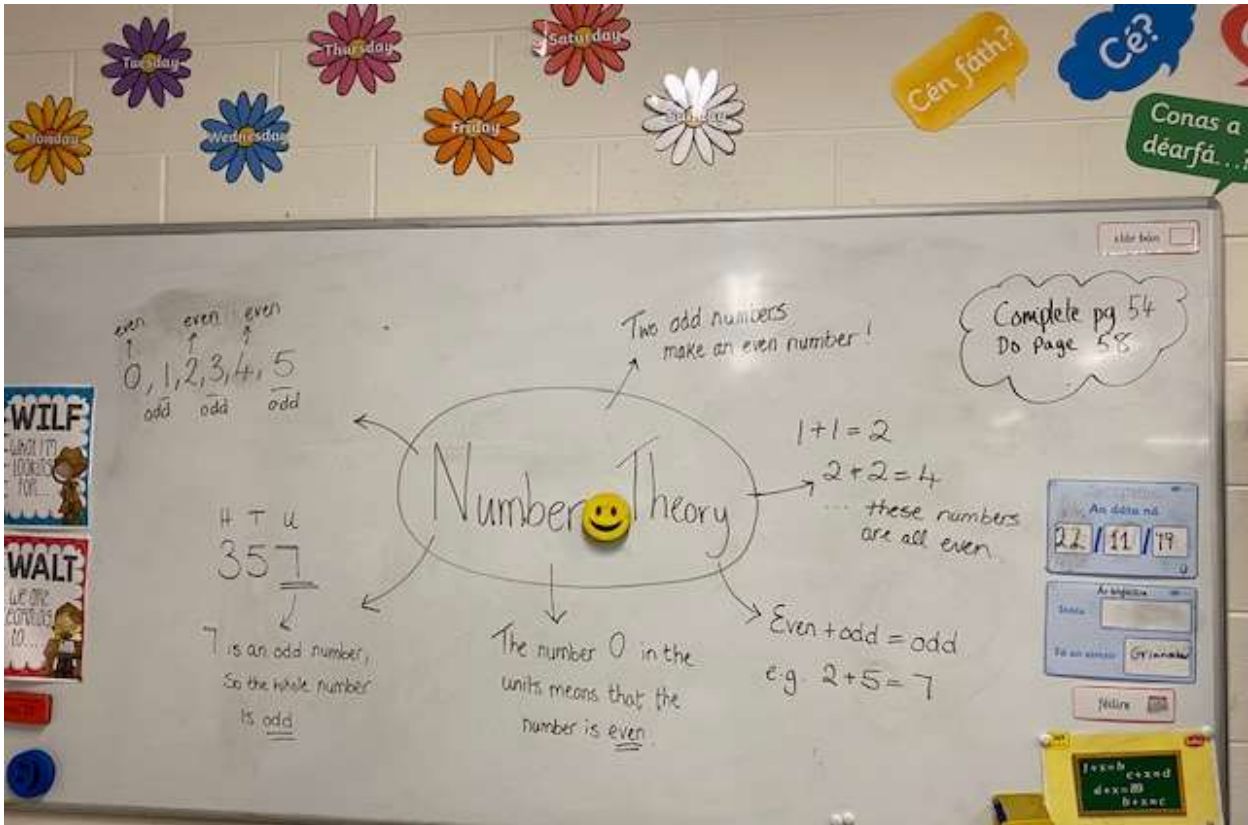


Figure 5 A really good explanation of number theory in 5th Class



Figure 6 The Writer's Workshop is a great way of teaching writing. 1st Class are currently working on this. This display is from Clare Dunne's room.



Figure 7 Bizzy Breaks taking place in 3rd Class Derek



Figure 8 Keeping green in Rang 6



Figure 9 Celebrating Black History Month in Rang 6

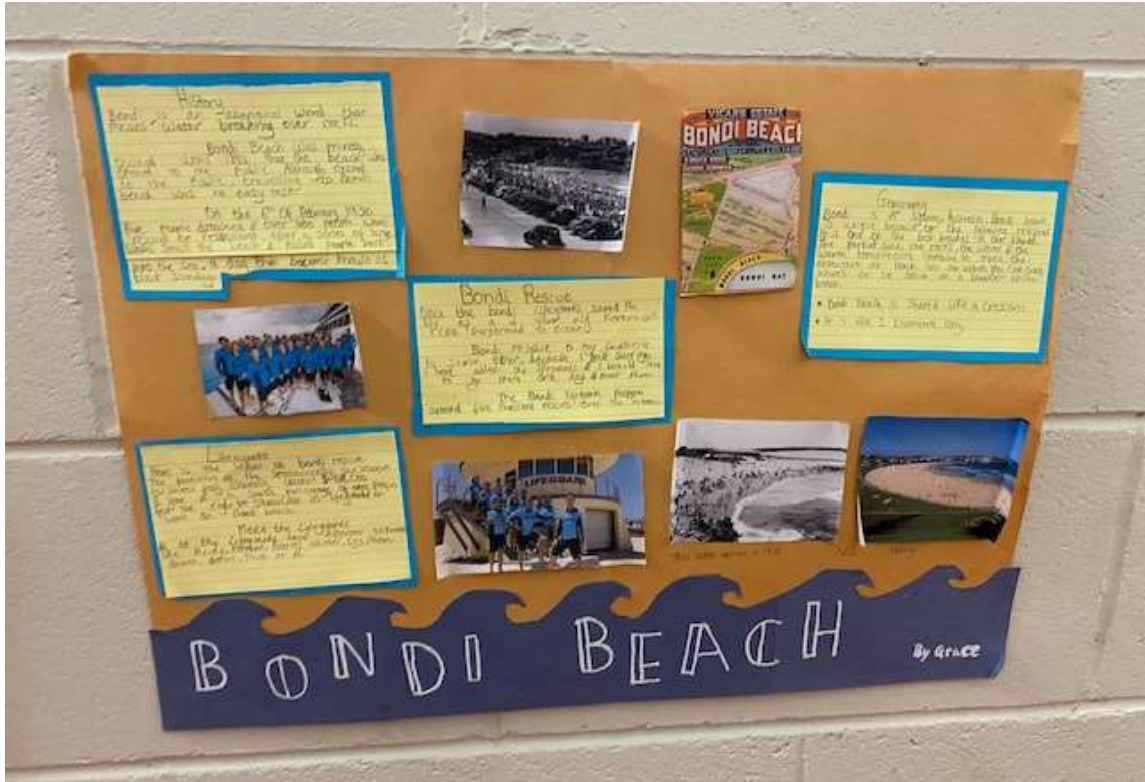


Figure 10 Great personal interest project on Bondi Beach



Figure 11 An excellent project on Surrealism

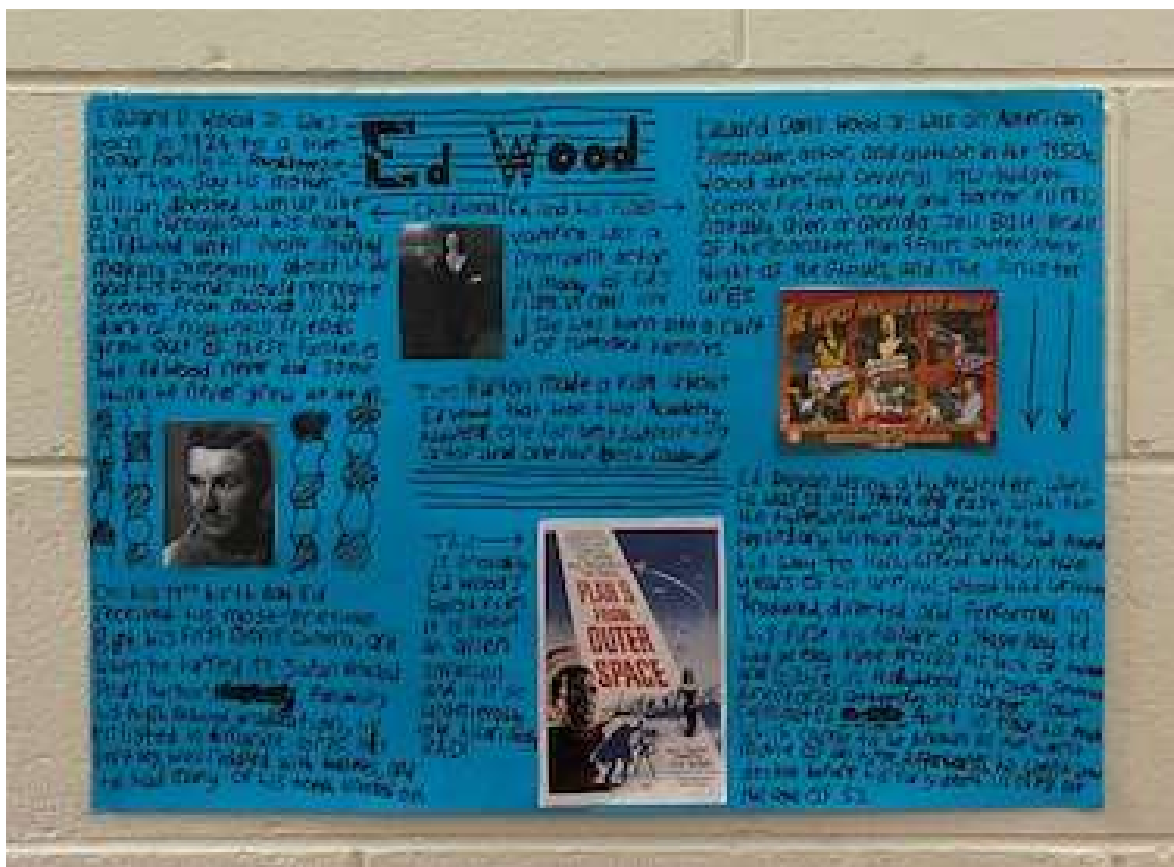


Figure 12 Brilliant project on Film Maker, Ed Wood



Figure 15 Great work happening across the school in Spelling and Nessy



Figure 16 Check out our lovely fishy homes by Junior Infants Cathal

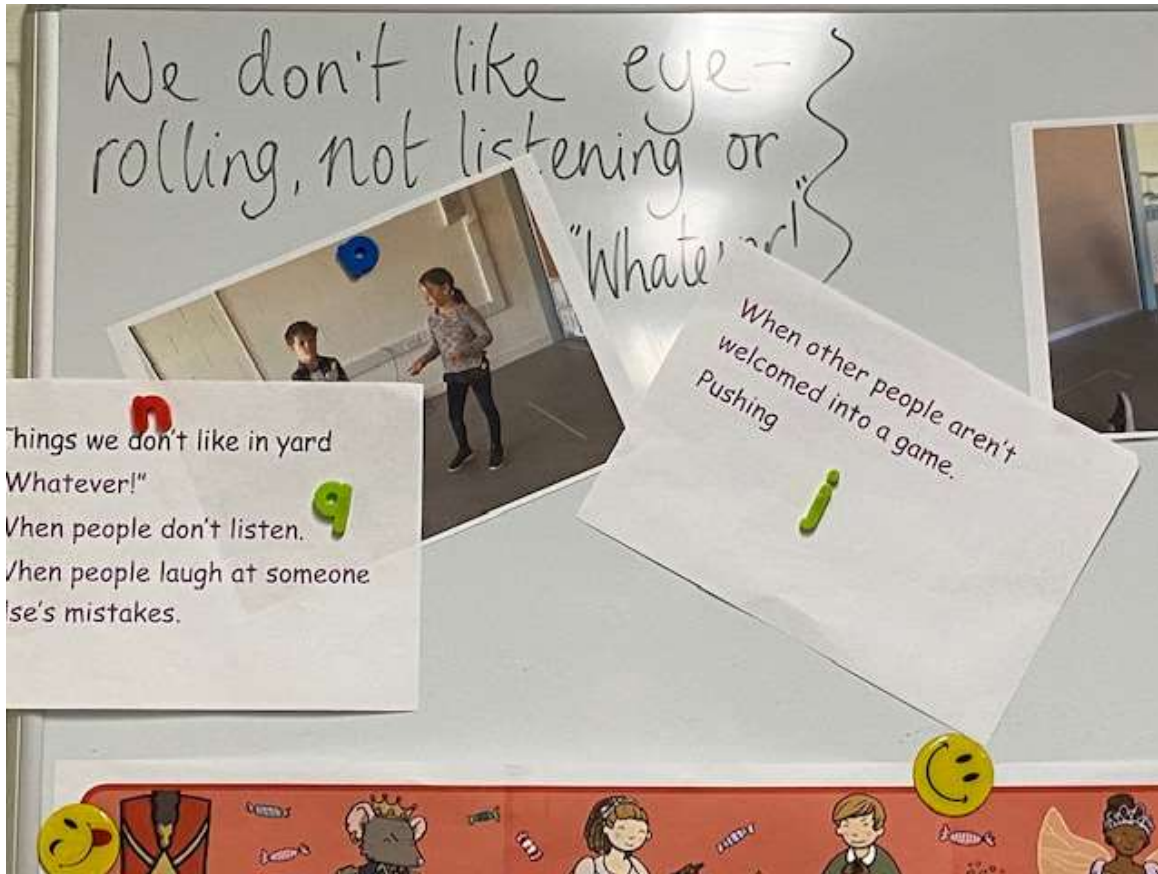


Figure 17 2nd Class working on Positive Relationships in the yard



Figure 18 Winter Penguins by Junior Infants Cathal



Figure 19 Wonderful colours displayed in the Snails here from Junior Infants Cian