

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

14th February 2019

A Chairde (Friends),

I want to thank you all for all your input and support since the start of term. We have now officially passed the halfway stage of the school year. Many thanks to all the Junior Infants parents who attended Parent Teacher meetings this week. It was so heartening to see such a committed group of people as part of our school community and Cathal and Cian are so thankful for all the support and encouragement. Have a good break next week and see you all back in school on Monday week.

School Closed for Mid-Term Break next week

School closes for the mid-term break tomorrow at the normal time and will reopen on Monday 25th February at 8.50am. I hope you all have a lovely week.

Grandparent's Day Thursday 14th of February – Save the Date

Grandparents Day took place today with over 200 visitors to our school. I have attached the presentation I am showing to the visitors which gives a quick history and overview of our wonderful school. We will have a full report on Grandparents Day in our next edition.

Our Wonderful new Parent's Room

A reminder that our Parents Room is open for business. Pictured are designers, parents and PA members Sally and Maura who are responsible for the design of the lovely space. The Parents Room is intended to be a space where parents can meet and catch up as well as have meetings etc. The rules for the Parents Room as devised by the PA are set out below. I want to thank all those who have brought this project to fruition and hope there are many hours of chat among old and new friends in the years to come.

Please see Guidelines for use of Parents and Carers Room below.



BOM News

The Board of Management met this week. I will have a full quarterly community report from the BOM in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Child Protection Guidelines

We have just completed our Child Safeguarding Statement Review and I am attaching a link to the Statement of Review. Many thanks to students, parents, staff and other stakeholders who have taken part in this review. Please do not hesitate to contact Eddie at eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie if you have any queries in relation to this policy. There will be another review next year.



Students of the Week

Well done to all our students of the week.

Beir Bua,

Eddie
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Guidelines for use of parents and carers room

Purpose and use of room

A parents and carers' room has been established in our school.

The room provides for :

- sibling hour; this room is for the use of parents and carers requiring a place to wait while siblings finish at different times.
- nursing mothers
- parents morning meet ups
- for all other purposes, please contact the Parents Association by email pagriffithbarracks@gmail.com

General rules

This is our room, we all look after it.

We make sure we :

- sign in and out
- keep it clean and tidy
- turn off the lights when leaving the room
- close the windows and the door when leaving the room
- take all our personal belongings with us
- keep noise level down
- comply with school's rules and regulations
- parents should only take charge of their own children and cannot supervise other children in this school context (reason for this is Child safeguarding and supervision)
- the toilet is situated in the main part of the old guardhouse. Children must be accompanied to and from the toilet
- when we are using the parents room we do not have access to other parts of the school and we must report to reception if we need to go somewhere else in the school
- as parents/carers retain responsibility for the supervision and safety of children in our care. We must insure supervision at all times.

Guidelines endorsed by the GBMD's PA committee on 17 December 2018

