

# GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

A Chairde (Friends),

Griffith Barracks has been a hive of activity this week.

## *Closure for St. Patrick's Weekend*

A reminder that the school will close for St. Patrick's Bank Holiday weekend on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the normal time and reopen on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. I want to wish everybody an enjoyable and peaceful break.

## *Language Curriculum School Closure*

**School will be closed for all children on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for a Language Curriculum training day.** The primary language curriculum is being introduced in English and Gaeilge (Junior Infants to Second Class) across the country and every school will have had a similar closure this year. Next week the staff have a specialist advisor in Gaeilge (Irish) coming out to the school to support us in the implementation and teaching of Gaeilge in the school. For more information on the primary language curriculum just follow the link below:

<https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Primary/Curriculum-Areas/Language-New-Junior-infants-2nd-class>

## *Wall Mural*

Work on our mural continues apace and our 6<sup>th</sup> Class committee and the muralist have been coming up with the final design based on all the wonderful submissions we have received. We hope that this project will be worked on very soon. Many thanks to Muralist Fintan Kennedy for all his wonderful engagement with the school on this project.

## *Climate Change protest*

5<sup>th</sup> Class will represent the school at the climate change protest tomorrow in the city centre. We will also have our own protest in the school and will contact all our public representatives with our climate change photo of all of us joining together. If any parents are collecting children to go into the protest themselves could they do so between 12pm and 12.30pm as we will be doing our Irish language show up until 12pm.

**DEATAOCC – Drop Everything And Take Action On Climate Change.** We hope to gather in the yard after discussing and sharing our knowledge views and concerns on Climate change. Resident photographers Emma and Aisling will then take a photo from the air which we will email to as many of the 158 Dáil members as we can along with an accompanying letter composed by the Green Council. Climate change is something that affects us all. It is great to see all the students, parents and staff get involved.

## *Swimming*

1<sup>st</sup> Class Anne Marie and 1<sup>st</sup> Class Aisling will begin their 7 swimming sessions tomorrow, 15<sup>th</sup> March and continue until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## *Save the Date Official Opening*

The Official Opening of the School will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> May.



## Seachtain na Gaeilge

We have been celebrating all things to do with the Irish language this week. As part of our celebrations we had:

- An Irish language shop which was a huge success
- Irish Dancing for all children across the school
- Poems, tongue twisters, songs and poems performed by the students over the intercom
- Siúlóid Glas (Irish language walk). Many thanks to all parents who returned sponsorship cards and money to their class teacher. Any remaining sponsorship cards can be brought in in the coming week. The money raised will be used to purchase and maintain our ICT equipment which forms a big part of our digital strategy and our hands-on learning approach.
- Seó Gaeilge – Each class got to present a piece as Gaeilge to their friends in other classes in our Irish language show
- We also did our PE and art classes through Irish this week.
- The teachers had an Irish language quiz at lunchtime

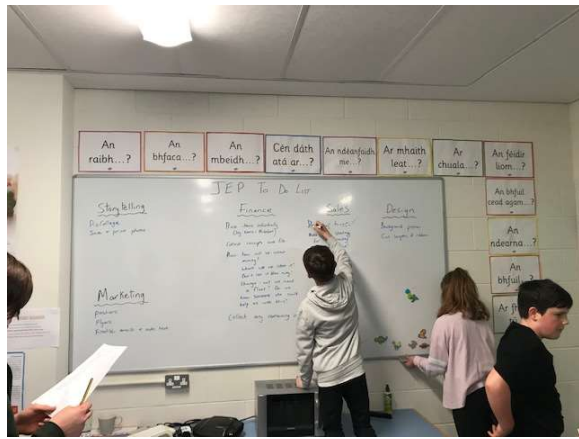
This is just a flavour of all the great work going on in the school. It was great to hear all the children growing in confidence and giving it a go. Many thanks to Cathal and all the teachers and parents who helped out.



## Sixth Class Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Sixth class are taking part in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme and have set up their own business named RE + RE. Our exciting product is an environmentally friendly lunch kit that contains a cool bamboo coffee cup, a beeswax wrap, a stainless-steel straw and a cotton drawstring bag for fruit & veg.

The money we make from this product will contribute to our yearbooks at the end of the year. We will be selling our product on the morning of Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, in the yard (this is the day we come back from the St Patrick's Day break). Our product will cost only €22 and it makes a great gift. Here are some photos of us working on it. We'd love your support. Thank you! 6th Class.



## Football blitz

6<sup>th</sup> class boys and girls have taken part in a local soccer blitz over the last two Fridays. It was a great way to meet others from local schools and to enjoy a friendly game of soccer.



## Art installation comes to the Roof Terrace

There was great excitement in the school on Wednesday. Our new school sculpture, which was part of the Per Cent for Art, was installed. This is the final part of the project which encompasses:

- our entrance lobby mural
- our refracted rainbow windows
- our roof sculpture.

I would like to thank our Per Cent for Art committee and Artists David Beattie and Fuchsia Macaree who have made these wonderful pieces a reality.



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