

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

28th March 2019

A Chairde (Friends),

Sixth Class Play – ‘A Cloud in Space’

A reminder that the 6th class play ‘A Cloud in Space’ is only a week away & will be held next Thursday & Friday evening (4th and 5th April).

Venue – Archbishop Byrne Hall, Synge Street. Doors 7pm, Show 7.30pm.

Tickets will be on sale in the schoolyard next Tuesday and Wednesday morning and each night from 7pm at the door (€5 per individual/€20 per family).

This is a lovely family event and is always enjoyed by all the children from Junior Infants all the way up to the 6th class performers. We hope you can all make it!

If anyone would like to make a raffle prize donation, please contact Emma 086 – 8530488 or Mide 086 - 3600921

Stakeholders meet up

On Tuesday all the committees of our school had a get together. We looked at how important enthusiasm is for a happy and successful community and found out about the work of each committee. We talked about our dreams for Griffith Barracks. It was a great opportunity for all the wonderful committee members in our school to meet and get to know one another and appreciate all the work they do on behalf of the children of the school.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KN9T_S3lvJU

The committees in our school are made up of:

1. Board of Management
2. Patron Executive
3. Student Dáil
4. Parent’s Association
5. Ethics Sub Committee
6. Fundraising Committee
7. Green Council
8. Staff



Note from the Fundraising Committee

There's something big coming to Griffith Barracks and we need your help!

Did you miss Bowie the last time he played here in Dublin?

Are you pining for some Mel and Kim?

UB40 played at the weekend, did you go?

If you miss the decade of our misspent youth we want to take you back!!

Please let us know your favourite 80's songs at this link and save the date Friday May 10th!

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=GHR3J8BLrk2tb7BLMEihEL2HrjqF9TJFrFKo9_cK7A5UODdNRkU0TjFQN0FLOE1NQ1RJWE41QVJPTi4u

Save the Date Official Opening and Students of the week

The official Opening of the School will take place on 8th May.

Board of Management Report

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Board-Of-Management-Report/3862/Index.html>

Students of the Week

Well done to all the Students of the Week



Assembly

This week in Assembly we asked the question ***“What the following list of people have in common?”***

- Dan Aykroyd – Comedic Actor
- Hans Christian Andersen – Children’s Author
- Benjamin Banneker – African American almanac author, surveyor, naturalist, and farmer
- Susan Boyle – Singer
- Tim Burton – Movie Director
- Lewis Carroll – Author of “Alice in Wonderland”
- Henry Cavendish – Scientist
- Charles Darwin – Naturalist, Geologist, and Biologist
- Emily Dickinson – Poet
- Paul Dirac – Physicist
- Albert Einstein – Scientist & Mathematician
- Bobby Fischer – Chess Grandmaster
- Bill Gates – Co-founder of the Microsoft Corporation
- Temple Grandin – Animal Scientist
- Daryl Hannah – Actress & Environmental Activist
- Thomas Jefferson – Early American Politician
- Steve Jobs – Former CEO of Apple
- James Joyce – Author of “Ulysses”
- Alfred Kinsey –Biologist
- Stanley Kubrick – Film Director
- Barbara McClintock – Scientist and Cytogeneticist
- Michelangelo – Sculptor, Painter, Architect, Poet
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – Classical Composer
- Sir Isaac Newton – Mathematician, Astronomer, & Physicist
- Jerry Seinfeld – Comedian
- Satoshi Tajiri – Creator of Nintendo’s Pokémon
- Nikola Tesla – Inventor
- Andy Warhol – Artist
- Ludwig Wittgenstein – Philosopher
- William Butler Yeats – Poet (ABA Website)

The answer is the above list shows people with a diagnosis of autism and who autism historians believe would have a diagnosis of autism today in the case of historical figures.

This week we celebrated World Autism Day and we read the story on autism called ***“Ian’s Walk”*** by Laurie Lears. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ian's_Walk:_A_Story_about_Autism
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J13kRoinu7Q>



This week in 4th class we were learning about different ways to display information. Today the class carried out a number of surveys, and we recorded our data on bar charts. We asked questions like "What is your favourite video game?" and "What is the best desert?"

Lego Collection

There are two giant tubs in the lobby for any spare Lego that parents are able to donate to the school. Lego is hugely popular across all the ages at GBMDS. Why not donate your spare Lego rather than sending it to landfill.

From the Sports Desk

This week in Athletics we worked on Sprints, Shot Putt, Long Jump and Hurdles. It was great to have Sinéad with us as she cast her expert eyes over the Hurdles. Many thanks to Anne Marie, Clare and Eoin for organising and ensuring everything went like clockwork and to our parent volunteers.

Next Monday trials take place for U10s and U11s only. This means that U12s and U14s will not have athletics training on Monday 1st April. Pickup is at the usual time.

Trials for U12s and U14s will take place on Monday 8th April and in turn this means there will be no athletics that day for U10s and U11s.

Our Hurlers and Camogie players were in action this week. After a great performance yesterday by our Camogie players, our Hurlers take on Scoil Íosogáin today. Below is a summary of the match report from yesterday by Ben, Cian and Claire.

Hi all,

Just an update from today's first Cumann na mBunscoil game of the year.

As coaches, we could not be any prouder of the girls who represented the school today against Our Lady's GNS, Ballinteer.

The final score was 2-0 to 2-0 (a well-deserved draw) but GBMDS were actually 2 goals down at half time. They battled back into the game and got two great team goals and were very unfortunate not to score a few more over the course of the game. They all showed great attitude and resilience and displayed huge levels of workrate. There were many red faces at the end of the game, such was the Trojan effort of them all. The second half performance was one of the best seen from a GBMDS school team in a while!

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Claire, Cian and Ben



School Photos

School photos will take place on April 10th. This year, Junior Infants will have individual photos taken and all classes will have a class photo. There will be an opportunity for siblings of Junior Infants to have a family photo, if they wish.

Our Wonderful Mural

Monday dawned in Griffith Barracks and the children arrived at school to see our wonderful new mural. A heartfelt thanks to Fintan Kennedy for all his work and the great sense of collaboration with our student committee as well as the care and diligence he took with the over 250 suggestions which came from our student body. We will continue to work with Fintan to add a poetry wall as well as a representation of our new school mascot which the student Dáil are working on at the moment.



National Spring Clean Day photos

Many thanks to Cathal and all the Green Council for spearheading our school clean up. There was a great response from all our neighbours on SCR, Duffern Avenue and Washington Street for all the children's efforts. This week we had a visit from the Green Schools representative who met with the Green Council. Many thanks to the Green Council and Cathal as well as Clare and Aisling for all their work.





Reminder - Language Curriculum School Closure

School will be closed for all children on Friday 3rd 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>

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