

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

4th April 2019

A Chairde (Friends),

Sixth Class Play – ‘A Cloud in Space’

The 6th Class play **‘A Cloud in Space’** will take to the stage tonight and tomorrow night in the Archbishop Byrne Hall on Synge Street (Doors 7pm/Show 7.30pm). Tickets can be purchased at the door each night (€5 per individual/€20 per family).

We have lots of great prizes in our raffle this year. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations. Tickets for the raffle can be bought from 7pm in the hall.

We’d also like to say a big thank you to Cathal and the Green Council who will be helping to keep an eye on the recycling and waste at the play this year. We hope this becomes a new tradition. Please try to come along to support the school and kids. It should be a fun night for everyone!

Note from the Fundraising Committee – Favourite 80’s Song

Here is a list of most of the songs chosen so far – Do you agree or disagree? Join the conversation by adding your favourite through this link

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Africa, Toto
Ain’t Nobody Chaka Khan
Babooshka, Kate Bush
Blue Monday, New Order
Boys Don’t Cry
Caravan of Love, The Housemartins
Come on Eileen
Desert Moon, Dennis de Yoing
Don’t you forget about me, Simple Minds
Don’t You Want Me Baby, The Human League
Dont Go, Hothouse Flowers
Footloose, Kenny Loggins
Friday I’m in Love - the Cure
Girls just want to have fun
Give it Up KC and The Sunshine Band
Gloria, from Flashdance soundtrack
Happy Hour, Housemartins
I think we’re alone now, Tiffany
I’m Gonna Be, The Proclaimers
Jump, Van Halen
Just Can’t Get Enough, Depeche Mode
Just Like Heaven, The Cure
Let’s Dance! David Bowie
Lovecats by The Cure
Mirror in the Bthroom, The Beat
Need You Tonight, INXS
Only You, The Flying Pickets
Only You by Yazoo
Picture This, Blondie
Pride and Joy, Stevie Ray Vaughan
Safety Dance - Men without hats
Sweet Child O Mine - Guns n Roses
Take on me
The Lovecats, The Cure

The Whole of the Moon
Three is the magic number, De La Soul
Total Eclipse of the Heart-Bonnie Tyler
Under Pressure, Queen & David Bowie
Wake Me Up Before You Go Go!
When Doves Cry, Prince
Wishing (If I Had a Photograph of You) - Flock of Seagulls
You Spin Me Round (Like a Record)

Official Opening

The Official Opening of the School will take place on 8th May. We hope our guest of honour will be the Minister for Education and Skills Mr. Joe Mc Hugh T.D. There is a letter to parents attached to this Newsletter which details our plans and an online form to fill in if you would like to attend the event. We hope this will be an amazing week of celebration for our wonderful school and a chance for all of those who have worked so hard to make it a success to take a bow.

Students of the Week

Well done to all the Students of the Week



Assembly

This week in Assembly we had a sneak preview of the Sixth Class play from Rang 6. We also looked at what being altruistic means and read the story "**Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed**" by Fumi Kosaka.

<http://www.thenedshow.com/assets/a4-achieving-excellence-primary-lesson-plan-ordinary-marys-extraordinary-deed.pdf>

Lego Collection

A reminder that 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.

This is part of our creative school plan which includes focus on:

- Film Making
- Show casing variety and talent
- Drama

The children, staff and our creative associate Sarah have been come up with our creative Schools plan which will create really exciting arts opportunities for all the children in the school



From the Sports Desk

Well done to our Hurlers and Camogie players for great games against Harolds Cross NS and Gaelscoil Inchicore. Both were high scoring and competitive matches and both GBMDS teams did us proud. Athletics trials for under 12s and u14 athletes take place next Monday and children can be collected at 3pm at Sundrive Park or back at the school. Many thanks to Cian, Ben, Claire, Eoin and Clare for all their enthusiasm, encouragement and inclusivity. Many thanks also to St. Kevins for lending us their mini bus.



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. If any other student would like their photo taken, please fill in the online form below and we will arrange for it to be done. There is no obligation to buy any photos.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=GHR3J8BLrk2tb7BLMEihEAreFE7IXPBBpRQdMNYOfpxUM08zTUQ5NEU0TFIEMjhJTEw0UIZLWlo2Uy4u>

Poland Theme



R2 Jenny have been doing great work on their Polish theme. We had Parents Monica, Agnieszka and Przemek in sharing expertise on food and Polish games and culture. Here are some interesting facts about Poland which you might find interesting.

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/poland.html>

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 Gaelge (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 Gaelge (Irish) coming out to the school to support us in the implementation and teaching of Gaelge 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>

Around the School



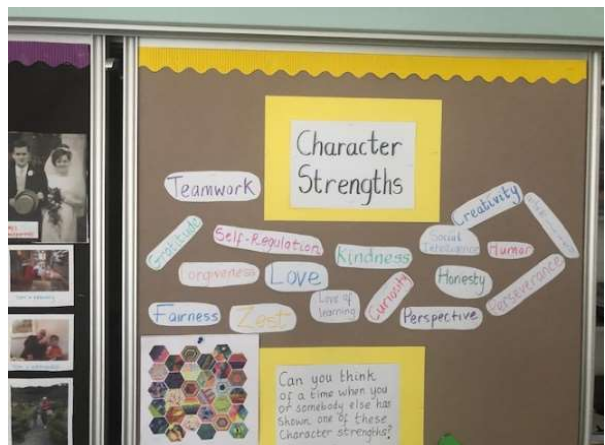
Spring has come to Rang 1 Aisling



6th class show us who they are in words and pictures



5th Class have been learning about Micro plastics



3rd Class look at Character Strengths



*Everyone has a job in this class
#collectiveresponsibility*



Amazing writing and illustrations in Rang 1 Anne Marie

Looking forward to catching up with everyone this evening and tomorrow evening at the 6th class play.

Beir Bua,

Eddie
Príomhoide



4th Class are learning about the artist 'Matisse'