

# GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

A Chairde (Friends),

Another busy week draws to a close at GBMDS. Below is a flavour of life in our school over the last week.

## *Green Flag award*

Cathal and Aisling and members of the Green Flag committee travelled to the Helix in DCU to receive the award of our 6<sup>th</sup> Green Flag. Well done to all the committee and the entire school for all their hard work in achieving this. We will raise our latest green flag at a joint assembly with the whole school present in the coming weeks. Many thanks to Cathal, Aisling and Clare for all their work on this very important part of the school this year.



## *Books, materials and licences money*

Rene will share the link to payment to any families who have not paid the books and materials payment. It would be great to have this payment done before the holidays as it enables us to purchase everything in the summer before the children return in September.

## *Open Evening*

Our new Junior Infant parents attended a lovely open evening on Tuesday. The Student Dáil and experienced hands in the Patron, BOM and Parents Association were on hand to welcome the newest members of our school community. Many thanks to Junior Infant parent Pia for helping with refreshments. Next week, Junior Infants 2019/2020 will be visiting their new school (6 children from each class per day). It was great to show our new parents around our building and it was equally great to see how generous and kind our current parents were with them as well as the wonderful staff.

## *Voting in Rang 4,5 and Rang 6*

We had great fun in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes using our new devices to research all the European Election candidates and voting in a mock election using the STV system. The children were really engaged in the process.

<https://www.rte.ie/news/politics/2019/0429/1046341-european-elections-2019-dublin-constituency-profile/>

## Assembly

This week in Assembly we read the book *"Pink is for Everybody"* and looked at Black History in the USA from a civil rights perspective. We also unveiled our new school mascot, *Seamus the Pigeon* designed by 5<sup>th</sup> class student Naoise. Many thanks to the Student Council and Anita who organised the competition and picked the eventual winner. There were many amazing submissions which we will display around the school.



## Students of the Week



Well done to all the Students of the Week.

## Shane O'Donoghue Olympian visits GBMDS

Today we (sixth class) had a visit from Irish hockey Olympian Shane O' Donoghue. He talked to us about goals and challenges. He said that his main challenge was failure and self-doubt. This mainly happened after their loss to Korea in the Olympic qualifiers, where in the last thirteen seconds Korea scored, taking away the chance of Ireland going through to the 2012 London Olympics. This was a massive disappointment to the team after training for months to lose in thirteen seconds. He said that this was a very sad day, but it was all a part of competition and sport where some days you lose and some days you win. This was the case in 2015 when they won the European Hockey Championship, and then got in to the 2016 Rio Olympics. Our class learned a lot a lot of useful lessons today from Shane who is almost as good a speaker as he is a hockey player.

By 6<sup>th</sup> Class

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7o9RYCcWCw>



## Santry Athletics - Great Performance by GBMDS at the Dublin Sports

What a fantastic couple of days we have had basking in the Santry sunshine. A huge and heartfelt congratulations to all our athletes who did themselves and the school so proud.

Our athletes were enthusiastic, energetic, supportive and demonstrated such a wonderful sense of fair play. Every year we marvel at how well they handle the ups and downs of the day and this year was no exception. Well done all!

As a bonus to our fantastic days of fun and athletics we brought back an unprecedented number of medals and trophies. On Monday at our field events day we came home with 3 gold medals for u14 boys high jump, u11 boys high jump and u12 boys long jump. We had 2 silver medals for u12 girls hurdles, u14 boys shot putt and 4 bronze for u11 girls high jump, u11 boys hurdles, u14 girls 600m and u14 boys 600m. In addition, we had lots of athletes who qualified for the finals in their event and all 19 athletes who competed gave it their very best.

At the track events competition we were thrilled to win the relay trophies and gold medals for u14 girls and u11 boys, and silver medals for u14 boys and u11 girls. We had an additional bronze medal for our sprinter in the u11 boys section. It is always hard for the teams that don't win, but everybody can be very proud of their performances and the support that they demonstrated towards one another.

We, the coaches, would like to thank the children for an amazing two days and for such a rewarding experience, and to all the parents for their constant support and encouragement. Many thanks to Sinead O'Kane, Andy Haydu, Sally Hassan and Sinéad Deegan for all their help with training in Sundrive and with the trials.

Clare, Eoin and Anne Marie



### What Griffith Barracks means to us

Today I am sharing with the school community the private video link to the wonderful film which was a centrepiece to our opening celebrations. The theme of the video by Junior Infant parent Jack Caffrey is “What Griffith Barracks means to me”.

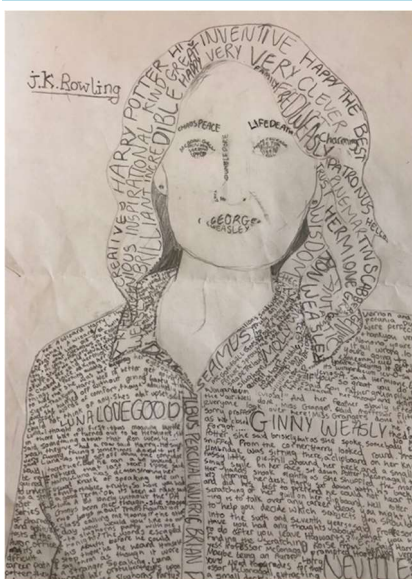
We hope to have the video up on our website and will get permission from all participants before doing this.

<https://vimeo.com/334424295/928736434d>

### Different Families Same Love

One of the submissions to the INTO “Different Families Same Love” competition from GBMDS

### Harry Potter Themed Art

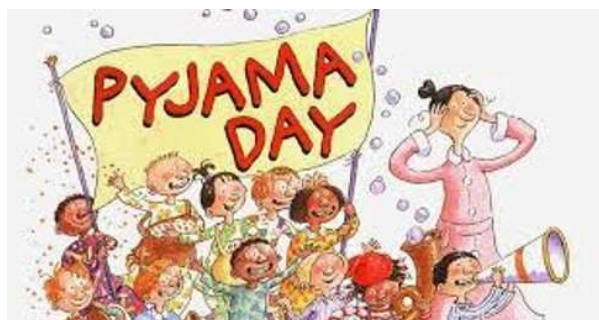


Well done to sixth class student Nóinin for her representation of JK Rowling.



### Pyjama Day

Next Tuesday is Pyjama day in the school. Children can wear their pyjamas to school. This is not a fundraiser and no money required. Please make sure that whatever clothing is worn is safe and avoids accidents.



### Hurling and Camogie Report

Well done to our Hurlers and Camogie players over the last number of weeks. The team suffered a narrow defeat yesterday and Ben and Cian report that it was a great match with all players giving their all. Many thanks to Cian, Claire and Ben for all their work this year. I know all the children have really enjoyed the puck abouts in the mornings as well. A big thank you to St. Kevins who gave us the use of their club bus on a number of occasions which helped reduce costs for us.



## Coming Up

<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Causey Farm Trip	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Junior Infants Orientation days (dates to be given out at meeting for parents)	
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Pyjama Day and Disco	All Classes
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Dublin Zoo Trip	1 <sup>st</sup> Class
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Glasnevin Cemetery and Awesome Walls Finglas Tour	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Class
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	School Closed for Bank Holiday	All Classes
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Baysports Tour	6 <sup>th</sup> Class
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Rathbeggan Lakes Tour	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Newbridge Farm Tour	Junior Infants
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Imaginosity Tour	Senior Infants
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Glasnevin Cemetery Trip	6 <sup>th</sup> Class
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day ( <i>alternative day Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</i> )	All Classes
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sealife Tour	Junior Infants
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Trip to the Mosque on SCR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	End of Term Celebration Concert for JI, SI, 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Class at 9.10am	9.10am
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	End of Term Celebration Concert for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Class	10.45am
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Ceremony	6 <sup>th</sup> Class
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School finishes for the Summer at 12pm and reopens on Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	All Classes