

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

16th May 2019

A Chairde (Friends),

Junior Infants Parent Information Evening

The Parents' Open Evening for incoming Junior Infants and new children to other classes in the school takes place next Tuesday May 21st at 7pm. If there are any parents who would be able to help out with tea and coffee, we would really appreciate it. At the Open Evening, parents meet the teachers, Board, PA, Patron, Student Dáil and Kids Club. It is always a great evening and the tea and coffee is the best part, where current parents get to meet and greet the new members of our community.

Parents Association meeting tonight

The Parents Association will meet tonight at 7.30pm in the school. In the coming week you will get a survey on After school Activities which we are preparing for next year. All are welcome at tonight's meeting.

Griffith Barracks 80s Night

A great night was had by all at the Griffith Barracks 80's Night. The total money raised was €1467.

Money raised will go towards a Sensory Room and Sensory Garden within the Guardhouse of the school, which will be an amazing mindful area. Many thanks to all the parents who have brought this event to fruition, in particular:

The Band – Paul Noonan, Michael Stevens, Jack Healy and Theo Byrne;

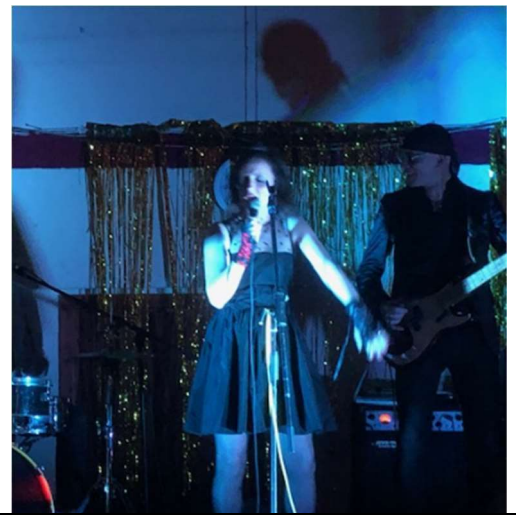
Sound - Fiach Cooling;

Tickets logistics and organisation – Anna Walsh and Joe Clark and

DJ – Frank Myles.

Many thanks to Binzer Brennan for our PA and drums.

A special thanks to all the wonderful singers who took part and the band who were so amazing with their knowledge, kindness and expertise. It was a great event to round off a super week for the school. A really special thank you to Paul Noonan for all the support and advice he gave to all the singers which was so generous in terms of time, encouragement and expertise.





Book Money due

Many thanks to all who have paid the book and materials money. If you would like Rene to resend the link just contact the office. We will send the link again in early June to all parents who haven't paid yet. The book and materials money also includes pupil insurance, ET subscription, book rental, site licences for online resources etc.

School Readers – Bring back any copies by the end of May

Calling all PM Readers

J1 to 2nd Class benefit from a shared resource of graded readers - there are 6 copies of each title which allow us work with small groups of children. These books go home and unfortunately, if we don't get a book back, it means we cannot use the title in the small group setting. We are missing a number of books, so please check at home for any school readers and return them as soon as possible, thank you. These titles can only be bought in bundles of six and are very expensive. The more books that are returned the more we can spend on new titles.

The readers will continue to go home until the end of May. Junior Infants may continue on with using these books as they are in the middle of "Power Hour" at the moment.

<https://www.folens.ie/programmes/pm-literacy-book-packs>

Patron AGM – Wednesday 5th June

We would like to invite you to the AGM of the Patron, which will take place on Wednesday 5 June.

Motions can be suggested by registered members by emailing patron@griffithbarracks.ie. [Signup here](#).

What is the Patron?

The patron of a primary school is recognised by the Department of Education and Skills and is responsible for the characteristic ethos of the school. Schools are managed by boards of management on behalf of the patron, who appoints the board for 4 year terms (2015-2019, 2019-2023). Griffith Barracks MDS has its own independent patron. <https://sites.google.com/view/griffithbarrackspatron/>

Swift Boxes

We're very excited to have three swift boxes fitted to the top floor on the East side of the building (outside 4th Class). The Irish swift population has been depleted as many of the original nests have been lost due to house renovations. There's a large population of swifts from South Circular Road, so the hope is that some of them will nest in our swift boxes. A spy camera is being fitted so that we can see what's happening and birdsong will be played at sunrise and sunset to attract the swifts. We are very grateful to Helen Burke and Dublin City Council for organising the installation and payment of the boxes. Thanks also to Griffith College for allowing crane access from their grounds now here's hoping swifts will come to nest! Finally, well done to 2nd & 3rd Classes for raising the issue so well. <http://www.swiftconservation.ie/>

Coming up (corrected version)

Monday 20th May	Junior Entrepreneur Showcase	6 th Class
	Santry Field Events	2 nd – 6 th Class
Tuesday 21st May	Parents Information Evening at 7pm for incoming Junior Infant class and new children starting in September 2019	
	Santry Track Events	2 nd – 6 th Class
Friday 24th May	Causey Farm Trip	2 nd Class
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	Junior Infants Orientation days (dates to be given out at meeting for parents)	
Tuesday 28th May	Pyjama Day and Disco	All Classes
Thursday 30th May	Dublin Zoo Trip	1 st Class
	Glasnevin Cemetery and Awesome Walls Finglas Tour	4 th & 5 th Class
Monday 3rd June	School Closed for Bank Holiday	All Classes
Tuesday 4th June	Baysports Tour	6 th Class
Thursday 6th June	Rathbeggan Lakes Tour	3 rd Class
	Newbridge Farm Tour	Junior Infants Classes
Friday 7th June	Imaginosity Tour	Senior Infants
	Glasnevin Cemetery Trip	6 th Class
Tuesday 11th June	Sports Day (<i>alternative day Wednesday 12th June</i>)	All Classes
Thursday 13th June	Sealife Tour	Junior Infants
	Trip to the Mosque on SCR	2 nd Class
Wednesday 26th June	End of Term Celebration Concert for JI, SI, 5 th & 6 th Class at 9.10am	9.10am
	End of Term Celebration Concert for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Class	10.45am
Thursday 27th June	6 th Class Graduation Ceremony	6 th Class
Friday 28th June	School finishes for the Summer at 12pm and reopens on Friday 30 th August	All Classes

Assembly

This week in Assembly we looked at the importance of Bees to our Eco system. In Junior Assembly we read the story of “Bee and me” which tells the story of a boy who realises how important Bees are.

<https://www.amazon.com/Elle-Brown-Heather-Illustrator-Mcguinness/dp/B002QGSVCK>

At senior assembly we looked at the importance of bees through “The Bee book” by Charlotte Milner. Buzzing with amazing facts, The Bee Book is a charming celebration of bees. Did you know that one in three mouthfuls we have has been influenced by bees.

https://books.google.ie/books/about/Bee_Book.html?id=PwiWtAEACAAJ&source=kp_book_description&redir_esc=y

Students of the Week



BOM report

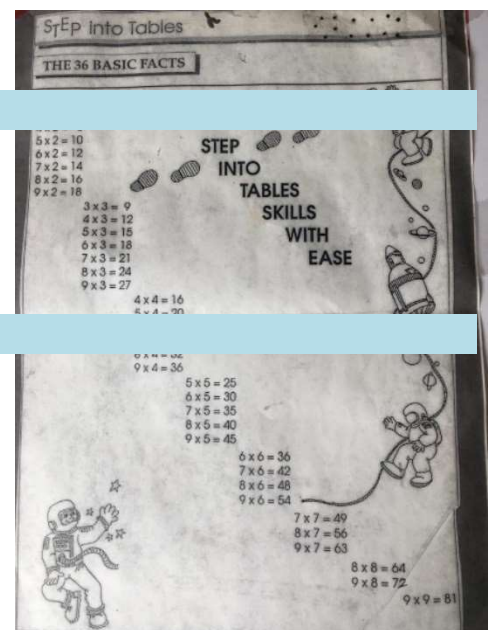
The Board of management met this week. Here is the report of the meeting:

- The English Policy, SPHE Policy, Stay Safe Programme Policy and Use of School Credit Card Policy were ratified and we worked on the Communications and Complaints Policy.
- The Board sent votes of thanks to all involved in the official opening, 80's Disco night and all events in a great week for the school.

Tables Resource

Parents working on tables might find this resource useful. It is the 36 basic table facts. The video below explains the concept.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4wTX_Yuskg



Hustings for European Elections

the opportunity to work on explaining the STV (Single Transferable vote) system during election time and that will happen in 5th and 6th classes next week.

5th Class visit to Glasnevin Cemetery

5th Class paid a trip to Glasnevin Cemetery. Here they are pictured at the Grave of Arthur Griffith which of course has a special resonance for our school.



4th Class News

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?"



From the Sports Desk

which meant the girls won the second half and were very unlucky not to get 5 or 6 more goals. The workrate and passion for the school on show was nothing short of inspirational, from all members of our squad, young and old! Our Hurlers are in action today. Many thanks to Ben for the report and to Cian and Claire for all their work with hurling and Camogie. Our athletes are in action next week at the National Athletics Stadium in Santry. Many thanks to Clare, Anne Marie and Eoin for all their work throughout the training and trials. It has been a pleasure to be a part of. A big thank you also to all the parents who help with these activities. They simply wouldn't happen their help.

Míle Buíochas (Many thanks), Eddie

