

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

20th June 2019

A Chairde (Friends),

This is our last newsletter of the year. If you have a free half hour over the summer take some time to look over all the newsletters over the last year which are archived on our school website. Analysis of our email statistics shows that each week over 350 email accounts open and read our newsletter. It makes all the hard work worthwhile in preparing the note each week to have such a large readership. The newsletter always aims to give a flavour of life in the school supported by our school website at www.griffithbarracks.ie.

School Reports

All parents will have received an important email and follow up text message on how to access your School Report and details through the Aladdin database and App. Using the App reduces the cost of texting and is ensuring that communication is more streamlined within the school. School Reports will go live today, and you can contact the office tomorrow if you have difficulty accessing them. It has been a privilege to read all the Reports and I want to thank all the teachers for the care and effort they have put into them.

End of Term Celebration

Next **WEDNESDAY** we will gather in the hall for the end of term celebration. Earlier in the year parents had a wonderful 80's night and next WEDNESDAY the children will give us their version of some 80's classics. There are two shows that morning. The first one at **9.10am is for JI, SI, 5th & 6th Class** and the second one at **10.45am is for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Class**.

Goodbye and Welcome to the School

We say goodbye to children leaving the school. We hope you have enjoyed your time in Griffith Barracks. I hope you bring our values of "Learning to Live Together" to your new school. It has been great getting to know you and your families and many thanks for your contribution to the school. We will welcome new children in some classes across the school in September. I want to thank all the children and families who made all our new community members feel so welcome this year. I am really proud of all of the children who joined us this year. Our school is a better place because you are here.

Graduation

Our 6th Class Graduation will take place in the school hall next Thursday 27th June at 6.30pm. It has been great working with our inspiring 6th class. It has been great to see the wonderful young people the class have developed into over the last 8 years. Next Thursday will bring down the curtain on their time in the school. I want to thank all the families in sixth class who have played such a big part in our story as a school. Griffith Barracks is a better place because of your contribution. As is tradition, the parents of sixth class have been busy making sure the night is a memorable one for all. Many thanks to the parents of fifth class who will help out on the night. Next year's fifth class will repay the favour when they are in sixth class.

Variety Show

This week we have had two amazing variety shows where the children of Griffith Barracks showcased their talents across a range of disciplines. Acts included:

- Jokes and riddles
- Singing and dancing
- Film and Media
- Gymnastics
- Musical Instruments
- Magic
- Football skills
- Hurling and camogie skills
- Stand-Up Comedy
- Art and drawing Displays

There was a lovely supportive atmosphere in the hall for the shows and it was great to see the children share things they enjoy and are passionate about.



Lost Property

This Friday we will have all the lost property on display at drop off and collection. Any remaining clothes will be brought to the clothes bank. Its always a really good idea to label all clothing as it helps us to locate the right owner.

Around the School

Second Class visit to the Mosque

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/2nd-Class-at-the-mosque/4965/Index.html>

Keith Haring inspired Art in first class Aisling

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Keith-Haring-inspired-art-in-1st-Class!/4691/Index.html>

6th Class visit to Glasnevin Cemetery

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/6th-class-visit-Glasnevin-cemetery/4554/Index.html>

Well done to our girls Camogie team who performed so well at the Kevin's Camogie blitz yesterday. Many thanks to Clare, Cian and Ben for organising,

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Camogie-Blitz/5239/Index.html>



Coming Up

Wednesday 26th June	End of Term Celebration Concert for JI, SI, 5 th & 6 th Class at 9.10am	9.10am
Wednesday 26th June	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

A final word....

It has been a great year for the school and I want to thank all sections of the school community with whom the staff and I have had the pleasure to work. I want to thank all the children who came on all the golden visits to share their achievements and who live our ethos every single day. We have high expectations in our school and we really try to learn from the times when we don't live up to our ethos. I also want to thank all the children who worked so hard to overcome whatever they were finding difficult over the year. It has been a privilege to support them and I am really looking forward to building on what they have achieved next year.

Every year we make an effort to thank all the components of our community that have such a huge input on the success of our school. We know we inevitably leave people out however hard we try. The real point is the scale and breath of the investment of all the stakeholders in our school. We really are the sum of all our parts.

- Our wonderful Students
- Patron
- Board
- Ethics Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Green Council
- Parents Association
- Student Dail
- Our wonderful staff
- Rene – who we would all be lost without
- Yellow Flag Committee
- Parent Reps
- School Fair Team
- Eighties night organisers
- Sourcing expertise
- Sensory Room Group
- Literacy support
- Foireann Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Poets
- Secondary School support
- Swimming helpers
- Helpers with school trips
- Sharing expertise - e.g. Drama, interculturalism and knowledge
- Creative Schools Teams
- RSG Maths volunteers
- Guided Reading helpers
- Catering volunteers
- Grandparents Day caterers
- Parents room designers
- Sports day volunteers
- Irish language conversation group
- Mother languages project Junior Infants
- Santry Athletics volunteers
- GAA supporters
- Lift givers
- 6th Class Musical team
- Official Opening helpers
- Library Committee
- Kids Club
- ASA coordinators

If any parent finds the back to school costs prohibitive, you may be eligible for the back to school allowance which you can apply for through your local Community Welfare Officer.

https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social_welfare/social_welfare_payments/social_welfare_payments_to_families_and_children/back_to_school_clothing_and_footwear_allowance.html

Bíodh Samhradh deas agaibh (have a great Summer). Remember the importance of water safety wherever you are. I hope you get to spend some quality time with loved ones. There are lots of great events taking place in Dublin 8 and across the city, many of which are free.

<https://www.mykidstime.com/travel/21-free-family-things-to-do-in-ireland-summer/>

Really excited to start the next chapter on Friday 30th August.

Beir Bua,
Eddie (Príomhoide)