

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

5th March 2020

A Chairde (Friends),

Coronavirus

Many thanks for reading all our correspondence in relation to the coronavirus. I am attaching copies of the emails we sent you this week along with the letter from the Chief Medical Officer of 2nd March, which is at this link <https://gbmds.sharepoint.com/Shared%20Documents/School%20Docs/public%20health/Letter%20from%20Chief%20Medical%20Officer%20-%2020020320.pdf>, so you have them together. Rest assured, we are following all developments very closely and are working with the children to ensure that good hygiene practices are in place across the school. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions or you need to clarify anything.

6th Class Musical - Save the Date

The Sixth Class musical "Porridge" takes place on Thursday and Friday 26th and 27th March at 7.30pm. This year the musical will take place in the school hall and it promises to be an amazing show, if the rehearsals are anything to go by.



Seachtain na Gaeilge Irish Language week

Next week we have Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Language week). The Irish language, which is one of our core subjects at Primary school, comes to the fore. We will be having:

- two monster quizzes in the hall
- Siulóid Gaeilge – a fit and active walk ‘as Gaeilge’ on Tuesday with our buddies
- Each class will have an Irish Set dancing session
- Siopa Gaeilge – we will have an Irish language shop where the children can buy pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, knickknacks and other things, but not food. This is not a fundraiser and we just make enough to pay for the stock. It gives the children a chance to use Irish in a real life context and have some fun. If everyone could bring 50c to €1 so they can use it at the shop. We will send a text on Sunday evening to remind everyone.
- Seó Gaeilge (Irish Language show) – all the children will take part in an Irish language show where each class will perform.
- Radio Griffith Barracks – Each day the children will make announcements, tell jokes, read, and tell their news over the intercom – budding broadcasters of the future.

Even if you don't have any Irish yourself get your child to teach you some phrases etc and they will love sharing how much they know.

Hurl and Helmet Donations

We are looking to replenish our stocks of hurls and helmets, which are vital for After School Hurling, and also for use during PE sessions. If there are any hurls or helmets lying around at home that could be put to good use here in school, we would gladly accept them. Please email ben.doherty@griffithbarracks.ie if you can help.

Thanks in advance! Claire, Cian, Eoin and Ben

Santry Athletics for Rang 3 – Rang 6

We were having so much fun at our athletics training last week that I forgot to take any photos. Many thanks to Clare, Cathal, Eoin and Aisling for leading the training and bringing the children to and from the park. Training continues next Monday in the park.

Healthy Eating Policy

The Healthy Eating Policy, which has been worked on by the Students, parents, Board and staff, will be sent by Anita tomorrow. Many thanks for all the contributions which really enabled us to examine our practice within the school

Patron News

Patron Executive update

The Patron Executive met last night. Topics discussed were potential motions for the upcoming **Patron AGM on 10 June** and the Patron School Greening initiative, amongst others.

Join the patron!

Membership of the Patron is open to all who share the goals of the school; parents as well as members of the community. You can sign up here: <https://sites.google.com/view/griffithbarrackspatron/signup>

About Griffith Barracks Patron

The patron of a primary school owns or leases the school building and is responsible for the characteristic ethos of the school. Schools are managed by Boards of Management on behalf of the patron. Griffith Barracks has its own independent Patron Body.

The Patron Executive (PE) is the committee appointed by the Annual General Meeting each year to do the business of the Patron over the year. The PE is currently made up of four people: Aaron Tay (chair), Aaron Hamilton (treasurer), Amy van den Broek (secretary) and Patrick McKenna.

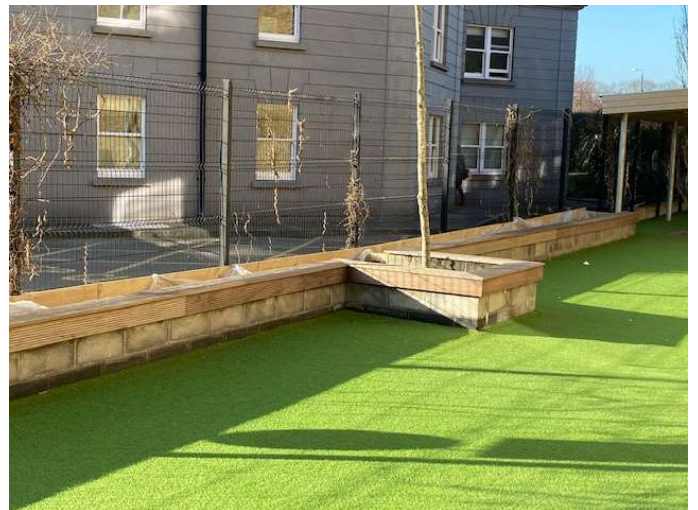
Patron Gardening Group

The Patron Gardening group met this week and proposed the following plan for the raised planters, which are located in the infant yard at the back of the school.

We have organised to get topsoil and compost delivered tomorrow and plan to barrow / shovel this into place until Saturday Mar 7th. If you're available to help, please let us know by email to patron@griffithbarracks.ie. We are also looking for an additional wheelbarrow and shovels.

If we are short of volunteers or circumstances prevent us from doing it this week, we will aim for the weekend after St. Patrick's Day (Mar 20-21).

Many thanks,
(Aaron, Patron Chairperson)



Survey re the Player Wills site

The Player Wills site on the South Circular Road (400m away from Griffith Barracks!) is up for significant development. Dublin 8 locals (who happen to be parents in the school) have launched a campaign to highlight the history and possible use of this site. Local group 'Players Please' want to encourage community involvement and have set up a survey to gather local residents' thoughts on what they would like to see most in the redevelopment of the Player Wills site.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3PH9N6V>

Dublin 12 Campaign for ASD Inclusion

The above group is organising a public meeting to establish an Autism specific school in the Dublin 12 area. The meeting will take place next Monday 9th March from 7pm – 9pm in the Hope Centre, Armagh Road, Crumlin.

Fundraising Eurovision Night

We are hoping to have a social Eurovision night on the night of the contest on Saturday 16th May. Many of you will remember our live 80's night last year which was a great success. We have the Ringside Club in the National Stadium booked and will have a meeting after the spring holidays to organise the event. If you would like to get involved, get in touch with me.



Students of the Week

Well done to this week's Students of the Week



This week in Assembly we talked about the story of chocolate and how it is made in the context of fair trade and in the senior assembly we looked at fast fashion and the importance of sustainable alternatives. We discussed how sustainable alternatives can be really expensive and how that may be difficult for people trying to do the right thing. Fair Trade Fortnight is taking place at the moment.

6th Class trip to Science Blast

Our Science Blast Project was **"Does Music Affect Taste?"**

What we did was get 2 people from each class and blindfold them and asked them to try 3 identical food products but with different music each time. We found that 76% of people said it tasted different and 72% said it tasted better with music.

We also found with classical music 88% of people who said it tasted different said it tasted sweeter.

Overall, we had lots of fun making this project and presenting it to the judges, and are really pleased with the feedback.

Luke and Salva

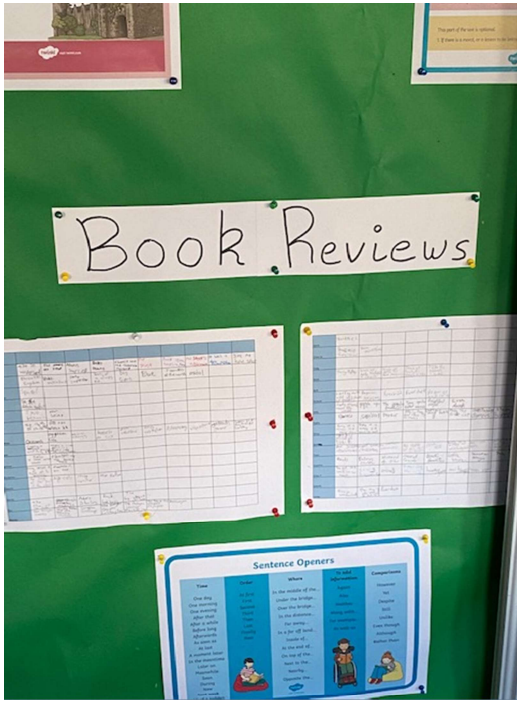


Beir bua,

Eddie
Priomhóide



Around the School



Keeping track of all our book reviews in 4th Class Eoin



A very good poster highlighting good hygiene



Getting our Irish conversation going in Sabina's class



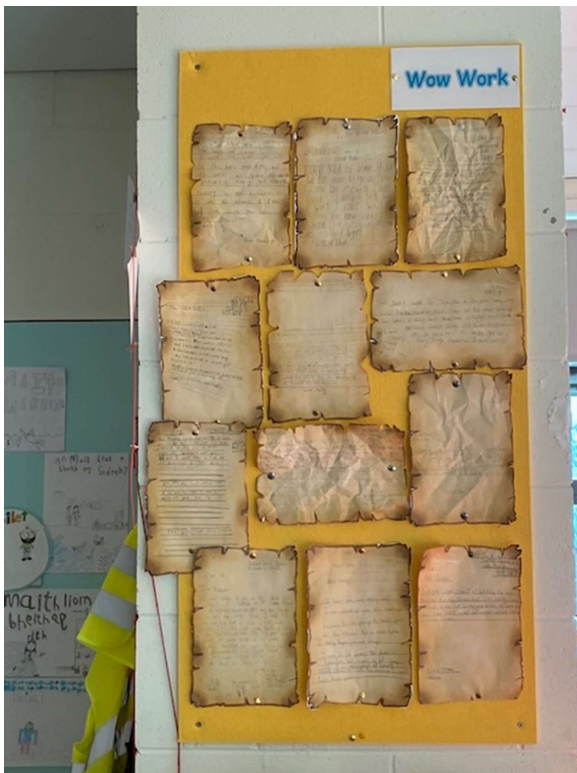
Excellent work in Senior Infants Ruth



Learning all about money in 1st Class Anne Marie



Living Maths charts in Ben's class



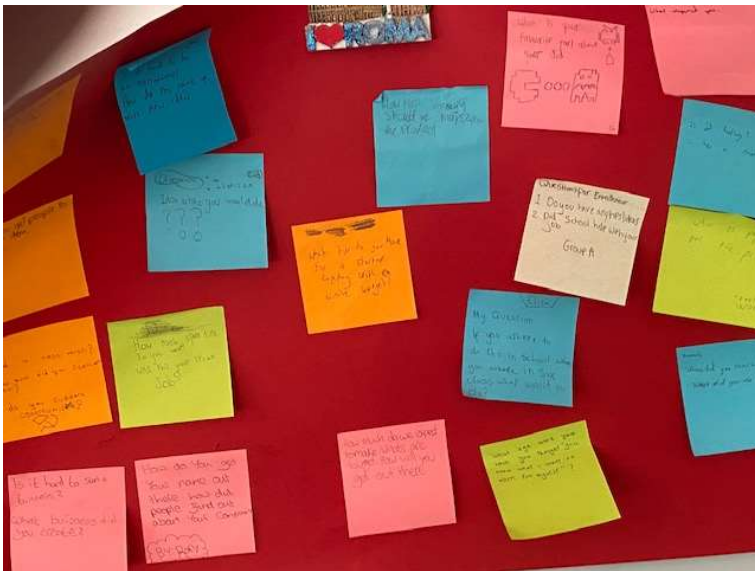
2nd Class Jenny getting stuck in to writing process



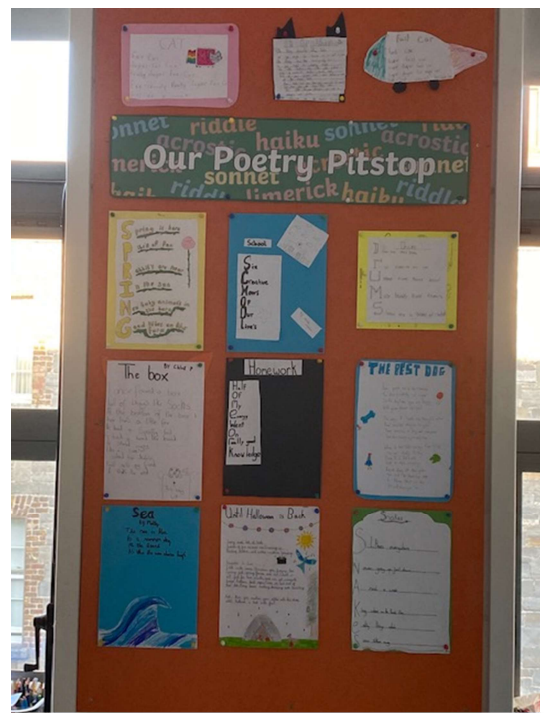
Amazing Dragons in Junior Infants Cathal



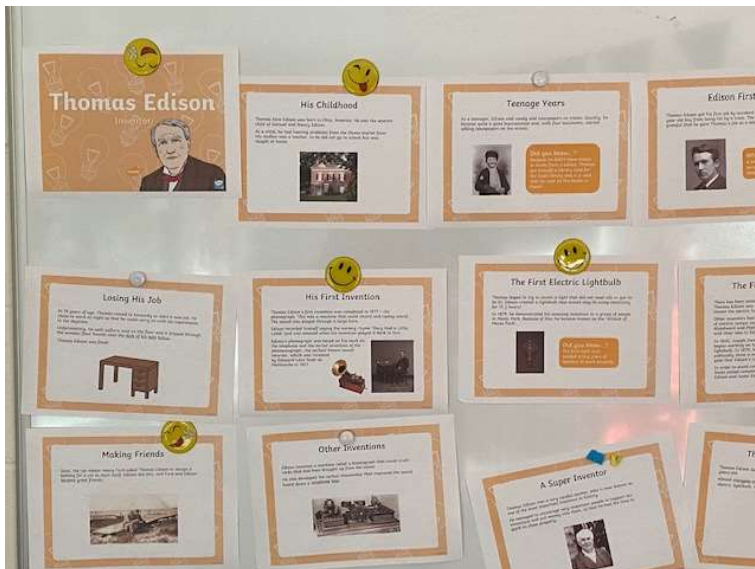
1st Class Life Goals



Preparing interview questions for a visitor to the class in 6th Class



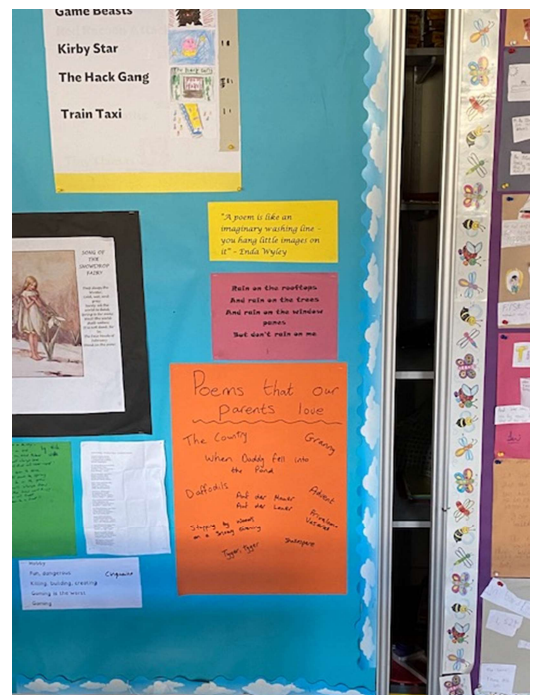
4th Class Eoin's Poetry Wall



Learning all about Thomas Edison in 2nd Class



Excellent writing through the Writers' Workshop in 1st Class Anne Marie



Poems that our parents love in 2nd Class Anita