

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

13th February 2020

A Chairde (Friends),

Thank you

I want to thank all the different parts of the school community who helped yesterday when a child left the building. There is a Fire Door in the back Music Room beside the Parents Room in The Old Guardhouse. This is where the child left from, as a door leading to this area was unlocked. The Parents Room and the two Music Rooms will be closed and locked until we ensure that the boundary door can be secured, whilst also ensuring the integrity of the school's fire safety certification. I know that all the parents who use the Parents Room will not mind the temporary inconvenience in the least.

Music classes will happen in the main building for a few weeks while this work is underway.

I want to thank all the staff and other members of the school community who pulled together yesterday and were an immense help and support to us. The family would like us to thank everyone on their behalf as well. I also want to thank the school's Critical Incidents Team and the Board of Management for all their advice and support. I want to assure everybody that the school is fully secure and there is no need to worry in terms of your own children. Anita and I have spoken to all the children from 1st to 6th Class today reinforcing this message of safety.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Language Curriculum Training Half Day

A reminder that the first of two language curriculum half day training days will take place tomorrow. School will close at 11.50am for Junior and Senior Infants and at 12pm for the rest of the school. There will be no Kids Club.

The school will remain closed for midterm break the following week and reopen on Monday 24th February. We hope you all have a great break and look forward to seeing you for the second half of Term 2.

School Calendar

Please find attached the School Calendar for 2020/21. The school year is standardised by the Department of Education and Skills. The children will return to school on Tuesday, 1st September. We are also attaching the current Calendar for your information.

Chess Competition

Our Chess team took part in the Leinster Chess League on Tuesday in the school, along with St. Catherine's NS and Lucan East Educate Together.



4th Class visit to Gaillot et Gray Restaurant

Gilles and Emma (1st and 4th class parents), invited 4th Class to make bread on Monday. It was amazing to see the whole process and get our hands sticky as we made bread from scratch. We also got a chance to look at different parts of the restaurant and see how it works. Many thanks to Gilles and Emma for their warm hospitality and the incredible learning opportunity they put in place for us.



The Cabbage Garden Project

The **Cabbage Garden Project** is an initiative organised by St Patrick's Cathedral, inviting community involvement in the development of the Cabbage Garden field (D8), which will become a playground for children later this year. Luke from St Patrick's came in to speak to both 2nd Classes to get their ideas on the development of the playground. The Garden Project has asked us to mention two things, one an invitation to join them on Saturday 29th February 11:00-16:00 for a Community Fair, LoveD8 - a market style celebration of all that is great about D8, held in Saint Catherine's Church, Thomas Street, Dublin 8. Secondly, they have invited parents and children to complete a brief survey about the development of the field.

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Students of the Week

Well done to this week's Students of the Week



Parents Association AGM

The Parents Association AGM took place on Wednesday last. Many thanks to Tanya Ward who gave a very informative talk on Children's Rights. We hope to have more speakers at Parents Association meetings later in the year.

Around the School



5th Class response to artist Romero Britto

Beir bua,

Eddie
Priomhóide