



Newsletter Jan/Feb 2019

It's hard to believe that it's half term already! The weeks have certainly flown by. The newsletter will be available on the website if you wish to access the links listed below.



Visiting Author

Brett Dillingham will be visiting Griffeen Valley ETNS on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th of March to work with teachers and pupils in some of our senior classes. Brett teaches Performance Literacy - where children write and tell their own non-fiction and fiction stories. He has worked with children around the world. His storytelling presentations are told in an engaging and unique style. We have been lucky to work with Brett in the past and look forward to welcoming him back to GVETNS. You can find out more about his work at www.brettdillingham.com



Text - a - Parent

Have you changed your mobile number recently? If so, please let us know in order that we can contact you in cases of emergency and with updates regarding school events. If you have not been receiving our texts please contact the office so we can check the number.



Dates for your diary

Midterm Break: Monday 18th— Friday 22nd Feb - school closed

PTA AGM: Tuesday 12th of March- 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Staff Training: Friday 15th of March- school closed

Public Holiday - Mon. 18th March - school closed.

Mon. 15th—Friday 26th April Easter Holidays—school closed.



Punctuality

It is very important that all children arrive in time for school each morning. It is very disruptive for children and teachers when a child regularly arrives late for school. A child arriving late each morning misses out on important learning time. It is also very daunting for a child to arrive into class late when everyone has settled down to work.



Building and Maintenance Update

Thank you for your patience and understanding during our recent closure. The offending boilers have now been fully repaired and given an additional service to ensure that they run efficiently. Issues with toilets adjacent to Jimmy's Hall have also been resolved. The plumbing system in the new building will undergo a full, professional deep clean during the break. The latest update from the DES regarding WBS School building issue can be found at www.education.ie/en/Press-Events/Press-Releases/2019-press-releases/PR19-01-18-1.html. The second phase of work has begun at some of the schools with precautionary measures in place. We have yet to be advised of when work will take place at GNETNS and the scaffolding and fences will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Any work that needs to take place during this remediation programme will take place during weekends and holidays.

PTA News

The annual PTA AGM will take place on 12th of March from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. We would like to thank the PTA for their work during the past year. The annual school raffle raised a fantastic €5,138! Calendar sales raised a further €1,905. New benches will be installed in the middle yard during the half term. Work will begin soon on upgrading the border areas of the middle yard. Pupils will be able to plant an herb and vegetable garden in these areas.

Car parking

Parking permit application forms will be available from the school office after half term. There are a very limited number of permits available and these are mainly reserved for parents of pupils with very particular physical needs. Also, please do take extra care when parking in the vicinity of the school gates. There have been a couple of close calls lately with cars reversing on and off pavements where pupils are walking.

World Book Day - 7th of March

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th of March this year. Children in all classes are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on that day. All pupils will also receive a World Book Day Token which allows them to select a book from a list of free titles at participating book stores.

Thank You!

We would like to thank you for your continued support and co-operation and hope that you get to enjoy the lovely spring weather with your families.

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