

Griffeen Valley ETNS Table Tennis Team

I've invited Philip, our table tennis coach, to write about our fantastic table tennis teams' successes this year!



It has been an incredible season so far for the school table tennis teams. Two girls teams and two boys teams have been taking part in the Leinster Schools League and Cup.

The girls A team picked up where last year's team left off, by winning Division 1 without dropping a match. They will now represent Leinster at the All Ireland Schools finals at the National Indoor Arena in May where they will defend the title that last year's Griffeen Valley girls team won.

The girls B team play in Division 2 and have won 3 out of 3 matches so far. It looks like they have a strong chance of winning this division, which is a great achievement for their first year taking part.

Our two boys teams are both in Division 1 and it has come down to the last match of this division between both of these Griffeen teams, to decide who wins the league and who is runner up. So, we will also have a GVET boys team representing Leinster at the All Ireland Schools finals!

Both A teams (boys and girls) are through to the Leinster Schools Cup semi-finals which will take place at UCD in May.

This success can be attributed to the continuous development of table tennis at the school over a number of years through the PE programme in younger classes and after school classes.

Girls A Team – Sadbh, Jess, Beatrice, Anya

Girls B Team – Janka, Alison, Orla, Carly

Boys A Team – Pranav, Ciaran, Killian, Liam

Boys B Team – Calum, Jack, Fionn, Jamie

Well done to everyone for their hard work so far and best of luck with the remaining matches!

Philip McLaughlin

Table tennis coach

An update from Phil!

The Girls A Team have won their league! The Girls B team have won their league too! The Boys B team have also won their league! The Boys B team were runners up in the First Division. What a fantastically talented bunch!

The Girls A team and Boys B team will represent Leinster in the Schools All Ireland Finals in Many and in the Leinster Schools Cup Finals – date to be confirmed. We wish them the best of luck in both competitions.

Returning to School 2019/ 2020

If your child will not be returning to school for the next academic year, please let Eithne know as soon as possible. We have lengthy waiting lists and places can be offered if we know in advance.

Dates for your diary

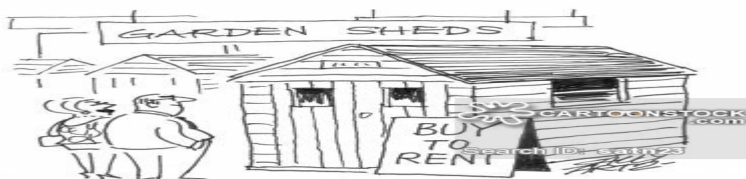
School will re-open after the Easter Break on Monday 29th of April.

May Bank Holiday – school is closed on Monday 6th of May.

June Bank Holiday – school is closed Friday 31st of May and Monday 3rd of June

Local Election Day – Our school will be used as a polling station on Friday 24th of May. School will be closed on that date.

The Mystery of the Shed ☺



Last week a large shed appeared overnight beside the school garden. Theories abounded as to what it was for. How much did it cost? What was inside? Was it really a karaoke studio for the teachers and SNA'S?

You may have spotted the rather large shed beside the school garden. The shed has been provided by the DES to the school at no cost. This is extra storage for school items and is required in light of the ongoing works at the school.

Building Work

Upgrade works have been carried out on the school sewage system. These will be completed during the Easter break. Fire safety upgrade works have also been carried out in the lobby and stairwell of the old building. Work has been carried out after school for the past fortnight to limit the need for any further school closures. Additional upgrades will take place during the Summer holidays and I will keep you informed of the scheduled works as and when this information is available from the DES.

Cake sale in aid of the Neo-Natal Unit in the NMH, Holles Street.

The Fifth Class and Staff Cake sales were very successful. We would like to thank you for all of your generous purchases and donations yesterday. The Neo Natal Unit at the NMH will benefit directly from all the proceeds of the sale. Over €2009 was raised by yesterdays sale. Well done to everyone who baked, bought and donated! A very special thank you to the teachers and pupils in Fifth Class and to Laura who organises the annual Staff Bake Off!

Eggstra Special Excitement!

Pupils enjoyed scouring the school grounds for carrots, Easter eggs and other treats. We hope you all have an enjoyable break and wish any families who are celebrating a very *Happy Easter!* Also, a very *Happy Baisakhi* to our Sikh families. Baisakhi takes place on Saturday 13th of April. The Jewish festival of Passover takes place on 20th of April. Happy celebrations to all!

Easter Stories

Thanks to Katarina and Alison for the lovely Easter themed story sessions which took place in the school library on Thursday 11th of April. All of the Infant classes visited the library and listened to stories about bunnies, rabbits and lambs! Everyone also left the library with a lovely chocolate treat!

PTA Officers

The PTA AGM took place on Monday of March. Ten parents were elected to the new PTA committee. The election of officers took place on Tuesday 9th of April. A list of the PTA committee members and the Officers of the PTA will be available shortly on the school website.

Finally, thank you for your continued support during the past term.

Kind Regards,

Andrea

