

# DROM News

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## Amazing April to Magnificent May

### Communion Class 13/14



The picture shows the boys and girls of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in Drom National School who received their Communion on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The children were truly the pride of the parish and a credit to both their teacher, Ms. Scanlan, their parents / guardians and their families.

This month we have a bumper issue for our readers filled with news of ceremonies in our school, sporting events such as hurling and soccer, charity events and news of our Green Schools efforts. At the moment, we are busy revising for our summer tests which will take place in the last two weeks of May. Benjamin Franklin is quoted as saying 'Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise', so during our tests we will be going to bed early to make sure we are ready for this important time. We hope you enjoy our newsletter.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 19<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>: School Assessments.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Local and European Elections. NO SCHOOL.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bank Holiday. NO SCHOOL.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Student Yearly Reports will be sent home.
- June 5<sup>th</sup>: Clothing Collection: Clothes will be collection on this day.
- June 11<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class School Tour to Irish National Heritage Centre, Co. Wexford.
- June 12<sup>th</sup>: Junior Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class School Tour to Lullymore, Co. Kildare.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>: School Open Day: We welcome all parents / guardians to our school on this day.

#### AMAZING APPS!

##### ABC Pocket Phonics



Aimed at preschool students and older children up to 7, Pocket Phonics uses animated graphics, sound and touch to:

- Teach children their letter sounds;
- How to write their letters; and
- How to "blend" letter sounds together to make words

**SOCCER ROUND-UP  
A-TEAM**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, Drom N.S. went to Two-Mile Borris for the F.A.I. Schoolboys Cup. First Drom took on the mighty Moneygall but we quickly put them away with a 7-2 victory.

In Drom's second game, we played group favourites Rossmore. It was a close game that ended 1-1, which meant that Drom had to beat Moyglass 15-0. Drom got off to a quick start and led 8-0 at half time. Drom gave all they had in the second half and got a well deserved 15-0 win with great goals from Ben Stapleton, Dylan Cody, James Kennedy, John Campion and great goalkeeping from Fintan Purcell – and all with a clean sheet. Drom qualified to the next round. Drom's A Team included Fintan Purcell, John Campion, Dylan Cody, Ben Stapleton, James Kennedy, Donnacha Barry and Hugh Scott

**FAI Schoolboys Final Stages**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, Drom N.S. went back to Two-Mile Borris for the second and final day of the FAI Schoolboys competition. Drom's first game was against Skeheenarinky. It was a tough game and we were losing 1-0 at half time, but Drom fought back with great goals from Dylan Cody, James Kennedy and a great pass from John Campion to set up Ben Stapleton's goal. Drom's next match was against Toomevara. It was a very close game that ended 2-2 with goals from James Kennedy and Dylan Cody. Drom then played Mullinahone in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game which was a must win game for Drom. At half time the score was 1-0 to Mullinahone.

A quick start from Drom in the second half saw us getting two goals coming from the brilliant Ben Stapleton and John Campion. Just as Drom thought they had it won, Mullinahone pulled one back. It was 2 – 2.

As the end of the match neared, Mullinahone's defender made a terrible mistake by handling the ball in the box. This left John Campion with the chance of sending Drom through. He coolly slotted it away in the bottom left hand corner.

In the last game Drom played St. Mary's NS of Clogheen which they won. That put them through to the semi-final. We then played Lismackin. We had a good start with a pass from Dylan Cody that set up a great strike from Ben Stapleton. At half time it was 1-0. In the second half Lismackin got two very late goals which left Drom with no time to score. Lismackin went through to the final.



**B-TEAM**

We started strong against Birdhill with Donncha Barry scoring a very well struck goal. In the second half, we had Dean Griffin scoring within two minutes. Almost straight after, Donncha Barry followed up with yet another goal. Suddenly the whistle blew and the game was over.

The second match was against Littleton. It started with Diarmuid Brennan in goals. In the back line was Taryn Purcell and Paul Glasheen. In mid-field was Dean Griffin and Nathan Russell with Donncha Barry up front. Donncha scored a goal almost straight after tip –off. In the second half Dean Griffin came on for Nathan Russell. Then Kirsty came on for Donncha. The second half began and Dean got straight in, scoring a goal.

Finally, we played against Tipp Town. They had good defence. We got a throw. Paul took it and they cleared it up to number 7 and unfortunately got it past Diarmuid. We took tip off and moved up the field. Nathan passed the ball to Donncha and scored. They took tip off and Dean gave away a free. Diarmuid blocked it off his studs and they got the ball and scored. We took tip off and got a throw. Paul took it and it hit the bar again. Paul got the ball off number 8 and hit the crossbar yet again. The whistle blew and we unfortunately lost.

**C-TEAM**

We arrived at Two Mile Borris at ten o' clock. We were looking forward to the matches. Our first match started at quarter past ten. The captain was Kyah Scully. She was also our top goal scorer. We played three matches. Unfortunately we lost our three matches but we were playing against very strong oppositions. There were seven players in each team but only five were on the field at any time. Everyone got a fair chance to play and all gave 100%. The team was Kyah Scully, Luke Heeney, Sam Carroll, Jack Ryan, Darragh Lyons, Caolan Walker and Emma Cody.





**HURLING**

**DROM V LOUGHMORE**

On Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> of April, Drom played Loughmore in Drom. The referee was Willie Clohessey. The lineout was as follows: Diarmuid Brennan in goals; Backs: John Campion, Donncha Barry (Captain) and Dean Griffin; Midfield: Fintan Purcell, Paul Glasheen and Ben Stapleton; Forwards: James Kennedy, Hugh Scott and Taryn Purcell. The substitutes for the game were Dylan, Kate, and Nathan.

It was a one sided game in favour of Drom N.S . At half time, the score was 3-6 to 0 - 1 . Drom started well in the second half scoring 2-09. We won easily in the end. All the subs came on and played well. The final score was 5-15 to 1 point. We, then played a subs game.

**DROM V UPPERCHURCH**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, our next opponents were Upperchurch, which was also played in Drom. The referee was Donal Leahy. Upperchurch started well with a quick point from Keith Ryan. We then equalised with a great free from Fintan Purcell. Upperchurch scored 1-1 very quickly. Drom then got a free on our own end line. Fintan Purcell put it in the back of the net. They scored 3 points with no reply from Drom, John Campion then scored a good point .The score at half time was 3-5 to 1-2 in Upperchurch's favour. We got a good start with a point from Paul Glasheen. Upperchurch got 6 points. John Campion made a great run from midfield. Suddenly he was tackled to the ground. It was a penalty. Fintan Purcell scored . He followed up with scoring a 21 yard free. John Campion got another point later on.

Unfortunately we did not qualify to represent our group in the next stage. Our hope now lies on our two students representing Drom NS in the final stages of the Primary Game Trials.

Best of luck to Fintan Purcell (hurling) and Ben Stapleton (football)

By John, Donnacha, Dean & Fintan

**BASKETBALL LEAGUE WINNERS**



**GREEN SCHOOLS**  
**GARDENING WITH BRONAGH**

Junior and Senior Infants began gardening on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We each planted our own strawberry plant. We put the plant in the pot with soil and compost and then we watered our plants.

When we were finished, we weeded the garden. While we were weeding we found lots of worms. Bronagh decided to make a wormery with some of the worms we found. We made the wormery with a glass jar. We put some small stones in the jar first, then we put in some sand, some soil and then some fruit peel. Lastly we put in the worms. We wrapped the glass jars with newspaper, so that it would be dark. We put the jars in a dark press, and when we check the wormery, we hope the worms will have mixed up all the stones, sand, soil and fruit peel.

**NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN**

On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, we had our Spring Clean. Each class cleaned a different part of the school or village. Junior and Senior Infants cleaned the school grounds. First and Second Class cleaned the school ground and the church yard and graveyard. Third and Fourth Class cleaned along the footpaths and around the village. Fifth & Sixth Class cleaned the hurling field. We had lots of fun taking part in the National Spring Clean and the school and village looked nice and clean after our efforts. We are continuing to keep our school and its grounds clean and tidy and hope to be successful in the Tidy School Competition this year.

**COMMUNION**

This year, the First Holy Communion took place on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. The following children from Second Class received their First Holy Communion: Seán Barry, Joey Black, Jane Brereton, Pdraig Heneghan, David Kinane, James Mc Auley, Daragh Ryan, Dale Scully and Julian Stapleton. The children worked very hard to prepare for this special day and were so excellent. We would also like to thank all those children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class who supported their fellow students by singing in the choir. A wonderful day was had by all.



Members of the BT Harps Girls soccer team from Drom NS who recently won the Vale Oil Perpetual Cup in Holycross. Well done to all involved including some of our parent community who are involved in training the girls.

### CONFIRMATION

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March the forty-seven 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class children from Drom, Inch and Barnane received their Confirmation under the hand of Archbishop Clifford. We were very busy practising many prayers and songs and decorating the church for our special day. Many of us had prayers and readings to say while others had to bring up gifts. The mass started at 11:00am and all went very well. The Bishop complemented the choir on their beautiful singing. He also complemented the children and teachers for all their hard work and effort.

We would like to say a special word of thanks to Fr. Murphy for his time, encouragement and preparation; without him our day would not have gone so smoothly. We would also like to thank Evelyn our organist. After the mass lots of photographs were taken - we took photographs with the bishop, our sponsors and our friends and family. After the photographs, many people went home while others went out to celebrate for the day.

All in all we had a great day that we will always remember.

### CRUMLIN EASTER EGG APPEAL

March saw the children of Drom National School designing and making Get Well cards for the children in Crumlin Children's Hospital. These along with approx. €80 were kindly donated to the Crumlin Children's Hospital Easter Egg Appeal. A group of Garda bikers arrived to the school on a magnificent Garda motorcycle to collect these donations. There was great excitement as the Gardaí allowed the children to get up on the motorbike. The teachers were also 'encouraged' by the Gardaí and the children to hop up on the bike. The teachers had such fun that they are thinking of coming to school on motorbikes in the future. Now that would be an interesting sight!



## DROM NOTES!



### ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

The Board of Management of Drom National School has developed and adopted a new Anti-Bullying policy in accordance with the procedures outlined in Circular 0045/13 and the Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, September 2013. This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 and is available to download from [www.dromns.com](http://www.dromns.com). A hard copy is also being provided to each family with this newsletter and can subsequently be requested from the school office by phoning (0504) 51688 between 9.30am and 11.00am. The following policies are also now available: Administration of Medicines Policy, Accidents to Pupil Policy, Internet Acceptable Usage Policy and Record Keeping Policy.

### CLASS ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2014 / 2015

Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Class: Ms. A. Moore-Walsh  
 Second Class, Third Class, Fourth Class: Ms. C. Scanlan  
 Fifth & Sixth Class: Ms. M. Butler

### BOOK SCHEME

Provided with this newsletter are the details of the book scheme that will operate in the school in 2014 / 2015, along with the booklists for each class. Teachers will provide a more detailed list including stationary requirements in June. SHOULD ANY FAMILY HAVE NO FURTHER USE FOR SOME OF THE BOOKS LISTED ON THE SCHOOL BOOKLISTS, WE WOULD ASK YOU TO CONSIDER DONATING THEM TO THE SCHOOL.

### CLOTHING COLLECTION

Using a refuse bag, please donate, used or new, men's, women's & children's unwanted clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, ties, linen, household, textiles or stuffed toys. Mobile phones should be placed in a separate small plastic bag. Clothes donations to the school please on or before Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Funds raised will go towards school funds.

### BAG PACKING

The school has been given the opportunity to raise funds by bag packing in Dunnes Stores on July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2014. A form has been included with this newsletter to seek volunteers to bag pack on these days. If there is not sufficient numbers of volunteers for this fundraising activity, the school will offer the assigned slot to another community group and subsequently reapply for 2015. Thank you in advance for any assistance that you may be able to provide.

### A FOND FAREWELL

On Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, we bid a fond farewell to Ms. Michelle Lawlor who was our Learning Support Teacher while Ms. Hackett was on Maternity Leave. We wish Ms. Lawlor all the best in her future teaching career and thank her for all her wonderful work and support throughout the year. We thank her in particular for giving of her time to organise and run the school basketball league. We will miss her in our school and encourage her to come back and see us soon.