



DROM News



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Amazing April

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2018



The picture shows the boys and girls of Drom National School who received their Confirmation in March.

This April we have a jam-packed issue of Drom NewS for you. After our Easter holidays, we began preparing in earnest for the First Holy Communion ceremony - which is just around the corner now. We also started our school hurling league and enjoyed taking part in an U11 hurling blitz in Littleton. Gymnastics class started in April and we also had our annual Spring Clean. If you thought that was busy however, wait until you see what's coming up in May!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May Bank Holiday: Monday, 6th May 2018: NO SCHOOL**
- First Holy Communion Ceremony: Sunday, 13th May 2018
- Senior School Tour: National Sports Campus: 22nd May 2018
- **Primary Language Curriculum Training: 23rd May 2018: NO SCHOOL**
- Card Night: 23rd May 2018 in Drom Community Hall.
- **Polling Station: 25th May 2018: NO SCHOOL**
- **June Bank Holiday: Monday, 4th June 2018: NO SCHOOL**
- Fun N' Fitness Week: Tuesday, 5th June – Friday, 8th June 2018
- Junior Infants 2018 / 2019: Orientation Day: 11th June 2018
- Junior School Tour: Tearaways Pet Farm: 14th June 2018
- Sports Day: 18th June 2018
- Graduation Mass and Student Awards: 25th June 2018 @ 10.15am

GYMNASICS

We are having such fun at Gymnastics this year, that it is hard to believe that we have already had four lessons. We began working on key skills such as developing balance, building up our core muscles and improving co-ordination. We then moved to learn about gymnastic finishes, pencil roles and tumbles. We are already seeing huge benefits in other areas of sport, particularly in hurling.

U-11 HURLING BLITZ

By Maeve Heallon and James Ryan

On the 18th April, our U11 team went to Littleton for a hurling blitz. After warming up, we played our first match. It was against Scoil Ailbhe who proved too strong for us despite our efforts. Sadly, we lost our next two matches also but we had a great day. It really was a great experience for all but particularly for some of our younger players, who were taking part in their first competitive matches for the school. We would like to thank Mr. Moloney and Ms. Hackett for taking the time to come with us. The team was Maeve Heallon, Liam Brereton, Corbin O' Toole, James Ryan, David Black, Ryan Nolan, Darragh Barry, Dan Ryan and Sam O' Connor.

SCHOOL LEAGUE

On the 19th April, the school league began. School league is a hurling league played within 1st to 6th class. The matches are played every Thursday. Mr. Moloney is the referee. The team captains are Jane Brereton, Seán Barry, Joey Black, Julian Stapleton, James McAuley and Daragh Ryan. The following games have been played to date:

19th April 2018: Julian's Team V Jane's Team. Winner: Julian's Team

26th April 2018: Daragh's Team V Seán's Team. Winner: Seán's Team

3rd May 2018: Joey's Team V James' Team. Winner: James' Team

We now progress to the next stage which will see the winners of each round take on each other.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN

This year, children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class took part in the National Spring Clean. Each classroom was responsible for a different zone in the school and the village. The teachers spoke to the children about safety and highlighted possible dangers before we left. Then we collected the relevant equipment for the task ahead – bags, gloves, litter pickers and brushes etc. We were delighted with our efforts and everyone agreed it had been a successful day. Our village sparkled after all our hard work so we hope that all can keep it up! Well done to all involved.

HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONY

On the 13th May 2018, seven students will receive their First Holy Communion. The past few weeks have seen them busily preparing for this special day with their teacher, Mr. Moloney and their parents / guardians. We want to thank most sincerely all those children who volunteered to participate in the choir on this day. It is heartening to see such commitment to the children in second class and to their community. The seven students receiving their First Holy Communion are Emma Bergin, Caoimhe Kiely, Grace McGrath, Kalum Cawley, Sam O' Connor, Dan Ryan and Louis Stapleton. We wish every blessing upon them.

**DROM NOTES!****SCHOOL TOURS**

The details of the senior school tour (2nd – 6th Class) have been provided to the students and are also available on www.dromns.com. The students of Junior Infants to First Class will visit Tearaways Pet Farm on the 14th June. Details of this school tour will follow in the coming days.

CARD NIGHT

Drom National School Progressive 25 Card Drive will take place in Drom Community Hall on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 9.00PM. We seek volunteers to assist with selling raffle tickets and serving refreshments after the game. We also seek donations of confectionary and raffle prizes for this event. If you can assist on the night, we'd love to hear from you.

FUN N' FITNESS WEEK

This year we are introducing a week of physical activity to Drom National School called 'Fun N' Fitness' Week, which takes place from June 5th – 8th. During this week, the children will engage in physical activities in school each day while homework will consist of a physical activity, preferably outdoors (if weather permits). The activity can be anything from walking the dog, to taking a jog, swimming or playing games. Parents/guardians must record the activity and time spent doing it in the Fun N' Fitness diary. We would encourage students to bring their skipping ropes to school during this week. Students should also wear their tracksuit each day this week.

ASSESSMENTS

Summer assessments will take place from Monday, 28th May to Friday, 8th June. We would encourage students to get plenty of rest during these weeks. As Benjamin Franklin advised: "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise".

POLICY APPROVAL

At a meeting held on the 17th April, the Board of Management of Drom National School approved or reviewed the following policies: Religious Education Policy, School Excursion Policy, Work Experience Policy, One to One Teaching Procedure and School Visitor Policy. The Board of Management is also in the process of reviewing the Intimate Care and Toileting Policy in order to more adequately reflect the needs of senior students.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. MARGARET BUTLER AND HER HUSBAND JOHN ON THE ARRIVAL OF BABY GRACE. WE WISH HER LONG LIFE, HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.



April

EVENTS



Fire Safety in Drom NS

