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Nice November!

DROMNS CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW



DONATIONS WELCOME:

10th DECEMBER 2018

**CARDS TO BE
RETURNED:**

14TH DECEMBER 2018

**DRAW FOR CHRISTMAS
HAMPER(S):**

**14TH DECEMBER 2018 @
3PM**

It was lovely for the children to enjoy a well deserved rest over the Mid-Term after working so hard in school this year. During November, we took part in activities for Science Week, continued with our quiz club and athletics training and took part in a coding workshop. We also started our hurling training in preparation for Term 2. We now press ahead with our preparations for Christmas. Please enjoy our newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday 14th Dec. 2018:** Christmas Hamper Draw @ 3pm
- **Friday, 14th Dec. 2018:** Vaccinations in school. The HSE have informed the relevant parents / guardians
- **Wednesday, 19th Dec. 2018:** Christmas Nativity and Carol Service @ 7pm
- **Friday, 21st Dec. 2018:** Christmas Holidays @12.30pm & Christmas Clobber Day. [A special visitor may also be here on this day.](#)
- **Monday, 7th Jan. 2019:** Return to school @ 9.20am

TEAM HOPE SHOE BOXES

Thank you to all those who contributed to the to the Team Hope Shoebox appeal. You should be so proud of your efforts.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

We would love if students who wish to show their appreciation for teachers at Christmas time would draw a picture, make a card or do something kind for their teacher in school such as help to tidy the classroom. We would encourage students to remember all in a group if distributing Christmas Cards in school e.g. A First Class child may wish to give a card to each child in First Class.

SWIMMING

Swimming lessons will now take place in Templemore Garda College following successful completion of the application process. Therefore, from Wednesday, 9th January 2019, the children of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class will go swimming each week for 6 weeks in Templemore Garda College followed by 4th, 5th and 6th Class for 6 weeks starting on Wednesday, 20th February 2019. Transport to the pool and payment of instructors costs €6.85 per student per week.

The Board of Management requests a contribution of €6.00 per student per week for each lesson or €36 for all six lessons.

Inability to make a contribution will not preclude a pupil from participating fully in swimming classes.

SCIENCE WEEK: BIG BEAR PLANETARIUM

On Thursday, 8th November 2018, the students of 4th, 5th and 6th Class visited the Big Bear Planetarium in Thurles Library, The Source, Thurles as part of Science Week Ireland. The Big Bear Planetarium uses 3-D digital projection technology to help students to explore the universe in an interactive and fun way.

SCIENCE WEEK: SLIME, ROCKETS & BUBBLES

The Science, Rockets & Bubbles Science show was attended by the students of 1st, 2nd & 3rd Class on Monday, 12th November in MIC, Thurles. There, the students were treated to an exciting show which involved scientists demonstrating activities such as electrocuting a Barbie doll using a Van Der Graff generator, lighting up lightbulbs just by touching a plasma ball, shooting giant smoke rings at others using smoke cannons and watching the bubbling, foaming 'Elephant' toothpaste.

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CHRISTMAS CLOBBER DAY!



21st DECEMBER 2018

STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR CHRISTMAS CLOBBER ON FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER TO ADD SOME FESTIVE CHEER TO OUR SCHOOL.

Wear your Christmas jumper to school, or something red or green - that would be cool.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The Board of Management of Drom National School seeks the feedback of parents / guardians in relation to the school's compliance with the requirements of the child safeguarding requirements of the 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017. Should you wish to provide the Board with feedback, please send your written submission to the Chairperson of the Board, Drom NS before December 21st 2018.

November



CODING WORKSHOP IN ASSOCIATION WITH IT TALLAGHT

On Friday, 30th November 2018, Ms. Róisín Faherty of IT Tallaght visited Drom National School to provide a coding workshop using Micro:Bit to children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class. A Micro:Bit is a pocket-sized computer. It has 25 red LED lights that can flash messages that have been downloaded to it from a laptop / computer. They can be used to create games. There are two programmable buttons that can be used to control games or pause and skip songs on a playlist. It has an accelerometer so it can detect motion and knows when you're on the move.

With the help of their teachers, Junior and Senior Infants, logged into their computers, opened the Micro:Bit program and learned how to give the computer basic commands, also known as coding. The students learned how to display a smiley icon and a sad icon on the computer screen and then learned to programme each of the two buttons on the on-screen Micro:Bit to display each icon.

Onto to 1st, 2nd and 3rd, where Róisín met with some coding wizards. Ms. Butler's students learned how to command the on-screen Micro:Bit to change from one icon to the next when it was shaken using the on-screen shake button. Then the students downloaded their code to the Micro:Bit machine (see above) and were able to use either the buttons or a shaking motion to see the icons, shapes and names that they had coded on their laptop appear on the Micro:Bit machine's display. Some students even created a temperature sensor without receiving any assistance from Róisín.

In 4th, 5th and 6th Class, the students learned about computer science and had some of their perceptions of computer science challenged. Róisín explained that many young people believe that computer science is predominantly about gaming but soon learned that it involves a great deal more than that. The students began by learning basic coding demands and testing them out. Róisín explained that computers must be told each step of an operation in order to work. The students then transferred their code to the Micro:Bit. The students used their Micro:bit to create a step counter. They then went outside to run around the ball court in an effort to have the most steps at the end of the activity.

We extend our gratitude to Claire, a parent in our school, for making us aware of this programme and to Róisín and her colleague Keith Quille for providing this fun and exciting introduction to coding to the students and teachers of Drom NS. We look forward to working with them again in the future.

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CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



The school is seeking donations of mince pies or biscuits for the Christmas Carol Service. Refreshments will be served in the sacristy after the service. We welcome parents and guardians to join us. Please leave baked goods to the school on the morning of Wednesday, 19th December.

The nativity and carol service will start at 7pm. We would ask that students be in St. Mary's Church, Drom at 6.45pm. Students should wear their full uniform and bring a Santa hat along for some festive cheer with the exception of those who have been asked to wear a specific costume.

Donations will be welcomed on the night in aid of school funds. We want to provide every opportunity to the students in the school but cannot do it without your help and support.

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GALLERY



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**DROMNS
CHRISTMAS
CAROL SERVICE**

**WITH SIOBHÁN AND RÓISÍN
BAILEY AND DROM PARISH CHOIR**



**Wednesday, 19th December @7pm
St. Mary's Church, Drom,
Templemore**

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