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Outstanding October!



Donald Trump receives a scary reception at Drom NS!

What a busy and fun-filled October it has been for us in Drom National School! We have had so many exciting things happen in our school this month from Maths Week to Friendship Week to a visit from the Garda helicopter. We even had Donald Trump come to see us and make a play for the Irish vote. Have a 'spooktacular' Halloween.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mid Term Break: Fri. Oct. 28th
 3pm. School re-opens on Mon.
 Nov. 7th @ 9.20am
- School Assembly: Mon. 7th Nov.
- ☐ Christmas Annuals: Fri. 11th Nov.
- Science Week Ireland: 13th 20th Nov.
- Clothing Drive: 24th Nov. before 9.20am.
- Parent-Teacher Meetings: Wednesday, Nov. 23rd
- Book Fair: 1st Dec. 8th Dec.

MATHS WEEK IRELAND

Maths Week Ireland took place in our school from the 15th to the 23rd November. Each year we ask parents / guardians and their children to work together to solve some challenging math puzzles for a chance to win some Halloween goodies. Congratulations to all who took part. The winners were Sophie Kiely, Niamh Mockler, April Glasheen and Keira Patterson.

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CLOTHING DRIVE

We would ask you to continue the process of collecting clothes for our clothing drive. Bags containing the items listed below can be left in the school at any time prior to 9.20am on the 24th November (excluding the Mid-Term Break). We thank all those in our school community in advance of any help which they may be able to provide. Please spread the word amongst your friends and neighbours. <u>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.</u>

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent teacher meetings will take place on Wednesday, 23rd November 2016. However, in an effort to give all parents time to discuss their child's progress, teachers will be available for parent-teacher meetings from Monday, 21st November to Friday, 25th November inclusive. Each teacher will contact you with their available times after the mid-term break. If suitable, we would ask parents / guardians with more than one child in the school to choose slots where all the relevant teachers are available.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY REVIEW

The Board of Management's annual review of the school's child protection policy was completed at a board meeting held on 25th October 2016. This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in Appendix 2 of the Department's 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools.'

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY REVIEW

The Board of Management's annual review of the school's anti-bullying policy and its implementation was completed at the Board meeting held on 25th October 2016. This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in Appendix 4 of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools.

U12 CAMOGIE COUNTY FINAL!

At the end of August the U12 Drom Camogie team competed in a camogie county final. They played against Ballybacon Grange in the county camogie pitch in The Ragg. The pupils who participated were Rachel Ryan, Abbie Stapleton, Olivia Delargy and Sarah Kinnane of 6th Class and Jane Brereton of 5th Class. The score of the first half was 3-2 versus 1 point to Drom. In the second half they kept their lead and ended up winning the county final. The final score was 3-3 to 1-1.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW

Drom National School will hold a Christmas Hamper Raffle in December to raise funds for the school literacy programme. We are hoping to put together a Christmas Hamper filled with items donated by parents / guardians and those in our community. We have always had a great response to requests for items for our raffle at Christmas and hope this year will be no different. If you can be of any help, please bring your donation to the school by December 9th.

Each family will then be asked to take a card and encourage their family, friends and neighbours to take part in the raffle by purchasing a line for €2 or 3 lines for €5. Cards will be distributed following the mid-term break.

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

A Book Fair will take place in the school from Dec.1st – Dec. 8th. The fair lasts for a week with parents / guardians and children encouraged to buy books at discounted prices. The more money the school takes in during the fair the better for the school. Indeed, our school receives 60% of the take-in amount in free books for our school. Please spread the word and support this wonderful event.

FUNDRAISING 2016 - 2017

This year Drom NS are hoping to raise sufficient funds to set up a computer room in our school and to build up our literacy resources. As always, we can only do this with your support and the support of the community – something which the people of Drom and the surrounding area have always been so good to give.

HALLOWEEN FUN!

Great fun was had on Thursday, 27th October as the children dressed up in their 'frightastic' costumes. Check out www.dromns.com for great photos from the day.

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FUNDAY TIMES









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We Need You!



In an effort to plan for the future, we are currently compiling a list of families in the locality and the surrounding areas with children who will be starting primary school next year or in the next few years. This includes families currently in the school with younger children due to start primary school in the coming years.

We would be grateful if parents / guardians could let us know of how to get in touch with these families by filling out the attached form and returning it to the school. You could also share this information by email or by telling a teacher at the parent-teacher meeting.

Subsequently, we hope to contact these families to share with them some information about our school and keep them informed of upcoming events and our enrolment timetable.

Thank you most sincerely for your help!

The Drom NS Team.