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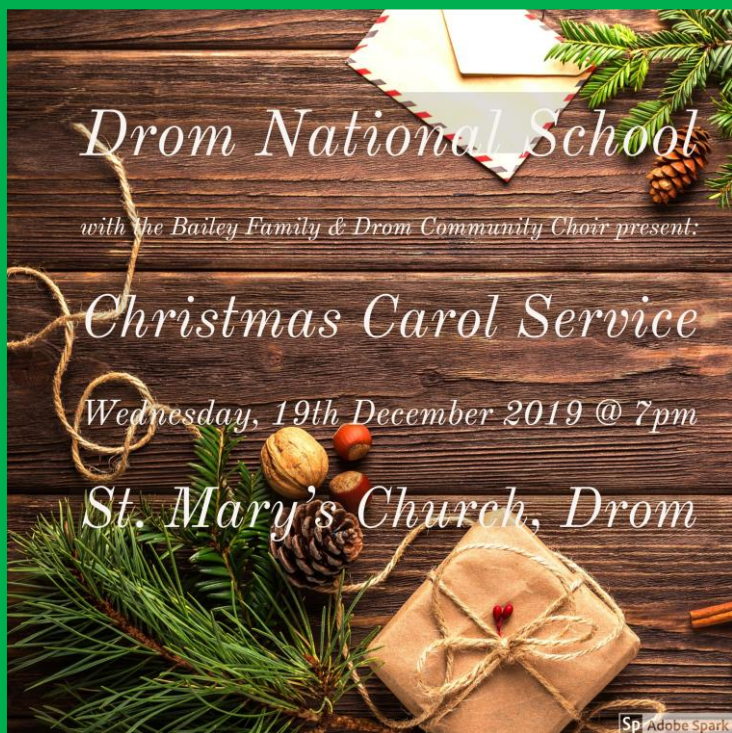
What a busy and fun-filled October it has been for us in Drom National School! We have had so many exciting things happen in our school this month from Maths Week to Friendship Week to taking part in a Soccer Tournament. We even had a visit from some spooky ghosts and scary witches! Eek!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8th Nov. 2018: Closing date for ordering Christmas Annuals
- 9th Nov. 2018: Team Hope Shoeboxes to the school before 9.30am.
- 11th – 18th Nov. 2018: Science Week Ireland
- 19th – 21st Nov. 2018: Parent-Teacher meetings
- 29th Nov. – 6th Dec. 2018: **School Book Fair**

MATHS WEEK IRELAND

Maths Week Ireland took place in our school from the 13th – 21st October. 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. All answers and winners are available to view on www.dromns.com





3RD & 4TH CLASS SOCCER BLITZ

On Wednesday, 3rd October, our 3rd and 4th Class boys travelled to Peake Villa Football Club for a 5-a-side football blitz. We played against Leugh, Killea and Gaelscoil Bhríde twice. In our first game, we defeated the Gaelscoil 6-5 in a very entertaining game. We were then desperately unlucky to be narrowly beaten by both Leugh and Killea but we managed to finish very strongly with another win against the Gaelscoil, this time the score finishing 2-1. Overall, we had an extremely enjoyable day with great skill on show throughout. The team consisted of Kalum Cawley, Dan Ryan, Sam O'Connor, Louis Stapleton, Darragh Barry, David Black, Ryan Nolan and Cormac Healion

FRIENDSHIP WEEK: A VISIT FROM GARDA MARTINA KELLY

As part of Friendship week, Garda Martina Kelly visited the school to speak to the children of 4th, 5th and 6th Class about cyberbullying and internet safety. Garda Kelly spoke about how it was important to know the people who we interact with online and through messaging apps personally. She explained that some adults can pose as children on gaming platforms such as Fortnite and on messaging apps such as Snapchat.

In relation to posting on the internet, she reminded the students not to post anything on the internet that they would not say to a person's face. She reminded the children that it can be difficult to remove a post from the internet once it has been posted so they should think carefully before posting online. She asked the children not to exclude anyone from a group in school and to accept people for who they are.

Garda Kelly then spoke to all classes about Halloween safety. She explained that fireworks are not legal in Ireland and can cause devastating injuries when they are not handled correctly. She also warned of the dangers of bonfires. Finally, she asked the children to be kind to their neighbours at Halloween and to be particularly kind to elderly people and animals who can become quite scared at this time of the year.

To finish, Garda Kelly spoke about being a Garda and showed the children some of the equipment that she uses such as an ASP extendable baton, handcuffs and pepper spray. She explained that Gardai are highly trained in the use of this equipment and must only use it when necessary. Garda Kelly told the children that only plain clothes Gardai carry firearms. After Garda Kelly explained that pepper spray is so potent that it would force the closure of the school if it was sprayed accidentally in the classroom, the students took a special interest in this particular piece of police equipment and how it might be used! We thank Garda Kelly for taking the time to visit our school and speak to us about online safety and safety at Halloween.

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PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent teacher meetings will take place from Monday, 19th November 2018 to Wednesday, 21st November 2018 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. **PLEASE NOTE: MEETINGS FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD CLASS WILL BE HELD THE PREVIOUS WEEK (12th – 16th) AS MR. MOLONEY LEAVES US ON FRIDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 2018. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.**

CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT REVIEW

The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at a board meeting held on 24th October 2018. This review was conducted in accordance with the Department's 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017.'

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 24th October 2018. 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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW

Drom National School will hold a Christmas Hamper Raffle in December to raise funds for the school. 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 10th.

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 in November.

THANK YOU!

A sincere thanks to Declan Barry who kindly bought sweet treats for the children after the Tipperary Cross Country Championship and Moloney's Filling Station in The Ragg for providing even more goodies for the children. Sincere thanks also to Ger Devaney for providing refreshments to the school on the occasion of Breda's farewell.





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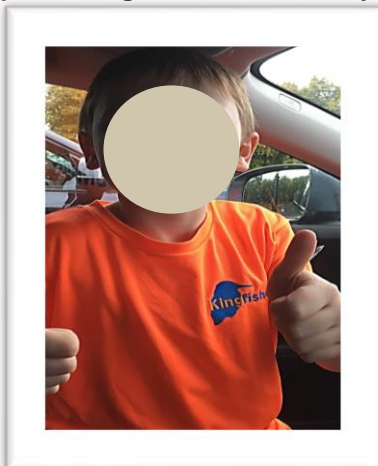
SWIMMING SUPERSTARS

Sam O' Connor and Roisin Mockler represented Drom National School on Saturday 20th October 2018 in the Munster Nibto Schools Gala held in University of Limerick.

In her first swimming gala, Roisin had personal bests both in the 50 metre free style (front-crawl) and 50 metre breast stroke events. She represented her school and herself very admirably.

Sam took 6 seconds off his 50 metre free style record and just missed the final. He qualified for the finals of the 50 metre breast stroke event and placed 5th in Munster. What an achievement!

We congratulate both on their wonderful success and on representing the school so ably.



MANGAHIGH NINJA CHALLENGE!

We had a particularly good response to the Mangahigh Ninja Challenge this year with competition heating up as the week went on. The following are the results:

Mangahigh Ninja Challenge: Top Ten Students

- Keira: 417 Points
- Sam: 317 Points
- Caoimhe: 201 Points
- Róisín: 170 Points
- Emily: 165 Points
- Aphra: 153 Points
- Hazel: 151 Points
- Sophie: 129 Points
- Daniel: 105 Points
- Maeve: 86 Points

Mangahigh Ninja Challenge: Classes

- Third Class: 726 Points: 311 medals
- Sixth Class: 600 Points: 277 medals
- Fifth Class: 417 Points: 197 medals
- First Class: 391 Points: 161 medals
- Fourth Class: 286 Points: 137 medals
- Second Class: 83 Points: 46 medals
- Senior Infants: 74 Points: 37 medals
- Junior Infants: 37 Points: 21 medals

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