

# DROM News

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## Super September



Drom National School Junior Infants 2016 – 2017

Welcome back to another year at Drom National School. A particularly warm welcome to our new students. Six new children started school for the first time. They were Aphra O' Connor, Ciara Mockler, Emma-Jane Maher, Grace Nolan, Laura Ryan and Sophie Kiely. We also welcomed the Tipperary Minor and Senior Team to our school and were particularly delighted to welcome back former student and hurling superstar Stephen Nolan of the winning Tipperary Minor Hurling Team. We hope, like our Tipperary heroes, that with hard work and dedication we can achieve much success this year. Up Tipperary and Up Drom National School!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tree Day Ireland: 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- Maths Week Ireland: 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct.
- Friendship Week: 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. – 28<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal: 28<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- Clothing collection: Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> prior to 9.30am.

### SCHOOL GALLERY

Check out our school website to see great photographs of the Tipperary Teams' visit, our new students and all our art work along with many more great pictures of school life here in Drom NS.

### MATHS WEEK IRELAND

Maths Week Ireland will take place from October 15<sup>th</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup>. In our school we will take part in many fun maths activities including maths trails, maths quizzes and maths games. We will also be asking our parent community to become involved by taking part in our Maths Week challenge. More about this wonderful 'addition' to our school year in October.



### CLOTHING COLLECTION (SEE POSTER)

We will hold a clothing collection in our school throughout November in order to raise funds for levelled reading material. We have a very limited number of levelled readers and as multiple copies of each book is required, we will have to raise a substantial sum to properly resource this worthwhile programme. Therefore, we would be so grateful for your support.

The clothing will be collected on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016. We would ask that all clothing donations would be in the school prior to 9.30am on this date.

In the meantime, for those who are interested in finding additional reading material for their children at a level that is suitable for them, check out your local library or <https://www.readinga-z.com/>. <http://readingeggs.co.uk/> is also a great website.

### TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL (SEE POSTER)

Once again, the school is taking part in the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Leaflets will be distributed to all children in the coming weeks. Please ensure that boxes are returned to the school before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This year, the children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class will take part in a Christmas concert in Drom Community Hall on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Each classroom will perform a Christmas play along with a music recital led by our music teacher Avril Kinane. We look forward to seeing you all there.



### ATHLETICS

On Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, students from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class attended the Tipperary Cross Country Championship in the Thurles Crokes Complex. With help from Mr. Maloney and Ms. Scanlan the children trained each day for this event and their hard work paid off. All children put in spectacular performances and were complemented on their behaviour both on and off the track. A number of students won individual medals including Rachel Ryan (5<sup>th</sup> Place) and Geena Quinlan (10<sup>th</sup> Place) of sixth class and Maeve Healion of fourth class (6<sup>th</sup> place) on the day. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the team event. Well done to all involved. We are proud of your effort and delighted with your success.

### WEBSITES, APPLICATIONS AND PROGRAMMES

Do you know a particularly good educational website for children aged 4 – 12? Perhaps you have applications on your tablet or computer that help your child to learn in a fun and interactive way. Then we'd love to hear about them. Please let us know by writing your suggestions in your child's homework diary or send the school an email to [dromns@hotmail.com](mailto:dromns@hotmail.com).



### SCHOOL UNIFORM & TRACKSUIT

In Term 1, students should wear their school uniform on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The school tracksuit should be worn on Wednesday and Friday.

In particularly cold weather, we suggest that girls wear heavy tights or a grey trousers if available. Alternatively, if absolutely necessary, the top of the school uniform could be worn with the school tracksuit bottoms.

At this stage of the school year, we would expect that all students would have the correct school uniform and tracksuit. However, a small minority of students, particularly senior students, continue to wear the incorrect clothing to school. We understand that there may be occasions when it is not possible to wear the correct uniform or tracksuit. We would ask in this case that parents / guardians provide a note to the class teacher.

We aim to ensure that all students are treated fairly and equally in our school and seek parents / guardians help in achieving this. We expect therefore that all students wear the correct uniform to school. We have a number of spare uniforms for students who have difficulty obtaining the correct uniform.

### PARENTAL CONCERNS

Should you have any concerns about your child's progress please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. Your child's teacher is best placed to speak with you about your child's progress. Please do not use the school email to contact teachers about individual children.

### CROKE PARK HOURS

The provisions of the Croke Park Public Service Agreement provides for an additional 36 hours per school year per teacher at primary level. The Board of Management of Drom National School designates the use of the 36 hours to provide additional time to deal with the following items: school planning, professional development, staff meetings and pre-school supervision.

### HANDY TIPS!

- As we approach winter, we would ask that all students bring a coat to school. With our unpredictable weather, we must prepare for all eventualities.
- We would ask parents / guardians of children with extra care needs regarding the toilet to provide them with a small bag containing a change of clothing (Similar in colour to the school uniform) including underwear and socks. This will be stored in the classroom and can be accessed by the child in case of an accident. In this way, the child is comfortable in their own clothing.
- In order to ensure the safety of the children, please leave a space for the bus to park outside the school bus gate.
- In term 1, the children take part in Gaelic Football training. We would ask that children bring a pair of old runners or studded boots to school for training along with a spare pair of socks and gum shields.