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Drom National School Junior Infants 2017 - 2018

Welcome back to another year at Drom National School. A particularly warm welcome to our new students. Eight new children started school for the first time. They were James Barry, Meadhbh Ryan, Myra Shanahan, TJ Collins, Cliona Cahill, Micheál Maher, Tommy Bourke and Harlow Cawley. We are delighted also to welcome many new families to our school community and hope that our school can continue to grow and be an integral part of Drom community into the future. With hard work and the support of those in our community the sky's the limit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Quiz Club: 3rd – 6th Class: Each Wed in Term 1: Ms. Moore-Walsh's Room. Starts 4th Oct.
- Tree Day Ireland: 5th Oct.
- U11 Football Blitz: 11th Oct. @ 11.30am in Dolla.
- Confirmation Meeting (Parents / guardians of Confirmation children): 12th Oct @ 7pm in Inch NS.
- Maths Week Ireland: 14th – 22nd Oct.
- Zeeko.ie Internet Safety Talk for Parents / Guardians: 19th Oct. @ 7pm in Drom Community Hall.
- Friendship Week: 23rd – 27th Oct.
- A meeting with illustrator Wayne O' Connor : Templemore Library: 25th Oct. @ 10am. (Juniors – Fourth Class)
- Confirmation Retreat: 13th November in Castletown, Co. Laois

MATHS WEEK IRELAND

Maths Week Ireland will take place from October 14th to October 22nd. 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 so keep an eye on our school website in the coming weeks!



ARTIST IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHEME

This year, we are delighted to be working with Ms. Avril Kinane as part of the Artist in the Primary School Scheme which is funded by the Tipperary Arts Office. The aim of this scheme is to give the children in our school the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off project that has been planned between the artist and the school. The theme of our project is the history of music in Tipperary. We hope through our 8 week project to become more familiar with Tipperary musicians and composers and to compose a piece of music of our own that will reflect the history of our local area. The children have learnt about musical artists from Tipperary and have explored some of their pieces including The Spinning Wheel and The Irish Rover. They have examined the building blocks of music and used them to create and enhance rhythm patterns. Great fun was had using homemade instruments to create music, all while continuing with our tin whistle and other instruments.

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 10th November.

SWIMMING

Recently, the school was informed by councillor Eddie Moran that we could once again apply to use the swimming facilities at the Garda College in Templemore following the closure of the pool for a period of time. The school is currently in the process of making this application and an update will be provided when available.

ATHLETICS

On Tuesday, 3rd October 2017, students from 3rd to 6th Class attended the Tipperary Cross Country Championship in the Thurles Crokes Complex. With help from Ms. Moore-Walsh, Ms. Butler and Mr. Larkin 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. Matilda Stapleton won an individual medal while others improved their placing several places on last year. Well done to all involved. We are proud of your efforts and delighted with your success.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS 2017 - 2018

A list of open evenings for secondary schools in Thurles, Templemore and Borrissoleigh has been published on our school website alongside the website addresses of these schools. Please contact the individual schools for further details.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING

This year, Ms. Hackett, takes on the role of Special Education Teacher based in Drom National School. This role combines the role of a learning support teacher and a resource teacher. As well as continuing to support students with special educational needs on an individual and small group basis, Ms. Hackett will provide additional literacy instruction for whole class groups, particularly those in the junior classes.

Note: In line with school policy, if the school has a concern about a particular child and feels that they would benefit from specific support in their learning from Ms. Hackett, parents / guardians will be consulted and consent will be sought prior to attending with the special education teacher.

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.

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.

ZEEKO.IE INTERNET SAFETY TALK



In association with the North Tipperary Leader Partnership, the students of Drom National School will receive a presentation on Internet Safety from Zeeko.ie on 19th October 2017. Students from 1st to 6th Class will attend these presentations. Parents / Guardians of all three schools in the parish are invited to attend the parent / guardian presentation in Drom Community Hall at 7pm on October 19th also. Check out zeeko.ie for more details or to download the free Zeeko Internet Safety Guide.

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.