

# DROM News

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## Super September



Drom National School Junior Infants 2014 – 2015

Welcome back to another year at Drom National School. A particularly warm welcome to our new students. Seven new children started school for the first time. They were Caoimhe Kiely, Emma Bergin, Grace McGrath, Daniel Ryan, Kalum Cawley, Louis Stapleton and Sam O' Connor. We hope we will have a good year and look forward to learning lots of new things and making many new friends.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tipperary Cross County Championship: Thurles Crokes Complex: Wed., October 1<sup>st</sup> after 12p.m.
- Tree Day Ireland: 9<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- Maths Week Ireland: 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. – 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- Drom V Upperchurch: Drombane: Fri, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm
- Christmas Shoe Box Appeal: Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. Please support.

### MATHS WEEK IRELAND

Maths Week Ireland will take place from October 11<sup>th</sup> to October 19<sup>th</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.



## Primary Online Database

The Department of Education and Skills is developing an electronic database of primary school pupils called the Primary Online Database (POD) which will involve schools maintaining and returning data on pupils to the Department at individual pupil level on a live system. The database will allow the Department to evaluate progress and outcomes of pupils at primary level, to validate school enrolment returns for grant payment and teacher allocation purposes, to follow up on pupils who do not make the transfer from primary to post primary level and for statistical reporting.

The database will hold data on all primary school pupils including their PPSN, First Name, Surname, Name as per Birth Certificate, Mother's Maiden Name, Address, Date of Birth, Gender, Nationality, whether one of the pupil's mother tongues is English or Irish, whether the pupil is in receipt of an Exemption from Irish and if so the reason for same, whether the pupil is in receipt of Learning Support and if so the type of learning support, whether the pupil is in a Mainstream or Special Class. The database will record the class grouping and standard the pupil is enrolled in. The database will also contain, on an optional basis, information on the pupil's religion and on their ethnic or cultural background.

In order to assist with the gathering of data please complete the form you received yesterday and return it to the school as soon as possible. This form will be retained by the primary school.

## Guess the Score

A sincere thank you to all those who supported our Guess the Score Fundraising activity. €1445 was raised. This is a wonderful achievement in such a short space of time and is testament to all those in our school community. Well done. Congratulations also to the winner, Paul Blanche.

## School Improvement Plan

Each year, the school seeks to look at how it is progressing in a particular area of learning and where necessary to put in place a plan to improve learning in that particular area. Last year, the school evaluated learning in numeracy. While the school has numerous strengths in Mathematics, the following areas were targeted for improvement this year:

- Problem solving
- Pupil confidence in their own ability in math.
- Opportunities to work collaboratively in math lessons rather than individually.
- Knowledge of mathematical language.

The school has put the following programmes in place:

Term 1 – 3: Focus on mathematical language at start of each lesson.

Term 1: Math for Fun

Term 2: Problem Solving

## Supervision Policy

The school will open to receive pupils at 9.20a.m. and close at 3.00p.m. Children are supervised in the school grounds between 9.10a.m. and 9.20a.m. This time is provided for the students to assemble.

**THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUPILS BEFORE 9.10A.M. AND ENTRY TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS OR BUILDING PRIOR TO THIS TIME IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.**

In bad weather conditions, the children will be supervised in the classroom of the supervising teacher between 9.10a.m. and 9.20a.m.

## 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. 'Ag Fás le Chéile – Growing together.'