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Amazing April



UPCOMING EVENTS

***Dates subject to change**

- May 10th: First Holy Communion Ceremony @ 10.30am in St. Mary's Church, Drom.
- May 18th: Dental Screening: First Class: Starting @ 9.30am in school
- May 22nd: Referendum. NO SCHOOL.
- June 1st : Bank Holiday. NO SCHOOL.
- June 11th: Junior School Tour to Turoe Pet Farm
- June 12th: U13 Girls' Gaelic Football (More details to follow)
- June 14th: Art Exhibition & Great Drom Bake Off Event. (Additional information in newspaper)
- June 17th: RSE* Information Evening for parents of 5th & 6th Class students.
- June 18th: RSE Information seminar for 5th and 6th Class students.
- June 22nd: Senior School Tour To University of Limerick.
- June 23rd : School Open Day & Sports Day
- June 25th: Graduation mass for 6th Class students

* Relationship and Sexuality Education

This month we have a bumper issue for our readers filled with news of sporting events such as hurling and soccer, achievements in writing and art, upcoming activities and events and news of our Green Schools efforts. At the moment, Ms. Scanlan and the second class children are busy preparing for the First Holy Communion ceremony. Best wishes to Keira Patterson, Maeve Healion, April Glasheen, Ryan Colement and TJ Kinnane on this most special occasion. We extend our gratitude to those students who volunteered to take part in the Communion choir and applaud their commitment to their younger school friends. We hope you enjoy our newsletter.



The picture shows the boys and girls of 2nd – 4th Class who took part in an U11 Hurling Blitz recently.

W.B. YEATS COMPETITION WINNER

By Ciara O' Brien, 6th Class

Education Centres throughout Ireland recently ran a competition in honour of the 150th anniversary of the birth of W. B. Yeats. It was a nationwide competition. Our region was the Tipperary-Kilkenny area. Those who wished to take part in the competition were to create visual interpretations of a variety of Yeats' poems. Each age category offered a different poem.

The 5th and 6th class poem was 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree.' All the students in 5th and 6th class wrote a poem and drew / painted a picture based on what we visualised when we read the poem.

I painted a watercolour sunset. It was a purple sunset over the sea with the lake isle in the background. Ms. Ryan then chose three pieces to send off. She chose two pieces of art and one poem. During the Easter holidays, Ms. Ryan received a letter informing the school that my picture had been chosen to be published in a book and that I had won a cheque for €50. I was over the moon.

Taryn Purcell and Daithí Lawlor also received Certificates of Excellence for their entries.

SECOND ROUND SUCCESS

Two 6th Class girls were recently chosen to take part in trials for the Primary Games. Taryn Purcell has successfully made it through to represent her school and her county in football. Kate Fogarty has been asked to take part in the second round of trials in hurling. We wish Kate every success in her second trial and congratulate Taryn on her wonderful achievement.

AMAZING ANIMATION

On Saturday, 25th April, the ICT in Education conference took place in LIT, Thurles. This conference was attended by politicians, principals, teachers and those working in ICT.

As part of this conference, members of the Thurles Coder Dojo Club gave presentations on various aspects of their work. Jonah Ryan, a 4th Class student, presented a wonderful animated movie. He used the application 'Lego Movie Maker' to complete his animation project. Jonah explained that he had to take a series of photographs in which each of his Lego characters moved just a fraction each time. He then used the above application to manipulate the photographs and animate them. We hope to make Jonah's movie available to view on the school website in time. The Thurles Coder Dojo club meets every Wednesday in LIT, Thurles Campus between 4pm and 5.30pm. More information is available on <http://coderdojothurles.weebly.com/>

FAI PRIMARY SCHOOL 5 – A-SIDE SOCCER

By Jack Ryan and Luke Heeneey
On Thursday, 16th April, the boys of 5th and 6th Class made the journey to Two-Mile Borris for the FAI Primary School 5-a-side Soccer competition. Drom National School was represented by Jack Ryan, Luke Heeneey, Diarmuid Brennan, Darragh Lyons Daithí Lawlor, Gavin Shanahan, Sam Carroll and David Higgins. The first match against St. Mary's, Templemore started well with Diarmuid Brennan scoring the first goal of the match. St. Mary's however came back with 2 goals with the half-time whistle following shortly after. Joe Purcell and Larry Stapleton told us to never give up and to enjoy ourselves. We went back onto the pitch for the second half more enthused but unfortunately lost the match 5 – 1.

Our second match against Templetouhy didn't see us fair any better. Templetouhy who scored 2 goals took an early lead on us. In the second half Luke Heeneey scored to make it 2 – 1. Hopes were high to equalise but unfortunately an own goal and a further goal by Templetouhy saw us lose 4 – 1.

After a two match break and a promise of no homework should we win, things improved. In our third match, Diarmuid Brennan scored the first goal, followed by

a second by Luke Heeneey. Jack Ryan ensured it was no homework for the class when he saved a magnificent strike to clinch the game.

Spurred on by our success, hopes were high in our fourth and final match. Diarmuid Brennan scored a wonderful goal in the first half. The second half was close with the other team almost scoring but fortunately the crossbar saved us. Jack Ryan kicked out the ball and it landed before Darragh Lyons. Darragh ran as quickly as he could but unfortunately lost the ball. The ball was recovered by Diarmuid Brennan who quickly passed it back to Darragh Lyons. Darragh skillfully planted that ball in the back of the net to win the match. Unfortunately we did not make it through, but we finished third. We enjoyed our day out and would like to thank Larry Stapleton and Joe Purcell for all their help.



U11 HURLING BLITZ

On the 29th April, ten students from 2nd – 4th Class took part in the U11 Cumann na mBunscol blitz. The team was made up of Abbey Stapleton, Rhona Lyons, Rachel Ryan, Jasmine Heneghan, Chloe Nolan, TJ Kinnane, Joey Black, David Kinane, Séan Barry and Keith Cawley. The first match against Moyglass was a close contest but unfortunately we lost. The next game was against Ballycahill. We were unsuccessful once again despite playing very well. We had a great day and are determined to train even harder for future matches. Thank you to Aisling Butler and Ms. Scanlan for all their help.

U13 HURLING

On the 17th April, our school hurling team took on Upperchurch. It was a quick start to the match with Upperchurch scoring a swift point. Drom responded with a goal as a result of a free taken by Diarmuid Brennan. In the second half, we were overpowered by Upperchurch who scored three goals in a row. After a few minutes Kate Fogarty got a great point. Soon after we were awarded a penalty. Diarmuid stepped up to the plate. He struck the ball and decided to put it over the bar. Later, Diarmuid changed tack and struck a magnificent ball into the top corner. The team was as follows: David Higgins, Darragh Lyons, Gavin Shanahan, Sam Carroll, Diarmuid Brennan, Kate Fogarty, Kirsty Quinlan, Taryn Purcell, Luke Heeny

Aoife Shanahan, Jack Ryan, Siobhán Fogarty and Kate Lawlor.

Our second match was against Templetouhy. It was a lovely day for a match. In the first half, Diarmuid hit the ball down the field. A Templetouhy player hit off it and it went out for a 65. David struck it over the bar. This was followed by another 45 which went straight over the bar. Soon after, Diarmuid scored a point from play. This was the tally for the first half which disappointed us slightly. The referee blew the whistle for half time. We were hoping for a better second half and indeed really raised our game. Diarmuid struck the ball down the field to Taryn who throughout the game scored three great goals. Ten minutes later, Kirsty went down and Drom got a free. David Higgins whipped it over the bar. Drom never gave up until the very end but unfortunately did not come out on top. The team was Jack Ryan, Diarmuid Brennan, Sam Carroll, Darragh Lyons, Kate Fogarty, Kirsty Quinlan, Taryn Purcell, Aoife Shanahan, David Higgins and Luke Heeny. The substitutes were Siobhán Fogarty and Gavin Shanahan.



SCHOOL TOURS



DROM N.S. ON TOUR

JUNIOR INFANTS, SENIOR INFANTS AND FIRST CLASS

This year, Junior Infants – First Class will visit Turoe Pet Farm in Co. Galway for their school tour which will take place on Thursday, 11th June. School Tours at Turoe Pet Farm are guaranteed to be a fantastic day out, meeting animals and playing at the play centres like Inflatable City, the largest indoor bouncy castle in Europe. See <https://www.turoepetfarm.com/>. Ms Moore-Walsh will contact the parents / guardians of students in these classes with further details.

The cost of this tour is €25 per student. (Entry Fee & Bus) However, conscious of costs, the school Board of Management has reduced the cost of this tour by €10 to €15 per student.

An Easter raffle organised by two members of the Board of Management, namely John O'Connor and Ena DeBurca, raised €400 towards negating the cost of the school tour to parents. A further €300 is required to provide each of the 70 students in our school with a €10 discount on the cost of their school tours. Therefore, the school hopes to organise a fundraising event in June to help raise the additional funds.

SECOND CLASS – SIXTH CLASS

This year, second class – sixth class will visit Adventure World in the University of Limerick Sports Arena. The cost of this tour is €35 per student. (Entry Fee & Bus). However, as with the Junior school tour, the Board of Management has reduced the cost of this tour by €10 to €25 per student. See <http://www.adventureworldcamps.com/>. Ms. Scanlan and Ms. Ryan will contact the parents / guardians of students in these classes with further details.



DROM Notes!

GREEN SCHOOLS
NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN

On Friday, 24th April, we had our Spring Clean. Each class cleaned a different part of the school or village. Junior Infants to First Class cleaned the school grounds. Second Class to Fourth Class cleaned along the footpaths and around the village. Fifth & Sixth Class cleaned the hurling field. We had lots of fun taking part in the National Spring Clean and the school and village looked nice and clean after our efforts. We are continuing to keep our school and its grounds clean and tidy and hope to be successful in the Tidy School Competition this year.

COMMUNION CARDS AND GIFTS

In the coming weeks the First Holy Communion Ceremony will take place. In order to respect the solemn nature of this ceremony, Fr. Murphy has requested that cards and gifts are not distributed in the church or church grounds before, during or after the ceremonies.

The school would also ask that cards and gifts are not distributed in school

ASSESSMENTS & STUDENT REPORTS

Assessments will take place in the school from the 18th-29th May. Subsequently, students' reports will be distributed to parents / guardians on or before Friday, 5th June.

6th Class students and their parents / guardians will be requested to contribute to the Education Passport in May / June. The Education Passport materials are available to view at www.ncca.ie/transfer and include a

- 6th Class Report Card (standard version)
- My Profilesheet for children
- My Child's Profile sheet for parents

For the convenience of parents / guardians, an information note has been attached to this newsletter regarding the Education Passport.

SCHOOL POLICIES / INFORMATION

The following is now available to view at www.dromns.com: Copyright Policy, Communications Policy, Critical Incident Policy, Commercialism Policy, Accidents to Pupils Policy (Amended) and the Primary Online Database Fair Processing Notice. Please contact the school on (0504) 51688 between 9.30am and 11am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to request a hard copy of any of the above.

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Help My Kid Learn - a simple website that brings together relevant information for parents and the wider community to support children's literacy and numeracy development. Visit www.helpmykidlearn.ie

PRIMARY GAMES - CAMOGIEBy Kate Fogarty

On the 22nd April, I went to represent my school in the Primary Games. I was there at 4.15pm and the Dr. Morris Park gates opened at 4.30pm. We went into the dressing room and we were split up into four different teams. They gave me my jersey and then our team went out to do some drills. There was on average 11 players on each team. After 15 minutes of drills, we went on to play a 20 minute match against one of the four teams. We played really well and our trainer put us up against another one of the four teams. They matched us equally so we really had to fight for our place. From about 50 players, only a handful got through to the second round. They said that they would contact the school if we were chosen. Thankfully, the call came through and I was delighted to hear that I was to take part in the second round of trials. I am thrilled to represent my school and hope to be successful in the final round.

PRIMARY GAMES - GAELIC FOOTBALLBy Taryn Purcell

On the 15th of April, I went to the Durlas Óg pitch to play football as part of the Primary Games' trials. We got our jerseys in the dressing room. There were two teams with 15 players on each team. We went out and did some drills and then went straight into a match. It took a lot of effort to fight for our place. Thankfully, I got through to the next round. April 22nd saw me once again in the Durlas Óg pitch for the second round of trials. This time there were even more people. We were split into four teams and had to play several matches. We won two matches. We were really tested and it proved very difficult but thankfully I got through the final round.

News in Brief!Gardening with Bronagh

Term 3 sees us gardening with Bronagh Delargy. Each Thursday, we take it in turns to garden with our classmates. We have been busy weeding the beds and feeding them with compost. Bronagh explained that the soil is tired and hungry after the long winter months and must be feed in order for the plants to grow well. She makes compost using grass cuttings, newspaper, egg shells, coffee and tea. This is left for a long time before it is used to feed the soil. The Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class planted onions with Bronagh on Thursday, 30th April. Bronagh reminded the children to plant the onion with the stem facing up and the root facing down. She also said it was important to space them apart in the bed so that they have plenty of room to grow.

Flower Donations

As we enter the summer months, we seek to make our school grounds as tidy and as beautiful as possible. To save on costs, we have used the flowers that we had last year once again this year. This is due in no small part to the wonderful efforts of Johnny Carey, our caretaker, who diligently looked after the flowers throughout the year. However, some additional flowers are needed. We are looking for donations of potting plants for our flowers displays and hanging baskets. If, when doing your own garden, you have spare potting plants, we would be grateful to receive them in the school.

School Flags

In recent times, the flags in the front of the school, have had to be taken down due to their bad condition. Wind and rain have made the edges ragged and so to avoid further damage to the flags they have been removed until they can be repaired. If you are can help to repair the flags, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school on (0504) 51688 between 9.30am and 11am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, through a note in your child's diary or by email to dromns@hotmail.com

Easter Concert

Well done to all the children on their wonderful performances in the Easter concert. A great night was had by all. Thank you to all those who helped and indeed those who contributed such beautiful cakes and buns to the Cake Sale. Approximately €1400 was raised. This is a magnificent achievement and will help to purchase literacy resources.

Ciara Meets Minister Jan O' Sullivan

