

DROM News

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Amazing April to Magnificent May

Communion Class 18/19



The picture shows the girls of 2nd Class in Drom National School who received their Communion on Sunday, 12th May 2019. The children were truly the pride of the parish and a credit to both their teacher, Ms. Butler, their parents / guardians and their families.

This month we have a bumper issue for our readers filled with news of ceremonies and activities in our school, sporting events such as the U11 hurling blitz and upcoming dates for your diary. We have just come to the end of our summer tests and reports will follow shortly. We look forward to June which will see us go on our school tours, take part in our sports day, hold our graduation mass for 6th class students and award the annual Angela Kenneally Memorial Award for the student of the year. With so much to do, we won't feel it until we are getting our summer holidays.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 3rd: Bank Holiday. NO SCHOOL.
- June 7th: Student yearly reports will be sent home
- June 7th: Senior School Tour: Balance Due
- June 10th: Book scheme deadline
- June 12th: Junior & Senior Infant Tour to Castlecomer Discovery Park
- JUNE 14TH: GRADUATION MASS
- June 15th: Crinniú na nÓg: <https://cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie/>
- June 17th : Primary School Experience for New Entrants: 9.30am – 12.30pm
- June 18th: Senior School Tour to University of Limerick
- June 19th: Annual School Sports Day
- June 21st : Summer Holidays @ 12.30pm

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN

This year, children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class took part in the National Spring Clean. Each classroom was responsible for a different zone in the school and the village. The teachers spoke to the children about safety and highlighted possible dangers before we left. Then we collected the relevant equipment for the task ahead – bags, gloves, litter pickers and brushes etc. We were delighted with our efforts and everyone agreed it had been a successful day. Our village sparkled after all our hard work so we hope that all can keep it up! Well done to all involved.

UNBELIEVABLE U-11 HURLING BLITZ

On the 4th April 2019, Drom entered an U11 Hurling Blitz. The team was Corbin O' Toole, Darragh Barry, David Black, Emily Kelly, Hazel Ryan, Kalum Cawley and Sam O' Connor. Our blitz was held in Littleton where we faced Scoil Ailbhe, Ballycahill and Hollyford / Kilcommon. We worked well together as a team and gained invaluable competition experience. A great day for all involved. We express our sincere thanks to our teacher Ms. Butler and our trainer, Mr. Ambrose Purcell.



ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

This year, we celebrated Active Schools Week from the 5th – 10th May. We engaged in various activities such as skipping, basketball and a mile a day challenge around the new walking track in the GAA field.

On Thursday, we held a Welly-Toss competition. Great fun was had as students hurled colourful welly boots through the air in a effort to throw the welly boot the furthest distance. In the senior classes, Ryan Nolan beat off stiff competition to emerge as Welly-Toss Champion. When the teachers took on one another, Ms. Butler's throw went slightly off course and almost ended up in the field behind the school!

Friday saw us receive a visit from Seamus Callanan, local hurling hero and captain of the Tipperary Hurling Team. Seamus spoke to the children about the importance of remaining active and stressed that it is important to engage with a wide range of activities so that you can find the activity that you most enjoy. Indeed, Seamus told the children how he enjoyed horse-riding alongside other sports as a child. Seamus then went on to organize and referee a match with the 4th, 5th and 6th Class which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Seamus finished his visit to Drom National School by signing autographs for his adoring fans with helmets, hurleys and even t-shirts being presented for his signature. As he left, the children wished Seamus the very best for his match against Cork which Tipperary went on to win well. We look forward to a great summer of hurling and cross our fingers that Tipperary will bring home 'Liam' in 2019.

COMPUTER CLASSES WITH WHIZZ KIDS

In Term 3, the children of 4th, 5th and 6th Class took part in 10 hours of computer classes in association with Whizz Kids. The children developed their word processing skills using Microsoft Word and learned how to use Microsoft PowerPoint to present projects. They also used Scratch Coding programme to create animations and games. We think Mark Zuckerberg might have some competition in the near future!

**SENIOR SCHOOL TOUR
DETAILS OF TOUR**



On 18th June 2019 the students of 1st — 6th Class will go on their school tour to the University of Limerick.

The cost of the tour is €35 per student. This is due by 7th June 2019 and includes the cost of transport, activities and a small meal in Burger King in Birdhill, Limerick.

The bus will leave from the school at 8.30am sharp and return at approximately 6pm.

To participate in the school tour, the children will need to bring the following:

- School Tracksuit & Runners.
- Swimming — Swimming Togs, Cap, Flip Flops / Swimming Socks & Towel.
- Canoeing/Rafting — an old t-shirt, shorts and flip flops. Note: Spare change of shoes is very important as children will get wet during this activity. Tracksuit bottoms are not allowed in the canoe area.
- Packed lunch
- Rain Jacket if necessary
- Suncream should be applied prior to the tour if necessary

PLEASE NOTE:

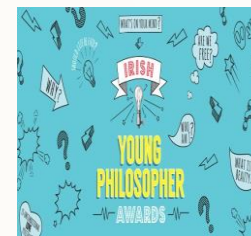
1. Please label all items with your child's name.
2. Children are permitted to bring a mobile phone to contact their parents. These mobile phones will be collected at the start of the tour and returned at the end of the tour. All phones should be labelled with your child's name.
3. No other electronic equipment is permitted on the bus e.g. iPods, iPads, cameras etc.
4. Please leave all other valuables at home e.g. jewellery etc.
5. Children are not permitted to bring money on the tour.

SCHOOL LEAGUE UPDATE

Due to the condition of the GAA field, we have been unable to run the School League this year. We hope to return to this enjoyable competition next year.

GRADUATION MASS

The Graduation Mass and Annual Student Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, 14th June 2019. If available, the parents / guardians of sixth class students should send a photograph of their child in Junior Infants to their class teacher as soon as possible. We welcome all parents / guardians to join us on this special day at 9.30am in St. Mary's Church, Drom. Following this, we will have some refreshments in the school to round off this most special event.



YOUNG PHILOSOPHER AWARDS 2019

Sam O' Connor, a Third Class student in Drom National School, was recently chosen as a finalist in the Young Philosopher Awards 2019. Sam attended University College Dublin on 15th May 2019 for the final where he presented his findings on a project which sought to determine what emotion people would like to eliminate if they could. Through his research, Sam concluded that all emotions are necessary and that eliminating negative emotions such as sadness would mean that we would be less appreciative of positive emotions such as happiness. Sam also concluded that animals experience the same emotions as humans. What a wonderful achievement for this remarkable young man!

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Dancing Dynamos



**Fantastic
Philosopher**



Amazing Athletes



**Brilliant
Badminton Buddies**



Soccer Superstars

Let your imagination fly with Cruinniú na nÓg

A day full of interactive, free events for children of all ages

Drumming, dance, science & lots more.....

at Thurles Library
Saturday June 15th
10.30am - 4.30pm

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Programme of Events

10.30 - 11.45am	Clowning Around with Danielle Martin Danielle Martin of Masquerade Parties will host a workshop for children aged 7-12 years. The workshop will consist of ice-breaker exercises, mime and comedy with a short performance at the end of the session.
11.00am - 12.00pm	Story-telling with Sarah Tully Sarah Tully brings the magic of books to life in this wonderful story-time session. She believes that "imagination is the magic of childhood...." Sarah will incorporate songs, magic, props and story sacks into her tales.
12:00pm	Summer Stars Reading Launch Launch of the Summer Reading Challenge: Summer Stars is an annual programme which promotes children's literacy and reading development.
12.00pm - 12.30pm	Wobbly Circus performance The award winning circus and street theatre company "Wobbly Circus" will provide two street theatre shows with unique entertainers.
12.30pm	Dance Workshop 7+ Dwan Dance Academy is an innovative, independent performing arts school based in Thurles. Dance instructor Cerys will get you moving to the beat and remember "Dance like Nobody is watching"!
12.30pm - 1.30pm	1st Session of Mobile Music School Mobile Music School with Shay Lally will deliver two drumming workshops aimed at children aged 4-7 years from 12.30-1.30pm and for children aged 8-11 years from 2.30-3.30pm.
1.30pm	Dance workshop 4+ This is the second workshop by Cerys of the Dwan Dance Academy. This is a fun, lively workshop that will leave you wanting to dance, dance, dance, dance!
Session 1 1.30 - 2.30pm	Mad Professor Performance Join Niall O'Dwyer the "Mad Professor" for 60 minutes of educational and fun experiments. This show will spark the imagination with mad programs and activities involving air, sound, visual puzzles, oil, water and gases! So come along and enjoy plenty of laughter and fun!
Session 2 2.30 - 3.30pm	Niall will host two shows 1.30pm - 2.30pm & 2.30pm - 3.30pm
2.30 - 3.30pm	2nd Session of Mobile Music School Ages 8+ This workshop will explore the instruments of the percussion family and learn the importance of beat in music!
3.00 - 4.00pm	Wobbly Circus Workshop Using the props provided and the excellent teachers, learn tight wire walking, juggling, diabolo, devilstick techniques, stilt walking, plate spinning, poi swinging and more! The workshop will take place 3pm - 4pm!
4.00 - 4.30pm	Wobbly Circus performance Final performance by the Wobbly Street Theatre Company! This is fun for all the family

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