

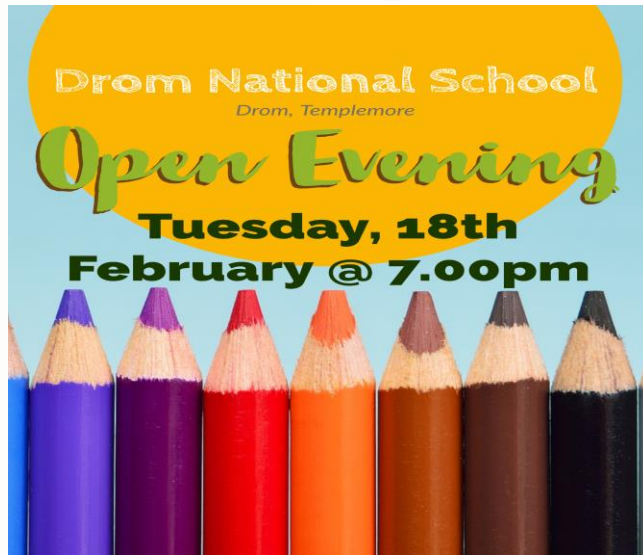
DROM News

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Enrolment 2020 - 2021

Enrolment applications for 2020 / 2021 are now being accepted. Please call the school for an enrolment pack or to arrange a visit. We would be delighted to meet with you and your child. We would also appreciate if you could spread the word amongst your family and friends. For more information or to receive an enrolment application form, please call the school on (0504) 51688. We look forward to hearing from you.

Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2020. January has been an eventful month which has seen us start swimming classes, take part in the Credit Union Quiz and celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We also continued with our quiz club and Green Schools programme. We look forward to a busy February where we will observe Safer Internet Day and receive a visit from the Road Safety Authority. We hope you enjoy our January edition of Drom News.

Upcoming Events



- Safer Internet Day: Tuesday, 11th February 2020
- Road Safety Authority Visit: Friday, 14th February 2020
- Drom National School: Open Evening: 18th February 2020 @ 7pm.
- Mid Term Break: 20th, 21st February 2020.
- Service of Light / Commitment Ceremony: Thursday, 27th February 2020 at 7pm in St. Mary's Church, Drom
- Enrolment application deadline: Friday, 28th February 2020 at 3pm.
- First Confession: Tuesday, 3rd March 2020. Time to be confirmed.

Credit Union Quiz



On the 31st January 2020, two teams went to compete in the Credit Union Quiz in the Templemore Arms. On the Senior Team was Cormac Healion, Emily Kelly, Julia McHugh and Matilda Stapleton with Emma Bergin, Caoimhe Kiely, Aoife Ryan and Grace Ryan making up the Junior Team. This year proved tough for our two teams who, despite performing very well, did not place in the top three this year in their respective categories. Nevertheless, they performed to the best of their ability and had good fun on the night.

Well done to all involved including our wonderful substitutes Niamh Mockler, Cliana Nolan and Hazel Ryan.

Grandparents' Day

On Thursday, 30th January 2020, we celebrated Grandparents' Day as part of Catholic Schools' Week. We were so honoured to have so many parents and grandparents join us at a mass in St. Mary's church and were delighted to welcome them to our school for refreshments afterwards. It was a truly wonderful experience for the children to have their grandparents in school and to acknowledge the important role that they play in teaching us in the ways of life and the ways of faith. We extend our gratitude to all those who assisted on Grandparents Day or who provided a wonderful array of confectionary for the day.

School Uniform

We would ask that students wear the correct uniform each day. Jerseys, everyday clothing and branded clothing are not permitted in the school.

Texaco Art Competition



We now invite entries for the Texaco Art Competition. Hereunder is some information for your attention should your child be interested in taking part:

Subject

One of the most interesting things about art is its diversity. That's why your child's entry to the Competition can be about anything that interests them.

Size of artwork

Entries should not be smaller than **A4 (29.7cm x 21.0cm)** or larger than **A2 (59.4cm x 42.0cm)** before it is mounted, which is optional. Please submit any artwork in flat format only. It should not be rolled, folded or framed.

Use of Materials

The children may use any type of paper, white, coloured, rough or smooth. The work that they submit may be drawn or painted in pencil, charcoal, pen and ink, crayon, pastel, watercolour, gouache, acrylics, oils, poster colour and collage. Alternatively, it may be a print created from a lino block, wood block or any other method, and the artwork may be submitted on canvas.

Only digitally produced works using any artwork software may be submitted to the Competition by email at texacochildrensart@valero.com. A photograph or scanned image of an original artwork will not be considered under any circumstances.

Originality

Your child's work should be original and unaided. Children should not copy another person's work. Any source imagery must be indicated at time of entry. Failure to properly reference any source imagery may result in disqualification.

Number of Entries

Children may submit up to two entries each, but each entry must have its own completed Application Form securely attached to it.

COMPLETED ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SCHOOL PRIOR TO WEDNESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY 2020.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is an EU wide initiative to promote a safer internet for all users, especially young people. Here are some tips from Webwise.ie

1. Talk about Internet Safety with your Child

Have a conversation with your child on some of the important things to watch out for when going online for the first time. Young children will not be aware of the dangers, so it is very important to have a talk about who they talk to online and about sharing personal information online.

2. Use Parental Controls

Most internet technologies have built-in controls that allow you to limit the amount of time your child can spend online, restrict their access to adult content, and switch off functions like shopping and chatting. Filtering controls are particularly useful at preventing young children from accidentally encountering content that might bother them.

3. Disable In-App Purchases

Many apps and games offer in-app purchases giving user's additional game functionality, additional points/bonuses which children can easily purchase without even realising. You can switch off in-app purchases using your phone/device settings.

4. Activate Safe Search

Help minimise the risk of your child coming across inappropriate content in response to search queries by activating safe search in your search engine.

5. Agree on what to do when things go wrong

We recommend that you speak to your child about what to do if they come across something on the internet that bothers them. This could involve closing the laptop lid, or turning off the screen, and coming to get you.

This comes in handy in particular when it comes to memes or Internet "challenges" that may pass parents by. Instilling this practice in your children will help you keep them safe.

6. Set Up a Family Email

Set up a family email address that your children can use when signing up to new games and websites online.

7. Play it Safe

For young children, we would recommend parents choose safe and appropriate games for their child to play online. Most games should have a PEGI rating to allow parents to check if they are age appropriate. Parents should also check if a game allows for player interaction and if there is a safe chat mode.

Confirmation Retreat

On Monday, 20th January 2020, the students of 5th and 6th Class attended a Confirmation retreat in Holycross Abbey. The children explored the Sacrament of Confirmation and learned about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit. They explored how they could display the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in their lives and wrote prayers to help them on their journey to becoming adult members of the church. We thank Father Murphy for organising this worthwhile and enjoyable day.

Service of Light & Commitment Ceremony

On Thursday, 27th February 2020, the 5th & 6th class students of Drom National School will attend a Service of Light and Commitment ceremony in St. Mary's Church, Drom at 7pm. They will be joined by the students of Barnane NS and Inch NS at this special ceremony.

During the Service of Light, parents will pass their child's baptismal candle to them as a sign that they are passing their Christian faith on to them.

In the Commitment ceremony, the children will present to the Lord, the ways in which they have chosen to grow in their relationship with God as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

ESB Science Blast

This year, the students of 4th, 5th & 6th Class will attend the ESB Science Blast in University of Limerick. The title of our project is 'Flat 7 Up and other Irish remedies: Fact or Fiction?' We will be in touch shortly to ask what old remedies you find effective to help with common illnesses and look forward to researching whether these remedies have actual medicinal properties or are simply 'old wives' tales'!

Class Allocation 2020 - 2021

Junior & Senior Infants: Ms. Margaret Butler

First, Second & Third Class: Ms. Amadean Moore-Walsh

Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Class: Ms. Charlotte Scanlan

Special Education Teachers: Ms. Nollaig Hackett & Ms. Felicity Murphy



Credit Union



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