



DROM NEWS



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OUTSTANDING OCTOBER!



What a busy and fun-filled October it has been for us in Drom National School! We have had so many exciting things happen in our school this month from Space Week to Maths Week to proudly supporting the girls and boys of our school who took part in many sporting events and other activities with their local clubs and groups during the month of October. We continued our hurling training with Tony Shanahan and are progressing well with our Music Generation programme with Avril Kinane. Junior Infants to Third Class are learning the tin whistle, while Fourth to Sixth Class are creating magical music on the ukulele. Halloween Week saw us carve pumpkins, make chocolate apples and create the most wonderfully wicked Halloween art. We had a visit from some spooky ghosts and scary witches and completed the amazing transformation of our school playground with some fabulous playground markings and equipment. Don't forget to check us out on Twitter: @dromns1!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ **5th Nov. 2021: Team Hope Shoeboxes to the school.**
- ★ **1st – 5th Nov. 2021: Friendship Week**
- ★ **7th – 14th Nov. 2021: Science Week Ireland**
- ★ **22nd & 23rd Nov. 2021: Parent-Teacher Meetings**



DROM NOTES!



MAHER MINI-HURLEYS

Recently the school purchased a quantity of Maher mini-hurleys in association with Drom and Inch GAA Club. The hurleys are designed to encourage those who don't take part in hurling at club level to get involved in hurling as they are so much easier to manage than the standard hurley. We have no doubt that they will contribute to even further success in hurling both in the school and in the club.

SPACE WEEK



Space Week Ireland took place between the 4th and 10th October. World Space Week is an UN-declared celebration of space (since 1999) and is considered the largest space event on earth. In 1957, the maiden human-made Earth satellite, Sputnik, was launched on October 4. In 1967, an agreement was signed on October 4 to ensure the peaceful use of Outer Space. Here in Drom National School, we celebrated Space Week by taking part in a Zoom talk with Danielle Wilcox from the Blackrock Castle Observatory in Cork. Danielle spoke about how she became interested in astronomy, her work as an astronomer and about the equipment that is used in the observatory to explore space. She used a free piece of software called Stellarium Astronomy Software to help us to look more closely at the night sky and observe planets, moons and stars without using a telescope. Danielle told us that we can distinguish between a star and a planet in the night sky by seeing if the light is twinkling. A twinkling light in the night sky is a star. If the light is not twinkling then it is a planet. Who knew that the nursery rhyme 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' was so factual!

MATHS WEEK

Maths Week Ireland took place from October 16th-24th and involved a wide range of mathematical activities and events for young and old throughout the island of Ireland. Maths Week Ireland is organised by Calmast in the Waterford Institute of Technology and is designed to highlight the benefits of mathematical thinking and the opportunities this creates for students, society and the economy.

Here, in Drom National School, we had a hugely enjoyable and busy Maths Week in each class.

Ms. Butler's Class played a number of Maths games, practised using number with the new Snakes and Ladders game and hopscotches in the school playground and enjoyed a spooky Maths trail outdoors.

In Ms. Moore-Walsh's room, students played dice games including Catch the Ghost and 21 Down. They enjoyed a game of 'Ghost Rolls' bowling on Wednesday, while on Thursday, they made terrifying Halloween shapes with tangrams. They enjoyed a Zoom Maths Quiz with over 11,000 other children from 458 schools led by Franz Schlindwein, creator of the Izak9 cubes. The week was rounded off for Second and Third Class by making Rice Krispie Pumpkin Treats which allowed the children to practice using Maths in a fun, practical and tasty way.

In Ms. Dervan's class the children used their 'Maths Eyes' to find Maths in the local environment. They created equations to help their friends 'figure them out', solved word problems for their 'Number of the Day', played table races and finished with maths activities based on the wonderful pumpkins that they carved.

Of course, Maths Week Ireland would not be complete in Drom National School without our annual Maths Week Puzzle Booklet and Mangahigh online activities. From the reports that we received from the children, there were certainly a few noodle scratchers amongst the puzzles for each class. That said, we received a great response once again and were delighted to see Graham Maher, Ardit O' Meara-Dani, Ava Glasheen and Caoimhe Kiely receive a hamper full of Halloween goodies for their efforts.



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SEEDS OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

In light of the recent publication of the Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese: (Seeds of Hope 2021-2026) and in the spirit of Laudato Si, Drom and Inch Parish are proposing to do something which will positively affect climate change for the better.

In the coming months, they invite each household in the parish to plant at least one tree. The parish will order and supply a selection of trees, fruit trees and fruit bushes in exchange for a donation to the cause. These trees are available to be purchased in bulk capacity and donations may be paid on collection of your order.

Old traditional apple trees may also be purchased at a starting price of €22 per tree. If you wish to purchase an apple tree, they encourage you to select a tree from the following website: <https://irishseedsavers.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Complete-Universal.pdf>. Unfortunately, these trees are not sponsored by the parish and must be paid for in full. A Gooseberry bush will be provided free with each apple tree purchased.

Once all trees have been purchased and collected, the parish hopes to organise a "Tree Planting Day" that will involve all families planting their tree on the same day right across the parish.

Drom and Inch Parish extend a huge 'thank you' to all the children of Drom NS for their beautiful pictures and wonderful insights into the importance of planting trees within our community. We were delighted to hear that Sam O' Connor of Sixth Class was chosen to represent Drom National School in a recent poster competition to promote this important project.

An online order form for trees is available via the following link: <https://forms.gle/WJ5Jv5URb72Rkzr49>

FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Friendship Week will take place between the 1st – 5th November. During Friendship Week we will look at how we can be a good friend and examine ways in which we can deal with bullying, including online bullying. A great week of activities is planned including making a Friendship Tree and Paper Chain and playing Friendship Bingo.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent teacher meetings will take place on Monday, 22nd November 2021 and Tuesday, 23rd November 2021. Each teacher will contact you with their available times shortly. If suitable, we would ask parents / guardians with more than one child in the school to choose slots where all the relevant teachers are available.

COVID-19 LEARNING AND SUPPORT SCHEME (CLASS)

A new programme called Covid Learning and Support Scheme (CLASS) is being put in place to help schools mitigate the adverse impacts of Covid-19 on pupil/student learning loss and wellbeing arising from the periods of school closures in 2020 and 2021. In Drom National School, the school received an additional 93.75 teaching hours in 2021 – 2022 to provide extra support to our students. This support will take the form of in-class support or withdrawal to provide support to an individual or group. The support will be provided by Mr. Jonathan O' Connor. Where there is a specific concern about an individual child, the school will consult with parents / guardians to seek their consent to withdraw their child for targeted support where consent to attend the Special Education Teacher has not already been provided. Should you have any questions, please contact the school on (0504) 51688.

CHRISTMAS ANNUALS

The order form for Christmas Annuals from Folens and Educate.ie is attached to this newsletter. Please return the order form and relevant money to the school in an envelope by Monday, 8th November should you wish to order an annual.

October

FUNDAY TIMES



**INFANTS &
FIRST**

**SECOND &
THIRD**



**FOURTH, FIFTH
& SIXTH**



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FUNDAY TIMES



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**FOURTH,
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**MATHS
WEEK
WINNERS**



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FUNDAY TIMES



 Halloween Party

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

OUR SUPERSTARS!



OUR PERFECT PLAYGROUND!

