

DROM News

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JINGLE YOUR JUMPERS

Nice November!

It was lovely for the children to enjoy a well deserved rest over the Mid-Term after working so hard in school this year. During November, we held our Parent-Teacher meetings, took part in activities for Friendship Week and Science Week and donated beautiful shoeboxes to the Team Hope Shoebox appeal. We also created a song to support the Drom and Inch Camogie team, alongside cheering on the Drom and Inch Intermediate Football team in their quest for glory.

We had hoped to hold a Carol Service in memory of our wonderful colleague, Breda O' Dwyer, who passed away in December 2018. This service was to be held in aid of the North Tipperary Hospice Movement and the school. Unfortunately, we were unable to proceed with this event because of the current public health situation.

We hope that we will have the opportunity to partner with the North Tipperary Hospice Movement in March or April of next year and showcase the outstanding talent of the children in our school in an effort to raise funds for this worthy cause.

DROM NATIONAL SCHOOL WILL HOLD A
CHRISTMAS CLOBBER DAY

ON FRIDAY, 17TH DECEMBER 2021

IN AID OF
DOWN SYNDROME
TIPPERARY

DONATIONS OF €2 PER STUDENT
WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, 17th Dec. 2021: Christmas Clobber Day
- Wednesday, 22nd Dec. 2021: Christmas Holidays @12.30pm
- Thursday, 6th Jan. 2022: Return to school @ 9.00am

TEAM HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL & DELIGHTFUL DECORATIONS

Thank you to all those who contributed to the to the Team Hope Shoebox appeal. You should be so proud of your efforts. Each box will no doubt bring such joy to the children that receive them.

We are in the process of decorating our school for Christmas and thank sincerely our caretaker, Kevin Nolan and two members of our parent community, James Ryan and Michael Maher, for their time in helping us in our endeavours. We hope that we can help to spread some festive cheer at this challenging time.

Finally, a sincere word of thanks to the students of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class for designing the most wonderful sign to support the Drom and Inch Camogie team and to Tommy Kiely and Ollie Maher for putting it up. Just another example of the wonderful people in our school community.

JINGLE YOUR JUMPERS

On Friday, 17th December 2021, we hope to take part in the 'Jingle Your Jumper' campaign in aid of Down Syndrome Tipperary. Students (and their teachers) are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers, Santa hats or crazy Christmas costumes on this day and donate €2 to this worthy cause. Thank you in advance for your kind support.

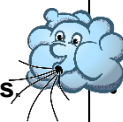
VENTILATION GUIDELINES

In line with Department of Education guidelines on ventilation, windows and doors are opened throughout the day in classrooms. Despite our best efforts to heat the school, this can mean that classrooms are, at times, cold. **Therefore, we encourage the children to wear a t-shirt / vest under their uniform and bring a hoody, jumper or tracksuit top to wear over their school uniform if they wish.**

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY REVIEW

The Board of Management of Drom National School wishes to inform you that:

The Board of Management's annual review of the school's anti-bullying policy and its implementation was completed at the Board meeting of 2nd December 2021. This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in Appendix 4 of the Department's *Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN**

A sincere word of thanks to parents / guardians for their co-operation in relation to the government requirement for students from Third to Sixth Class to wear face masks / coverings in school from December 1st. We would ask you to ensure that your child brings a spare mask to school which they should store in a Ziploc bag, along with a second Ziploc bag to store their mask during lunchbreaks.

At a Board of Management meeting held on the 2nd December 2021, the Board approved the Covid-19 Response Plan for 2021 – 2022. A Parent / Guardian Information booklet is attached to this newsletter for your attention. They also directed that singing and the playing of tin whistle should cease until the end of Term 1. The children have shown such resilience throughout this pandemic and must be complimented for the great care that they take to follow the school's Covid-19 measures to keep all in our school community safe.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

The Board of Management of Drom National School wishes to inform you that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board meeting of 2nd December 2021.

This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the Department's 'website www.education.ie

- The Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment is available to view in the Parents Section of the school website www.dromns.com

The Board of Management of Drom National School seeks the feedback of parents / guardians in relation to the school's compliance with the requirements of the child safeguarding requirements of the 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017. Should you wish to provide the Board with feedback, please send your written submission to the Chairperson of the Board, Drom NS, Drom, Templemore, Co. Tipperary, E41PC86 or dromns@hotmail.com before December 17th 2021.

FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Drom NS celebrated Friendship Week from 1st to 5th November. As part of Friendship Week, the children made a Friendship Tree. They also made a Friendship Paper Chain with the qualities of a good friend written on each part of the chain. The children learned about bullying and listed the five people that would give them a 'Helping Hand' if they thought they were being bullied. Well done to all the students for their great efforts during this week.

We are also continuing with our lessons in online safety using the HTML heroes programme from Webwise.ie as part of our Digital Learning Plan for 2021 – 2022. Visit <https://www.webwise.ie/> for more information.



SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week took place from 7th – 14th November. This week saw us explore physics, biology and chemistry through a series of fun and exciting activities in each class.

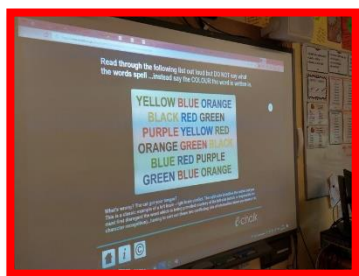
Ms. Bulter's Class explored osmosis using Jelly Babies. They placed Jelly Babies in a jar of water and watched in wonder as the water in the glass flowed through the Jelly Babies' semi-permeable membranes to make the Jelly Babies grow.



Ms. Moore-Walsh's class gave Einstein a run for his money with a plethora of activities for Science Week. On Monday, the children explored how soap molecules in washing up liquid will bond to fat molecules and remove them from our dishes. Tuesday saw them learn how to bend light and make their drawings dance on water. On Wednesday, the children made Oobleck, a substance that can mimic the qualities of a solid as well as a liquid depending on the pressure that you apply to it. Thursday saw the children of Second and Third Class take part in a Zoom workshop called Planet Science in association with Tipperary Festival of Science where they explored mixing an acid and a base and made 'Candy' DNA. Friday saw the children explore electricity further by learning about materials which conducted electricity and those materials which were insulators. The children learned that all metals conduct electricity but that some metals are better conductors than others.

SCIENCE WEEK

Not to be outdone, Ms. Dervan's class donned their lab coats and goggles and enjoyed a jam-packed week of science experiments for Science Week also. The class kicked off Science Week in style with a super live class with Múinteoir John from RTE's Home School Hub. Tuesday saw them design and build their 'Future School' using Lego and materials found in the local natural environment. They also engaged in a 'mind boggler' activity which saw the left and right side of their brain do battle. They had great fun on Wednesday experimenting with bubbles as they learned all about mixing liquids, air pressure and forces. The Planet Science workshop was also enjoyed by Ms. Dervan's class on Thursday, while Friday saw them save the best until last with a kaleidoscope of different activities to round off the week including taking part in a Zoom quiz with PHIL of Science, alongside thousands of other primary school children. A whole host of STEM challenges were then undertaken including making the tallest tower, the longest paper chain and even marshmallow catapults were constructed! The experiments got even sweeter as they examined forces by moving maltesers before using the power of air to hold themselves up! I think next year, we will have to explore the science of sleep after that tremendously busy week!!!

**TEAM HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL****SENIOR TENNIS PROGRAMME**

November

VIPs



★ **Our Superstars** ★
Excellent equestrians, Bella and Mairéad Kate
Great gymnast: Aphra
Dynamo dancers: Emma-Jane, Chloe, Graham,
Georgia, Clodagh



November

COMPETITIONS



A Creative Competition for ALL
3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th class pupils
in conjunction with
our local primary schools!

Closing Date
Thurs. 16th
December

Fabulous Prizes

Gift Vouchers
1st prize - €100
2nd prize - €50
3rd prize - €20
& many more exciting
Christmas prizes!

You can create...ANYTHING!

A cookie, cracker, wreath, bauble, decoration,
cake, gingerbread house, jumper, hat, poem,
story, play, game, song, puzzle, meme,
drawing, painting...the list is endless!

**Just make sure it's Christmas themed
and creative!**

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A CREATIVE CHRISTMAS



How to Enter:

Email a photo or video of
your entry to
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Include your Name, School and Class



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**CHRISTMAS LEGO
COMPETITION**



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Give it a go!
Ho! Ho! Ho!

