



# DROM News



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## March Madness & Mayhem!



What a busy month March has been for the children of Drom National School. We started the month by celebrating World Book Day. We then took part in Engineers Week with the children of Second and Third Class creating a loud speaker from a paper cup! Ms. Dervan's Class enjoyed a trip to Coláiste Mhuire in Thurles to see the musical, Aladdin, followed soon after by a celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for the children of Fifth & Sixth Class. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a Lá Glas in aid of Trócaire's work in Ukraine from which we raised more than €200. The children enjoyed a parade around the school grounds along with some music, song and dance to celebrate our Irish heritage and Seachtain na Gaeilge. We took some time to relax during an extended Bank Holiday for St. Patrick's Day and enjoy the beautiful spring sunshine. Last week saw us making cards and gifts for all the special mothers in our school community to celebrate Mother's Day, while this week saw Second Class receive their First Confession. What a manic March! Onwards and upwards to an Amazing April!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Hurling Lunchtime League: Each Monday: Starting Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022: First – Sixth Class.
- U13 Hurling Blitz: Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022: Templeouhy: 11am.
- National Spring Clean: Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
- Easter Holidays: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022
- Swimming: Each Tuesday: Starting Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022: Second – Sixth Class.
- Gymnastics: Each Wednesday to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022: Starting Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- Closing date for Student Registration Forms: New Entrants Only: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The school uniform is as follows: A blue jumper, light blue shirt, grey trousers / skirt / pinafore and a blue tie. The school tracksuit is navy with the school crest. **Jerseys, everyday clothing and branded clothing are not permitted in the school.** We would ask that the school tracksuit be worn only on days on which the children have sport.

Following the Easter holidays, the school tracksuit should be worn on Tuesday for swimming, Wednesday for Gymnastics and Friday for GAA training with Tony Shanahan. Children taking part in the Hurling Lunchtime League each Monday can also wear their school tracksuit to school on a Monday if they wish to play the league in their tracksuit.

We have been informed by Martin Grey of Grey's of Templemore that the current school tracksuit can no longer be manufactured and it is therefore necessary to choose a new tracksuit design for September 2022. We hope to have some samples for parents / guardians to look at in April and welcome your input in this matter. We will be in touch when we receive the samples and further details such as price, design options, etc.

It is envisaged that Junior Infants starting in September 2022 and those requiring a new tracksuit would purchase this new design, while others could continue to wear the current design until such time as they can no longer procure it or chose to purchase the new design.

**GYMNASTICS WITH SCHOOL FITNESS IRELAND**

The students will take part in a 6 week Gymnastics course facilitated by School Fitness Ireland from Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. **The school is seeking a contribution of €10 per students towards the cost of all 6 lessons.**

**SCHOOL BUS SCHEME**

The closing date for new applications for school transport for the new school year 2022/23 is Friday, 29 April 2022. Please apply on [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)

**SWIMMING IN GARDA COLLEGE**

Swimming lessons for Second to Sixth Class will commence on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Ms. Butler will be in touch with you shortly with the details of our upcoming swimming programme. Children should bring a towel, swimming togs, swimming socks / flip flops, goggles and a swimming hat. It is most important that children bring each of these items for hygiene reasons. Children often find it handy to bring a plastic bag in their gear bag for their wet clothes.

**HURLING LUNCHTIME LEAGUE**

We are thrilled to announce that the hurling 'Lunchtime League' will commence once again on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in the GAA pitch opposite the school. Children from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class are invited to take part. Those who wish to take part are asked to bring in their hurling gear each Monday, along with hurling shorts and boots if they so wish. A spare pair of socks can also prove useful to have in the gear bag. Check out our Twitter page, @dromns1, for our weekly League report.

**CLASS ALLOCATION 2022 / 2023**

The classes will remain as they were for 2021 / 2022.

Junior Infants, Senior Infants & First Class  
Second & Third Class  
Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Class

**ENROLMENT 2022 / 2023**

We appeal to you once again to help us increase our enrolment for 2022 – 2023. To date, we have

- Sent enrolment flyers throughout Templemore and Borrisoleigh,
- Contacted preschools and businesses throughout the local area to display our enrolment posters
- Created posters and videos for social media
- Held an Open Evening.

If you have any further ideas of how we can promote enrolment in our school, we would love to hear from you on [dromns@hotmail.com](mailto:dromns@hotmail.com). We would be most grateful if you could let us know of any family in the area with a child due to start in September or of any family with primary school aged children who may be new to the area so that we can get in touch with them with some information about our school.

*Thank you for your support!*

**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT BY-ELECTION**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**A Mother's Nominee must be elected to the Board of Management by the general body of parents of children enrolled in the school.**

In order to obtain nominations we are writing to each mother to:

- 1) Establish their willingness to stand for nomination and election as parent, and
- 2) Obtain consent for the circulation of their name and the classes attended by their child(ren) to all other parents, if they are willing to stand for nomination and election.

Please find attached Consent Form. If you are willing to stand for nomination and election as parent nominee to the Board of Management please complete, sign and date the Consent Form and return it to the school no later than Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 so that the school may furnish your details (i.e. your name and classes attended by your children) to other parents.

Please do not complete the consent form if you are not willing to be nominated.

Mise, le meas,  
*Fr. Martin Murphy*  
Patron's Representative

**ALADDIN**

A fantastic morning's entertainment was had by the children of Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Class on 11<sup>th</sup> March at the musical Aladdin by the hugely talented students of Coláiste Mhuire in Thurles. To add to the experience, the children enjoyed a delicious hot lunch afterwards. A number of the students also received Easter Eggs for their participation in Coláiste Mhuire's Creative Christmas Competition. Egg-cellent!

**ENGINEERS' WEEK**

During STEPS Engineers Week, engineering is celebrated across Ireland. The main aim of the week is to promote engineering - and to show the importance of the profession - to children in Ireland. As part of Engineers Week, the children of Second & Third Class created loudspeakers using motors and paper cups. Sincere thanks to Conor Heaney for allowing us to use his stereo to test out our speakers! Speak-tacular electrical engineering. Well done to all in Second and Third Class.

**CONFIRMATION**

Congratulations to the boys and girls of Fifth and Sixth Class who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 15<sup>th</sup> March in St Mary's Church, Drom. The children did themselves, their families, their school and their parish proud. We thank Fr. Murphy, Celia Boyle, Maria McElgunn and Avril Kinane for their help with the ceremony.

**CHOP THE CURLS FOR CANCER**

Three years ago, former student, Darragh Barry, at the age of 10, decided to grow his hair to donate it. He then decided to use the opportunity to raise funds for the Mid-Western Cancer Foundation Limited. The Mid-Western Cancer Foundation Limited is a local cancer charity. All donations to this charity are used to enhance services for patients attending the cancer centre at the University Hospital Limerick and for research.

A fundraising night was held in Michael Finn's Pub, Templemore on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, where Darragh chopped his 'Curls for Cancer'. His hair was donated to the Rapunzel Foundation - a charity that makes wigs for children with hair loss.

A massive **€19,000** was raised by Darragh for the Mid-Western Cancer Foundation Limited. What an incredible achievement. We are so proud of Darragh and delighted that a former student of Drom NS could do such good for such a worthy cause!





**TIPPERARY  
GAA  
EASTER  
CAMP**

WEEK 1  
12-14TH APRIL

<https://tipperary.gaa.ie/shop/2022-easter-camps/>

TIME 10-1PM OR 2-5PM  
At various venues

35 EURO PER CHILD

Free Football & Sliotar

Please contact your local registered GAA camp

Play & Stay with GAA For children age 6-13



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Ms. Moore-Walsh would be most grateful if the parents of First Communion children could provide her with a photograph of their child's baptism in order to create a display of the children's Christian journey to date in the church for the ceremony.

It would be preferable if these could be sent by email but a scanned copy can be made in the school if this is not feasible. All originals will be sent back to parents as soon as possible after a copy is made.

Second Class children will also require their baptismal candle for the ceremony, if available. Alternatively, the children can use a Communion candle as pictured below.

We look forward to this most special ceremony on May 7<sup>th</sup> in St. Mary's Church, Drom.



March

# RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES



March

# ALADDIN



March

# LÁ GLAS



March

# STUDENT SUPERSTARS

