

# DROM News

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## Amazing April to Magnificent May

### Communion Class 21/22



The picture shows the boys and girls of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in Drom National School who received their Communion on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The children were truly the pride of the parish and a credit to both their school, their parents / guardians, their families and their parish.

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 look forward to June which will see us hold our Summer Evening of Music in aid of the North Tipperary Hospice and our school. We will also take part in a coding workshop and celebrate our Sixth Class Graduation Mass. Our annual Active Schools Week will take place in the week before our summer holidays, with a jam-packed line-up that's sure to be a hit with the children. We hope you enjoy reading all about our adventures.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022: County GAA Skills Competition: Dr. Morris Park: 10.30am
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022: Standardised Assessments
- 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022: Visit of Fire Service to Second and Third Class
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022: Coding Workshop with Róisín Faherty of Technical University, Dublin
- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022: Summer Evening of Music in aid of the North Tipperary Hospice Movement and Drom N.S.
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022: Active Schools Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022: [School League Final](#)
- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022: [The Fundamentals Workshop with David Collins](#)
- 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022: [School Tour to University of Limerick](#)
- 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022: [Active Fun Day at School](#)
- 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022: [School Sports Day](#)
- 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022: Sixth Class Graduation Mass
- 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022: **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022, sixteen children from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Class boarded the bus to Templetuohy for the U11 Cumann na mBunscol hurling blitz. The team consisted of Jack Cleary, Daniel Coleman, Ardit O' Meara-Dani, Clíona Cahill, Myra Shanahan, James Barry, Tadhg Heaney, Tommy Bourke, Ciara Mockler, Sophie Kiely, Laura Ryan, Grace Nolan, Aphra O' Connor, Audrey Bourke and Ava Glasheen with Bella Ryan ably assisting with First Aid. The blitz saw us face Ballycahill, Templetuohy, Clonmore and Littleton. The children worked well together as a team and gained invaluable competition experience. A great day for all involved.

Undoubtedly, the goal of the blitz went to Jack Cleary of Second Class. Jack, surrounded by the opposition on all sides, deftly made his way through each one of them to score a cracker of a goal! Seamie Callanan – you've got competition!!! Well done Jack and all the children for their wonderful attitudes and hard work on the day.

We express our sincere thanks also to teacher Mr. O Connor and trainer, Tony Shanahan for their help, encouragement and sense of fun on the day and indeed throughout the year.

### RESULTS

Game 1: Drom (2-3)	Ballycahill (4-1)
Game 2: Drom (1-1)	Templetuohy (2-1)
Game 3: Drom (1-0)	Clonmore (1-2)
Game 4: Drom (3-1)	Littleton (1-1)

### CALENDAR 2021 – 2022: IMPORTANT UPDATE

As the government dedicated March 18<sup>th</sup> as a public holiday, the school has an extra day of holidays to take, which the Board of Management has decided to take on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The Department of Education has also sanctioned a half-day closure for staff to engage with the Primary Language Curriculum. This will take place on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022, when the school was due to close at 12.30pm for the summer holidays.

Therefore, as the school will be closed on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 for the reasons stated above, [the school will now close for the summer holidays on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 1.40pm for Junior and Senior Infants and 2.40pm for all other classes.](#)

### CALENDAR 2022 – 2023

The calendar for 2022 – 2023 will issue this week having being approved by the Board of Management. The school year will start on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and end on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### CODING WORKSHOP

A coding workshop with Róisín Faherty, a Lecturer in the Department of Computing at Technical University Dublin will take place on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022.

Róisín will teach the children how to code with Micro:bit. The Micro:bit can be programmed to do a number of different things, it can be a digital watch, fitness tracker or a games console. The device features 25 LED lights and two programmable buttons, which can be used in game-play or to skip through tracks in a playlist. She also plans to introduce the children in the senior room to Python. Python is a computer programming language often used to build websites and software, automate tasks, and conduct data analysis. Python is a general-purpose language, meaning it can be used to create a variety of different programs and isn't specialized for any specific problems.

**NEW 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.

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.

The design options for the top are shown below along with their care labels. Both designs would be navy in colour and would be embroidered with the crest below. These designs are also available to view on the school's Twitter page: @dromns1

The tracksuit pants would consist of a skinny jog pants in navy also.

A blue non-crested polo t-shirt would be worn in under the tracksuit top.

The approximate cost of the top and jog pants is €45 – 48.

A form has been sent home with the eldest in each class to allow you to express your preference in relation to which of the two designs the school will chose as the school tracksuit from September 2022 onwards. Please return the form to the school by Monday, 23rd May 2022.



**SCHOOL TOUR**

On 15th June 2022 the students of Junior Infants — 6th Class will go on their school tour to the University of Limerick with Adventure World Camps.

The cost of the tour is €41 per student in Junior & Senior Infants and €43 per student from First to Sixth Class. This includes the cost of transport, activities and a small meal in Burger King in Birdhill, Limerick. The details of the school tour have been sent home with each child.

**SUMMER EVENING OF MUSIC FUNDRAISER**

In December, 2018, we lost our wonderful colleague, Breda O' Dwyer to cancer. Breda was not only a fantastic secretary but also a loving friend to all. Since her passing, we have sought an opportunity to raise funds for the North Tipperary Hospice Movement and the school in her memory. The opportunity presented itself as we started a programme of music with Music Generation Tipperary. Breda loved to sing and was an active member of the choir in St. Mary's Church in Drom. We thought what better way to honour her and use all that we had learned from the Music Generation Tipperary programme than to hold a concert in her memory. The theme of our concert is friendship and community and how music can bring us together and lift our spirits in times of difficulty.

Therefore, on June 9th, we will hold an outdoor 'Evening of Music' in our school yard. Coming together to perform at this concert are the children of Drom National School, Templemore Pipe Band, Music Generation Tipperary musicians, former students and parents, a representative from Suir Haven Cancer Support Centre and the Choir of St. Mary's Church, Drom.

To raise funds for the North Tipperary Hospice Movement and the school, we will hold a mega raffle with some fantastic prizes on offer including the top prize of €1000, 2nd prize of a €600 holiday voucher and 3rd prize of €500. In addition to these wonderful prizes, we are hoping to put together some hampers filled with items donated by parents / guardians and those in our community. We have always had a great response to requests for items for hampers and hope this year will be no different. If you can be of any help, please bring your donation to the school by Friday, 3rd June.

Each family will then be asked to take a book of 10 tickets and encourage their family, friends and neighbours to take part in the raffle by purchasing 1 ticket for €10, 3 tickets for €20 or 10 tickets for €50. The person purchasing the raffle ticket keeps the ticket, while their name and number is recorded on the Ticket Record Card, which should be returned to the school along with any monies collected and any unsold tickets by Friday, 3rd June 2022.

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# NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN



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# COMMUNION



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# U11 HURLING BLITZ & FOOTBALL HEROES

