

DROM News

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DROM'S FAVOURITE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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, had our students feature on Tipp FM, attended a Peace Proms workshop in the University of Limerick and donated beautiful shoeboxes to the Team Hope Shoebox appeal. We also enjoyed a few nice goodies for the Late Late Toy Show. My goodness, it is a wonder that we didn't need another break at the end of November after all that activity.

December sees us prepare for our Nativity and Carol Service which will take place on Tuesday, 20th December at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Drom. It is so heart-warming to hear carols echo through the halls of the school once again and see the excitement of the children as they rehearse for the Nativity play.

We also hope to raise some funds for Down Syndrome Tipperary by taking part in the Jingle Your Jumper event. Check out the poster opposite for more details.

And then of course, there is the Santa to get ready for ...! All go in Drom NS!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday, 16th Dec. 2022:** Christmas Clobber Day
- **Tuesday, 20th Dec. 2022:** Carol Service @ 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Drom
- **Wednesday, 21st Dec. 2022:** Christmas Holidays @12.30pm
- **Thursday, 5th Jan. 2023:** Return to school @ 9.00am
- **Friday, 6th Jan. 2022:** Staff meeting. School will close at 12.30pm.



November



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ADMISSION POLICY AMENDMENT

Please find below, a copy of the amendment all primary schools are required to make to their Admissions Policy, relating to the provision of education to children with special educational needs.

The Board of Management of Drom National School seeks the feedback of parents / guardians in relation to this amendment.

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 secretary@dromns.com before December 9th 2022.

Drom National School will cooperate with the National Council for Special Education in the performance by the Council of its functions under the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 relating to the provision of education to children with special educational needs, including in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council.

Drom National School will comply with any direction served on the patron or the board, as the case may be, under section 37A and any direction served on the board under section 67(4B) of the Education Act.

EMAIL ADDRESSES UPDATE

This year, the school is seeking to update its computer systems. As part of this update, contact email addresses have changed. Emails to the school will be dealt with during school hours.

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Ms. Dervan: sdervan@dromns.com

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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 8th November 2022. 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*.

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 8th November 2022.
- 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 secretary@dromns.com before December 16th 2022.

TEAM HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

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.



JINGLE YOUR JUMPERS

On Friday, 16th December 2022, 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.



COUNTY PHOTOS
THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHERS

*Order Deadline
Fast Approaching*

Avoid postage charges and delivery delays – order your school photos before the deadline date below and get them delivered to the school for free!

7th December

Any orders placed after this date will be charged a home delivery fee.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind Regards,
The County Photos Team

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FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Drom NS celebrated Friendship Week from 7th to 11th November. As part of Friendship Week, the children made a Friendship Tree. They asked for a friend to do something kind for them such as get their coat at home time, help them with a subject they found difficult or let them choose the game that would be played at lunchtime.

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 the qualities of a good friend, about bullying and about what to do if they were being bullied or witnessed someone being bullied.

They listed the five people that would give them a 'Helping Hand' if they thought they were being bullied, while senior students (Third to Sixth Class) took part in an anonymous survey on the topic of bullying.

Of course, the highlight of Friendship Week is when the younger children meet their 'Senior Friendship Week Buddy' and enjoy playing with them. The children couldn't wait to get to know their 'Friendship Week Pal' and had great fun playing with them during lunch times.

The school is currently liaising with Sergeant Ray Moloney, Community Garda in Thurles Garda Station, to deliver a program on online safety and Cyberbullying. We hope to welcome Sergeant Ray to the school in February, when we celebrate Safer Internet Day.

Well done to all the students for their great efforts during this fantastic week.





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

Closing Date
Thurs. 8th
December

Fabulous Prizes

Individual Prizes - Gift Vouchers
1st prize - €100, 2nd prize - €50
and 3rd prize - €20

School Prize - A class set of
Paddy Stapleton's 'Up In The Air'
series of books
& 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:

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your entry to
creativechristmas@cmco.ie

Include your Name, School
and Class





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festive competition, you are
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images/files on Coláiste
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accounts for the purposes of
promotion and celebration of
the competition and
its participants.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week took place from 13th – 20th November. The week saw us explore physics, biology and chemistry through a series of fun and exciting activities in each class.

Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class had great Science fun as they watched the cool results of their Magic Milk Science Experiment when they dipped soap covered cotton buds into the milk and food colouring mixture. How cool are the designs they created.



Second & Third Class sought to outdo the awesome Science week they had last year with this year's Science Week activities. On Monday, the children looked at what plants need to grow. They placed celery in different coloured water to examine how water travels in plants. They learned that the "vessels" in the celery stalks carry the water and colour to the leaves, like the way blood travels through your body.

Tuesday saw the children make 'Milk Plastic'. They examined how materials change when something is added to them or heat is applied. They separated milk into curds and whey and then used the curds to make decorations. Stinky but great fun!

On Wednesday, the children of Second & Third class learned all about the density of different liquids. They learned that density is the amount of parts in the same space. Think of a drawer full of socks. It has a certain density. But when you take some socks out it becomes less dense. The drawer is the same but there are less parts in it. The children measured out the same amount of different liquids and put them in a jar. Those that were more dense sank and those that were less dense floated on top. Honey was the most dense liquid, while oil was the least!

On Thursday, the children were challenged to create a catapult from simple materials and then test their catapults to see which could launch a projectile furthest. While Ms. Scanlan may have had to duck for cover on more than a few occasions, the children had a ball creating and testing their catapults.

You would think the children would have had enough by Friday ... but not the super scientists of Second & Third Class. The children started the day by taking part in a webinar where they looked at the science of milk and then made CD hovercrafts in the afternoon.

Move over Einstein, there is a new group ready to set the world of Science on fire!



If you thought Second and Third Class were busy, then check out what Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class got up to for Science Week.

On Monday, the children created a Science Week word bank. Tuesday and Wednesday saw them experiment with pressure using balloons and thumb tacks. They learned that one thumbtack can obviously pop a balloon with little force, but a bed of thumbtacks do not because the force is spread out among all of the thumbtacks so the pressure exerted by any individual thumbtack is not sufficient to pop the balloon.

Thursday saw Ms. Dervan's class engage in a 'Super Sound' experiment. The children experimented with sound waves by using humming to make sprinkles dance on a piece of cling film placed over a bowl.

Friday couldn't have been greater fun as the children were challenged to create a car from Lego that could protect their egg passenger.

We would like to say that no eggs were harmed in the course of this challenge but unfortunately, that would be wishful thinking!!! Nonetheless, the children had egg-cellent fun along the way. As if this wasn't enough to keep the children going, they also engaged in a number of webinars and projects throughout Science Week.

Like Ms. Moore-Walsh's room, Fourth, Fifth & Sixth took part in 'The Magic of Milk' webinar from Teagasc. They also took part in a webinar where they learned all about the different branches of science.

Throughout the week, they engaged in a number of projects including a project about a scientist of their choice and one which involved them researching about the different branches of science. Watch out world. The future is bright with all these smart scientists from Drom NS.



