



DROM NEWS



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DROM'S FAVOURITE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Delightful December & Jam Packed January

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Microsoft Dreamspace: Episode 1: Tues. 31st Jan. 2023 (2nd to 6th)
- St. Brigid's Day: Wed. 1st Feb. 2023
- Closure due to electricity outage in the area: Thurs. 2nd Feb. 2023: 9.00am to 5.30pm
- Open Evening: Thurs. 2nd Feb. 2023: 7pm
- Say Yes to Languages: Starting Fri. 3rd Feb. 2023 (2nd to 6th Class)
- Feast of St. Blaise: Fri. 3rd Feb. 2023
- February Bank Holiday: No school: Mon. 6th Feb. 2023
- Safer Internet Day: Tues. 7th Feb. 2023
- February Mid-Term Break: No school: Thurs. 16th & Fri. 17th Feb. 2023
- Pancake Tuesday: Tues. 21st Feb. 2023
- First Confession: Tues. 21st Feb. 2023 at 7PM in St. Mary's Church, Drom
- Ash Wednesday / Start of Lent: Wed. 22nd Feb. 2023
- Gymnastics: Starting Wed. 23rd Feb. 2023: Six week program

Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2023. What a busy time we've had in December and January. From news of concerts to coding, we hope you will enjoy our double edition of Drom News! Be sure to check out in particular the articles by our talented student writers! Don't forget to follow us on our Twitter page @dromns1 to keep up with all the latest news from Drom NS!

ENROLMENT 2023 - 2024

Enrolment applications for 2023 / 2024 opened on Monday, 9th January 2023. Our Open Evening takes place at 7pm on Thursday, 2nd February. All prospective new students and their parents are most welcome to join us on this night. We look forward to meeting you.

For more information or to receive an enrolment application form, please call the school on (0504) 51688 or email secretary@dromns.com. Enrolment applications can also be made online at: <https://databizsolutions.ie/AdmissionForm> using our Roll Number 18322V.

We look forward to hearing from you.



TEXACO ART COMPETITION

We now invite entries from our hugely talented students for the Texaco Art Competition. Hereunder is some information for your attention should your child be interested in taking part:

<https://www.texacochildrensart.com/how-to-enter/preparing-your-entry>



Subject

- One of the most interesting things about art is its diversity. That's why your entry to our Competition can be about anything that interests you.

Size of artwork

- Your entry should not be smaller than A4 (29.7cm x 21.0cm) or larger than A2 (59.4cm x 42.0cm) before it is mounted, which is optional. Please submit your artwork in flat format only, it should not be rolled, folded or framed.

Use of Materials

- You may use any type of paper, white, coloured, rough or smooth. The work that you submit may be drawn or painted in pencil, charcoal, pen and ink, crayon, markers, pastel, watercolour, gouache, acrylics, oils, poster colour and collage. Alternatively, it may be a print created from a lino block, wood block or any other method, and your artwork may be submitted on canvas.
- Only digitally produced works using any artwork software may be submitted to the Competition by email at texacochildrensart@valero.com. A photograph or scanned image of an original artwork will not be considered under any circumstances.

Originality

- Your work should be original and unaided. Please do not copy another person's work. Any source imagery must be indicated at time of entry. Failure to properly reference any source imagery may result in disqualification.

Number of Entries

- You may submit up to two entries per individual but each entry must have its own completed Application Form securely attached to it. Only individual entries will be accepted and they may be submitted directly by you, by your school or by your art group.

COMPLETED ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SCHOOL PRIOR TO FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY 2023. APPLICATION FORM ATTACHED.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

A Recount by Clodagh Ryan, 3rd Class



It was a windy evening. I was making my way to Drom Church because I was singing with my friend, Daniel. The song was called 'Mary's Boy Child'. I was nervous but excited to sing.

The younger children were acting the Nativity. The first song was 'The Little Drummer Boy'. The younger ones looked so cute in their costumes as they continued with their performances.

Then it quickly came around to our song. I got out of my seat and Daniel did too. We sang our part and walked back to our seats. I think the audience started clapping. It was so much fun!

After that, we listened to the others sing. They were so good. Next, they cleared the altar. The younger ones bowed and went down to their parents. Then they watched us.

Next, some people sang. Then three pupils from my class sang. Their names were Sadbh, Niamh and Jack. They sang 'Do you Hear What I Hear?'.

After that, most of the songs were over. Ms. Dervan's class played some music on the Ukulele and Jack played the tin whistle. Then Ms. Moore-Walsh had some words to say.

Finally, the teachers called up the children of Drom N.S. and handed out selection boxes to them.

It had been a great night. Although I was exhausted, I was proud of myself.

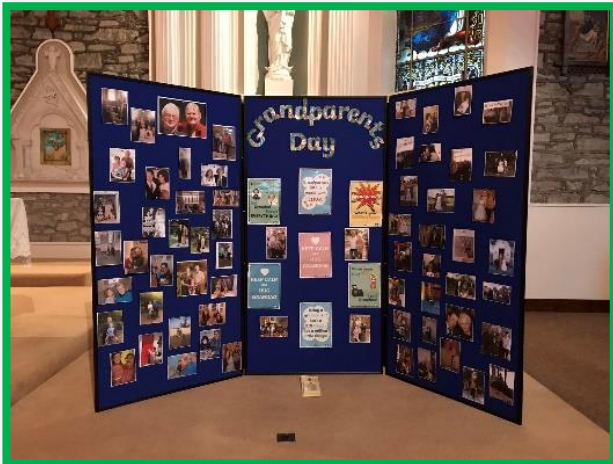
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

Catholic Schools Week 2023 took place from 22nd January to 29th January 2023. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2023 was 'Walking Together in Faith & Love'. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools were invited to participate in a week dedicated to celebrating the gift of Catholic education and to recognizing the love and generosity of the entire school community: student, staff and home.

As part of this week, we marked Grandparents Day with a beautiful display and mass in the church. We were also delighted to welcome the children's grandparents to the school after the mass for some singing and refreshments. What a thrill it was to meet and talk with all the wonderful grandparents once again after such a long time.

We hope that all the grandparents enjoyed the little gift of sweets that we prepared for them and indeed enjoyed seeing their marvellous grandchildren in school.

We thank God for the gift of grandparents and celebrate their wonderful contribution to our lives.



LIMERICK PEACE PROMS

A Recount by Ava Glasheen, 6th Class

It was Sunday, 29th of January 2023, and everyone from 2nd all the way up to the 6th class was waiting at Drom NS to get on the bus to go up to Peace Proms in the University of Limerick Sports Arena. Everyone was so excited to be in Peace Proms for the first time.

We were on the bus for about an hour before we arrived at our destination. Ms. Dervan met us and took us into the sports hall. Then Ms. Moore and Ms. Dervan showed us where we were going to sit. After that, we had a practice with Greg (the conductor) for about an hour before the real thing was about to begin.

After the practice, the arena began filling with parents and family (Greg said about 2,000 people were in the audience). We all began to feel excited and nervous as there was a huge crowd.

Greg explained to everyone what was going to happen and had the audience cheer for the counties the schools came from – Tipp got the biggest roar! Then the orchestra played a few tunes and after that, we sang Hall of Fame. There was more playing from the orchestra and some girls did a highland dance and others some Irish dancing. Then there was more singing from the soloist Lauren – she sang Amazing Grace beautifully.

After a 20-minute interval, the second half started, and we sang a few more songs and then the orchestra played some 90s music.

Greg then took a video of the crowd, the orchestra, and all the kids singing (even though we had to do it twice because Greg didn't press record). Finally, we got to our last song, You're the Voice, and then it was over. Everyone had a great day that I'm sure no one will forget.

SAY YES TO LANGUAGES

This term the children of Second Class to Sixth Class will take part in the 'Say Yes to Languages' program. This program will see them engage with a language teacher for 8 weeks.

The 'Say Yes to Languages' program aims to:

- Generate awareness among pupils of the range of languages used by their peers, including Irish Sign Language, in their schools and communities which may help support greater inclusion and appreciation of diversity in society.
- Encourage uptake of languages at post-primary level.
- Provide opportunities for increased levels of collaboration among the school community with regard to the celebration of languages and cultures.
- Support implementation of Languages Connect, Ireland's Strategy for Foreign Languages in Education 2017–2026.

In our school, we have selected German for the module. We look forward to learning, not only about the German language but also about German culture.

MICROSOFT DREAM SPACE

We are delighted to liaise with Drom Community Hall, Tipperary BCP (Broadband Connection Point) and Microsoft Ireland to engage in the Microsoft Dream Space program from 2nd to 6th Class.

The Dream Space program provides immersive, research-based STEM experiences for students and teachers to enhance their STEM skills alongside crucial social-emotional skills such as empathy, creativity, ethical decision making, critical thinking and collaboration.

The Dream Space program is guided by online videos on Dream Space TV. The episodes help the children to develop the skills required for coding. Code is the language used by programs to tell a computer to do something – it's a set of instructions. The episodes are as follows:

- Episode One: The Windmill Challenge (Sequence)
- Episode Two: Board Game Challenge (Conditions)
- Episode Three: Obstacle Course Challenge (Loops)
- Episode Four: Endangered Animal Challenge (Algorithm)
- Episode Five: Tower Challenge (Bug/Debug)
- Episode Six: Coding with the micro:bit – basics
- Episode Seven: Rock, paper, scissors with micro:bit
- Episode Eight: Energy Efficiency with the micro:bit
- Episode Nine: Wellbeing challenge with micro:bit
- Episode Ten: Radio with the micro:bit

The children will use a micro:bit when coding. A micro:bit is a microcontroller with 25 LED lights. There are two programmable buttons. It also has lots of special sensors that detect things like movements, temperature, light level and even an in-built compass.

Following the ten episodes, the children will engage with the 'do your :bit' challenge. The do your :bit challenge adds social purpose to digital learning and allows young people to apply their digital skills to real world solutions e.g. good health and well-being.

The children will then be given an opportunity to showcase their 'do your: bit' projects in the Microsoft Dream Space Showcase which will take place in Dublin in June.

Be sure to keep a close eye on our Twitter account @dromns1 for updates on our progress!

GYMNASTICS

The students will take part in a 6 week Gymnastics course facilitated by School Fitness Ireland from Thursday, 23rd February to Thursday, 30th March 2023. The students should wear their tracksuit each Thursday for Gymnastics.

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CAROL SERVICE



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PEACE PROMS



Parents / Guardians
WE NEED YOUR HELP
Help us to grow Drom NS!

Drom NS are seeking your views on how we can grow enrolment in our school and keep Drom NS at the heart of the community.

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FEBRUARY

A short survey will be sent to you by text on Friday. Please take a moment to share your views on how we can grow enrolment in the school. Please complete by 24th February 2023. Thank you.

