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Fantastic February

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Seachtain na Gaeilge: 1st - 17th March 2023
- World Book Day: Thurs. 2nd March 2023
- SPAR FAI Primary 5s Soccer Blitz: Fri. 3rd March 2023 in Ballymackey F.C. First match at 10.15am. (Senior boys and selected senior girls)
- Engineers Week: 4th – 10th March 2023.
- Start of Hurling Lunchtime League: Each Monday. Starts Mon. 6th March 2023. (1st to 6th Class only. Infant supporters welcome!)
- 1st & 2nd Class Hurling Blitz in Dr. Morris Park, Thurles: Tues. 7th March 2023.
- GAA Equipment Order Deadline: Wed. 8th March 2023.
- Big Book Quiz with Rachel Hoban: Wed. 15th March 2023 @9.30am.
- St. Patrick's Day in Drom NS (Parade in school): Thurs. 16th March 2023. CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR GREEN TO SCHOOL!
- St. Patrick's Day: No school: Fri. 17th March 2023
- Visit of Chiara Hanrahan from Green Schools Ireland: Wed. 22nd March 2023
- Easter Holidays: School closes on Fri. 31st March 2023 and returns Mon. 17th April 2023.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

Where is the time going? It is hard to believe that we are already in March and looking forward to our Easter holidays!

February has been so busy, we have hardly had time to catch our breath – from starting our Say Yes to Languages and gymnastics programs to continuing with our Music Generation and Microsoft Dream Space Ireland program. We also enjoyed delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and marked both St. Brigid's Day and St. Valentine's Day with wonderful artwork and story. We held our First Confession ceremony and our senior girls travelled to Ballymackey FC for the first of the SPAR FAI Primary 5s soccer blitzes that the school will take part in. This Friday sees the boys travel to Ballymackey FC for their blitz, while next Tuesday sees 1st and 2nd Class travel to Dr. Morris Park in Thurles for a hurling blitz.

Be sure to check out reports by our superstar student reporters in the next edition of Drom News! In the meantime, please enjoy our February edition of our school newspaper and don't forget to follow us on our Twitter page @dromns1 to keep up with all the latest news from Drom NS!

FIRST CONFESSION

On Tuesday, 21st February 2023, the children of Second Class received their First Confession. We thank Fr. Murphy for his guidance for the children as they continue their Christian journey. We look forward to the next step in this journey – First Holy Communion. The First Holy Communion ceremony will take place on 13th May 2023 at 10.30am in St. Mary's Church, Drom.



SAY YES TO LANGUAGES!

Our Say Yes to Languages programme continues apace. The children now know how to introduce themselves and their families and speak about their physical characteristics.

Guten Tag (Goo-tin tag): Hello

Ich heiße Ronaldo (ick hi-sa...): My name is Ronaldo.

Ich habe einen brüder (ick ha-ba eye-nen brew-der): I have one brother.

Ich habe eine schwester (ick ha-ba eye-neh sh-v-ester): I have one sister.

Ich habe grüne augen und braune haare (ick ha-ba grew-na ow-gin und brown-eh haar-reh): I have green eyes and brown hair.

We hope to visit Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore soon to meet with their Transition Year and International students and put our German language learning to the test.

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Seachtain na Gaeilge takes place from the 1st – 17th March 2023. We will celebrate our 'teanga dúchas' by learning the national anthem 'Amhrán an bhFiann' in all classes and by teaching the children a number of common phrases that they can use outside of the classroom. Also included in this newsletter is a small 'cluiche boird' that you can play with your child. This game will allow you to ask and answer common questions in Irish, all while having great fun. Bí cróga! Bain triail as!

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and reading. They are a charity that operates in the UK and Ireland. They will next be celebrating World Book Day on 2 March 2023. Their mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Did you know that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success? Here in Drom NS, we want to encourage in the children, a life-long habit of reading for pleasure. We are appealing to everyone to support our Book Drive and donate to the school, any unwanted children's books in good condition throughout March.

We will celebrate World Book Day by asking the children to bring in their favourite book on Thursday, 2nd March 2022. The Senior children will read to the Junior children, all while enjoying some sweet treats along the way. We will return to costumes for World Book Day next year.

GAA IN DROM NS!

As we begin March, which sees us celebrate all things Irish, we want to encourage the children to take part more in our traditional games and be as active as possible.

Each Monday, the children of First to Sixth Class are invited to wear their tracksuit and bring their hurling gear for our annual 'Lunchtime Hurling League' with trainer, Tony Shanahan. We encourage all children from 1st to 6th Class to take part in the league as, it will not only develop their hurling skills but, will also give them an opportunity to be active and work as part of a team. Those taking part in the league are encouraged to wear an old pair of runners / studded boots for their matches and are asked to bring a spare pair of socks in their gear bag also. The children will be given the opportunity to eat their lunch earlier each Monday to ensure that they have adequate time to eat prior to taking part in the league.

We hope the Infants will be able to join us from time to time to cheer on their school mates. Each week, three players from the Junior and Senior team will be awarded a special accolade – Player of the Match, Spirit of the Match and Top Scorer. Be sure to check out our Twitter page @dromns1 for updates on how the league is progressing.

On Wednesdays, Ms. Moore-Walsh will accompany children from 3rd to 6th Class to the field where they can practice their hurling skills with their friends. This activity is optional but anyone who wishes to come to the field must bring their own hurley and must wear a helmet at all times.

Each Friday we will continue with GAA training with Tony Shanahan from Drom & Inch GAA club as normal. In addition, children from 3rd to 6th Class can avail of the opportunity to enjoy a 'puck around' with their friends in the field at lunchtime if they wish. The children will be supervised by Ms. Butler, Ms. Scanlan or Ms. Dervan each Friday. Again, this activity is optional but anyone who wishes to come to the field must bring their own hurley and must wear a helmet at all times.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The second half of Term 2 sees us all become more active. Therefore, children from First to Sixth class are asked to wear their tracksuit on Mondays for Lunchtime Hurling League, Tuesdays for P.E., Thursdays for gymnastics and Fridays for hurling training. Children from 1st to 6th can chose to wear their tracksuit or uniform on Wednesdays each week. This will allow for tracksuits to be washed on Wednesdays if parents / guardians deem it necessary.

Junior Infants and Senior Infants are asked to wear their school uniform on Mondays and Wednesdays. They should wear their school tracksuits on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays as usual.

ENGINEERS WEEK

STEPS Engineers Week, run by the Engineers Ireland STEPS programme, gives children the opportunity to discover engineering, facilitated by their teachers, parents and local community. STEPS Engineers Week 2023 will take place from Saturday, 4 - Friday, 10 March 2023.

During STEPS Engineers Week, engineering is celebrated across Ireland, with primary and secondary children the target audience. The main aim of the week is to promote engineering - and to show the importance of the profession - to children in Ireland.

GARDA COLLEGE SWIMMING



Following engagement with the Garda College in Templemore, we will start swimming lessons in the Garda College for the children of Second to Sixth Class, each Tuesday in Term 3, between 11.30am and 12.30pm. We are finalizing the details of these lessons currently and will be in touch with parents / guardians shortly with the school's swimming policy and details of what the children will require for lessons.





We look forward to working with lifeguards and instructors, Christopher Ryan and Keith Butler, once again for this year's swimming lessons.

GAA EQUIPMENT

A reminder that the order form and relevant monies for GAA equipment - hurley, helmet and hurling glove - must be returned to the school on or before Wednesday, 8th March 2023 if you wish to purchase equipment under the Cumann na mBunscol subsidised equipment scheme. Thank you.

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Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bí Cróga! Tóg Seans!

Tús		An imríonn tú le aon foireann spórt?	An bhfuil suim agat i gcursaí ceoil?	An seineann tú aon uirlisí ceoil?	Cad atá tú ag caitheamh inniu?	Cad a chaitheann tú ag an deireadh seachtaine?	An fearr leat lá te nó lá fuar?
An bhfuil deirfiúr agat?		An bhfuil suim agat i gcursaí spóirt?		Cén banna ceoil is fearr leat?	Cén t-ábhar nach maith leat?	Cé hé an t-uachtarán na hEireann?	
An bhfuil deartháir agat?		Cad is ainm don mhuinteoir?		Cé hé an t-amhránaí is fearr leat?	Cén t-ábhar is fearr leat?	Ba mhaith liom a bheith i mo	
Cé hé an páiste is sine i do theaghlach?		An fearr leat grán rósta nó Nachos?		Cad é do scannán is fearr leat?	An raibh tú ag an bpictiúrlann le déanaí?	Cad a cheannaíonn tú le d'airgead póca?	
Cé hé an páiste is óige i do theaghlach?		Cé mhéad páiste atá i do rang?		Cad é do leabhar is fearr leat?	An bhféachann tú ar an teilifís gach lá?	An imríonn tú ar cluichí ríomhaire?	
Cá bhfuil tú i do chónaí?		Cén rang ina bhfuil tú?		Cén sórt bia is fearr leat?	Cad é do chláir teilifís is fearr leat?	Críoch 	
Cé mhéad duine atá i do theaghlach?		Cén aois thú?		Cár rugadh tú?	Cén sórt bia is fuath leat?		An bhfuil peata agat?

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SPORTS

SPAR FAI PRIMARY 5S SOCCER BLITZ

