



DROM News



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DROM'S FAVOURITE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

- Since 2011

Dear Children of Drom National School,

One day, as I checked my list for the second time, I noticed that all the children at the top of my NICE list were from DROM NS.

Naturally, I had to investigate if you were all so good, so I gave Ms. Moore-Walsh a ring. She got a bit of a shock to get a call from Santa but she was so delighted to report that indeed, it is true – the children of Drom NS are so kind and hardworking and really do deserve to be at the very top of my NICE list.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Don't forget to leave out some carrots for Rudolph and some milk and cookies for me. Make sure to go to bed on time and don't wake your parents too early on Christmas morning. Ho! Ho! Ho!



Happy Christmas from Santa.

**JANUARY
2024**



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

JAN 8

ENROLMENT OPENS

SPREAD THE WORD - ENROLMENT FOR 2024 - 2025 OPENS TODAY. CHECK OUT WWW.DROMNS.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

JAN 9

SAFER INTERNET DAY

OUR TERRIFIC TEN TAKE PART IN SAFER INTERNET DAY TRAINING AS PART OF THEIR DREAMSPACE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.

JAN 21 - 27

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

THE THEME OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITIES OF SERVICE.

JAN 23

OPEN EVENING

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE DROM NATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN EVENING.. COME ALONG AND MEET US AT 7PM.

JAN 23

SAFER INTERNET DAY WITH OWL

OUR DYNAMIC DREAMSPACE TEAM IS BACK TRAINING AGAIN.. NEEVE HYLAND, IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO DELIVER THE TRAINING NEXT YEAR, WE RECKON WE COULD GIVE IT A GOOD GO!

JAN 25

GRANDPARENTS' DAY MASS

OUR FAVOURITE DAY OF THE YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING ALL THE FABULOUS NANNIES AND GRANDADS TO OUR SCHOOL FOR A CUPPA AND A CHAT AFTER MASS IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DROM.

JAN 27

CREDIT UNION QUIZ

IT'S BACK! WE LOOK FORWARD TO PUTTING OUR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TO THE TEST IN THE TEMPLEMORE ARMS!

VISIT FROM THE LIBRARIAN

We were thrilled to welcome local librarian, Aishling Martin, to our school on Wednesday, 6th December 2023. Aishling regaled the children with a selection of Christmas tales & even prepared a Christmas craft for each of the children to enjoy! Our Tipperary librarians really are the best!

BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair was a great success. A word of thanks to our 6th Class girls – Aphra, Ciara, Emma-Jane, Grace, Laura and Sophie who were responsible for running the Book Fair in the school. They were excellent sales people. It was also lovely to meet so many parents who came in after school to purchase a book or two for their children. Thank you all sincerely for your support for the Book Fair. We look forward to ordering sets of novels for our school library with the proceeds from the fair.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thank you to all who made our Christmas Concert such a wonderful evening. It has been a long time since we have had a concert and we were just overwhelmed with the support that was shown to the school and most importantly, to the children.

It was also lovely to see Drom Community Hall alive with music and chat once again. A really special night all round. A sincere word of thanks to all who came along to the concert with donations for the raffle. The response to our appeal for raffle prizes was amazing.

Finally, we want to express how proud we are of the children. They gave the performance of a lifetime and would rival any Broadway show with their talent and energy.

TANGLED IN LOVE

We were delighted to work with Gillian Grattan, playwright, recently to engage in a set of immersive and engaging drama, script writing and film making workshops as part of the Department of Education Blast Arts in Education Residency Programme.

The children explored local history topics through drama. The senior room created a wonderful film ‘Tangled in Love’, about a local landlord John Rutter Carden, who created a scandal when he tried to abduct the object of his affections - Eleanor Arbuthnot! Check out the episodes of this fantastic film on our Twitter page @dromns1.

HOURLY OF CODE

On the 21st & 22nd December, we held our Hour of Code as part of our Microsoft Dreamspace Ambassador program. The children enjoyed learning about AI using Minecraft and how to code it to be fair and inclusive; reliable and safe; transparent and accountable; private and secure – qualities we would like to see in all areas of our lives.

STEM GRANT

In June 2023, our small rural school received the Future STEM Leaders award from Microsoft Ireland. All of our efforts to promote STEM learning however, counted for nothing as our application for funding to further our STEM learning was made the subject of a lottery by the Department of Education recently.

STEM is a key learning area in the new curriculum. Funding to resource that learning being reduced to an application process which began with a lottery is wholly unacceptable. All schools require resources to make effective STEM learning possible. The capitation grant does not in any way allow for STEM resources to be bought.

Our pupils, your children, deserve better than a lottery. The inequity of an application process to fund basics is utterly unacceptable.

Please take 5 minutes today, to contact a local TD or councillor and let them know how this decision and approach impacts your child's learning. We can't allow this to become the norm. Only enough voices sharing their concern will change that.

JINGLE YOUR JUMPERS

On Friday, 22nd December 2023, we held our annual Jingle Your Jumper day for Down Syndrome, Tipperary and SVP Templemore. We have always had a great response to our Christmas fundraiser for these magnificent organisations and this year was no different. Thanks to the students and parents / guardians who contributed so generously. We raised a massive €248 for both charities.

MAGNIFICENT MAIRÉAD

We are beyond proud to share with you the achievements of the fantastic young sportswoman, Mairéad Kate Barry, who recently swept the boards with awards for her showjumping on her pony, Archie. Mairéad Kate placed 1st in the 60cm & 2nd in the 70cm unregistered League Final!

MARVELLOUS MYRA

Fifth Class student and dynamic dancer, Myra Shanahan, recently placed third at her very first Feis in Golden, Cashel. Myra, who is a student of the Scoil Uí Cheallaigh dance school has been dancing for just 1 year and is already stepping her way to success! Well done, Myra!

TERRIFIC TOMMY

Sportsman extraordinaire, Tommy Bourke, recently took to the field at Musgrave Park with his team, Young Munster, to play at half time in the Munster V Glasgow Warriors game. Watch this space folks because this young man is going places!

AMAZING GRACE

We were absolutely over the moon to hear that our super senior student, Grace Nolan, won the Bourke's Sports colouring competition in Drom National School. What a superstar! We couldn't be prouder of you Grace!

TRACKSUIT IN TERM 2

In Term 2, the children should wear their school tracksuit on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The school uniform should be worn on Mondays and Wednesdays. We ask that branded clothing items e.g. tracksuit pants, are not worn to school.

DROM N.S.
Open Evening
Jan. 23rd at 7pm

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