

# DROM News

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## Nice November!



**DECEMBER 2023** **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**DEC 6** **VISIT FROM THE LIBRARIAN**  
OUR WONDERFUL LOCAL LIBRARIAN FROM TEMPLEMORE LIBRARY, AISHLING MARTIN, VISITS DROM NS TO READ SOME MAGICAL CHRISTMAS STORIES TO THE CHILDREN.

**DEC 7 - 14** **BOOK FAIR**  
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BOOK FAIR! OPEN FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS EACH DAY AFTER SCHOOL. EVERY BOOK BOUGHT AT THE FAIR WILL EARN FREE BOOKS FOR THE SCHOOL.

**DEC 13** **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT TAKES PLACE IN DROM COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.30PM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

**DEC 15** **DREAMSPACE AMBASSADORS MEETING**  
OUR AMBASSADORS MEET TO FINALISE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR HOUR OF CODE WORKSHOP.

**DEC 20** **HOUR OF CODE!**  
THE AMBASSADORS CAN'T WAIT TO LEAD THEIR CLASSMATES IN AN HOUR OF CODE USING MINECRAFT!

**DEC 22** **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!**  
THE CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR MOST COLOURFUL AND CRAZY CHRISTMAS JUMPERS IN SUPPORT OF TWO LOCAL CHARITIES - DOWN SYNDROME TIPPERARY AND SVPI!

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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 Dreamspace Ambassador training, shot a film to complete our Blast Arts in Education Residency Program and donated beautiful shoeboxes to the Team Hope Shoebox appeal. We also enjoyed a few nice goodies for the Late Late Toy Show.

We welcomed back Ava Costello Maloney and Róisín Mockler, two former students, for work experience. We were so thrilled to witness what wonderful, competent, creative young ladies they had grown to be. We bade a fond farewell to the members of the Board of Management 2019 – 2023 and welcomed the members of our new Board of Management 2023 - 2027.

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 Christmas concert which will take place on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm in Drom Community Hall. We may be biased, but by jolly holly, do we have the best singers in Ireland in Drom NS! They would stop you in your tracks with their magical singing.

We also hope to raise some vital funds for Down Syndrome Tipperary and SVP Templemore by taking part in the Jingle Your Jumper event. Check out the poster in this month's newsletter for more details.

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

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### **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

### **ANTI-BULLYING POLICY REVIEW**

We express a sincere and heartfelt thanks to the members of the Board of Management 2019 – 2023 for their commitment to the school for the past four years. Their dedication to the school and hard work on behalf of the children in our care cannot be understated. Thanks to Fr. Martin Murphy, Ambrose Purcell, Sinéad Mockler, Michael Maher, Jerry Kennedy, Lucy Ryan and Ms. Butler.

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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023. 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*.

We welcome the new members of the Board of Management 2023 – 2027 and thank those who are committing to the school's board for another term of office. The Board of Management of Drom National School 2023 – 2027 are as follows:

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the Department's website [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie).
- The Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment is available to view in hard copy in the school or by request to [secretary@dromns.com](mailto:secretary@dromns.com).

Chairperson: Fr. Martin Murphy  
Patron's Nominee: Mary Fogarty  
Principal: Amadean Moore-Walsh  
Teacher Nominee: Charlotte Scanlan  
Parent Nominee: Tom Kennedy  
Parent Nominee: Attracta Cahill  
Community Nominee: Jerry Kennedy  
Community Nominee: Eddie Moran

### **EMAIL ADDRESSES UPDATE**

A quick reminder of the contact email addresses for school personnel. Emails to the school will be dealt with during school hours.

Office / General enquires: [secretary@dromns.com](mailto:secretary@dromns.com)

Ms. Moore-Walsh: [principal@dromns.com](mailto:principal@dromns.com)

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Ms. Butler: [mbutler@dromns.com](mailto:mbutler@dromns.com)

Ms. Scanlan: [cscanlan@dromns.com](mailto:cscanlan@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' (Revised 2023). 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](mailto:secretary@dromns.com) before December 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.



**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, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023, we hope to take part in the 'Jingle Your Jumper' campaign in aid of Down Syndrome Tipperary and SVP Templemore. Students (and their teachers) are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers, Santa hats or crazy Christmas costumes on this day and make a donation of their choice to these worthy causes. Thank you in advance for your kind support.





**MID-TIPPERARY GAA QUIZ**

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, our resident GAA geniuses, James Barry, Tommy Bourke, Daniel Coleman and Tadhg Heaney took part in the Mid-Tipperary GAA Quiz in Revel at The Ragg. The clever quizzers gave it their all in this tough test of knowledge of all things GAA! Our heartfelt thanks to our neighbour, Matty Ryan, for all his help preparing the team for the quiz.

**SCIENCE WEEK**

Along with Maths Week, one of our favourite weeks of the year is Science Week. Storm Debi delayed the start to this exciting week, but we soon got into our stride celebrating all things Science in the school. In Infants, the children engaged in a variety of fun science activities to mark the week. They performed a variety of investigations and experiments including:

- ‘Walking Water’ to explore how we can mix primary colours to create secondary colours;
- Created a rubber egg to show how acid can break down hard surfaces such as the shell of an egg to demonstrate how plaque damages our teeth;
- Looked at how soap works and
- Explored the effects of static electricity on our hair, on pieces of toilet paper and on salt and pepper.

Junior Infants to Third Class enjoyed a workshop with Professor Egghead in Templemore Library thanks to the Tipperary Festival of Science and Tipperary Libraries. The day started by learning about air pressure and the immense power that this pressure can have. Then we discovered that fast moving air from a hairdryer exerts less pressure than the air around it. We made a ping pong ball stay in a column of low pressure air from the hairdryer using the high pressure air surrounding it! Next, we looked at forces. By learning about forces, we can design bridges that safely support the many people and vehicles that cross over them. Finally, we looked at electricity and got to give each other a little shock!

Not to be outdone by the Infants, the Senior Smarties took part in a Microsoft Ireland DreamSpace LIVE event for Science Week. They heard from an astrophysicist about space, explored how magnets not only attract but also repel when the poles are the same and they explored AI!

**DREAMSPACE AMBASSADORS PROGRAM**

November saw us continue our Dreamspace Ambassador program with two training sessions with the Dreamspace Team from Microsoft Ireland.

On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023, our Ambassador team were ‘Next Level’ coders as they took part in their second Dreamspace Ambassador workshop, where they learned how to code an accelerometer, an exercise picker and a Walkie-Talkie on the micro:bit.

Then on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023, our Ambassador team learned how to navigate around Minecraft. Minecraft is a 3D adventure game where players can interact with fully customizable three-dimensional worlds made of blocks and entities. Its diverse gameplay options allow players to choose the way they play, creating countless possibilities. The Dreamspace Ambassadors explored the ‘Hour of Code: Generation AI’ world. Here, they used problem solving, creativity, and computational thinking along with the principles of responsible AI to build better AI for all.

The Dreamspace Ambassadors will meet on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to finalise the arrangements for a Minecraft workshop for their classmates, which they hope to hold on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December. How exciting!

**BLAST ARTS IN EDUCATION RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

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.

In the Junior Room, the children used the dramatic process to improvise scenes based on the themes of Halloween and Christmas. Older students were encouraged to research stories from their local history in order to create a drama based on a story of their choice. The senior room chose to create a drama based on John Carden (a local landlord), whilst the middle class chose to create a drama based on the legend of how the Devil’s Bit Mountain was formed. Gillian assisted the children as they decided on what each scene in their respective dramas might portray and then the children worked collaboratively to create a script. The senior class of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> produced and recorded a film of their drama. This film, entitled Tangled in Love, is available to view in short episodes on the school Twitter account - @dromns!

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