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OUTSTANDING OCTOBER!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
2023



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EVENTS

NOV 7

DREAMSPACE AMBASSADORS
MICRO:BIT NEXT LEVEL IS THE SECOND WORKSHOP FOR OUR 10 DREAMSPACE AMBASSADORS.

NOV 9

VACCINATIONS
JUNIOR INFANTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR VACCINATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH TEAM FROM 9:30AM

NOV 12 - 19

SCIENCE WEEK
THE THEME FOR SCIENCE WEEK IS 'HUMAN?', WHICH ASKS PEOPLE TO CONSIDER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN IN TODAY'S WORLD, AND HOW THE DECISIONS WE MAKE TODAY WILL IMPACT THE PEOPLE AND WORLD OF THE FUTURE.

NOV 12

MID-TIPPERARY GAA QUIZ
THE MID-TIPPERARY GAA QUIZ TAKES PLACE AT 6PM IN REVEL AT THE RAGG.

NOV 14

PROFESSOR EGGHEAD SCIENCE WEEK WORKSHOP IN TEMPLEMORE LIBRARY
JUNIOR INFANTS TO THIRD CLASS WILL ATTEND A SCIENCE SHOW WITH PROFESSOR EGGHEAD!

NOV 16

THIS IS SCIENCE WEEK!
OUR DREAMSPACE AMBASSADORS AND THEIR CLASSMATES JOIN MICROSOFT'S DREAMSPACE TEAM FOR SURPRISING SCIENCE, INTERACTIVE GAMES AND A WHOLE LOT MORE!

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NOV 20

PRIMARY MATHS CURRICULUM
THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY AS STAFF ATTEND TRAINING ON THE NEW PRIMARY MATHS CURRICULUM.

NOV 21, 22

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS
PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE. THE SCHOOL WILL CONTACT PARENTS / GUARDIANS SHORTLY TO ARRANGE MEETING TIMES.

DEC 13

DROM NS CHRISTMAS SHOW
AFTER A LONG BREAK, WE ARE DELIGHTED TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT WE WILL HOLD A CHRISTMAS CONCERT THIS YEAR. AUDITIONS AND REHEARSALS APLENTY IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!

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What a busy and fun-filled October it has been for us in Drom National School! We have had so many exciting things happen in our school in October. From celebrating Tree Day, Space Week and Maths Week to celebrating our love of GAA by taking part in three football blitzes from First to Sixth Class.

Our ten Dreamspace Ambassadors had their first training day in October, where they learned how to use loops and conditional statements on the Micro:bit. They also held their first event for Maths Week. This saw them help children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class code fun mathematical games on the Micro:bit.

We also started our BLAST program with Gillian Grattan, playwright, who is helping us to explore different themes and local history topics through drama.

We were treated to the most amazing performances at the musical Footloose in Our Lady's Templemore, not least from our wonderful past pupils Keira Patterson, Hazel Ryan, Caoimhe Kiely and Ava Glasheen. It was also great to meet Daniel Ryan, who was assisting on the day.

And out course, there were some pretty spooky, scary and spectacular characters roaming around the halls of Drom NS recently. We even had a visit from the famous Chipmunks. For once, Alvin was not up to mischief!

As always, don't forget to check in with us on Twitter @dromns1, where you'll find all the latest news from Drom NS.

October



DROM NOTES!



NEWS

SPACE WEEK

Space Week is Ireland's newest national STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) week. It takes place each year between the 4th and 10th of October. This week, during Space Week, the people of Ireland were asked to focus on the theme of 'Our Planet, Our Space, Our Time.'

Here in Drom National School, we celebrated Space Week by learning about space, creating art projects, engaging in spaced themed engineering tasks and taking part in our first Microsoft Dreamspace LIVE event.

In the Junior room, the children learned the song 'Eight Planets', which helped them to learn the names of the planets and a little about each of them. They then donned their astronaut helmets and created a paper plate spaceship to carry them on a space adventure where no (wo)man has gone before!

In the Middle room, the children created clay aliens – with one alien proudly supporting the Drom and Inch Camogie team by wearing green and red! Who knew that our mighty heroes had such wide-ranging support? The children of First, Second & Third Class also designed rockets and used the power of air to propel them forward. Great fun was had determining which rocket could travel the furthest.

The Senior room took part in their first LIVE Microsoft Dreamspace Event for Space Week as part of the Microsoft Dreamspace Ambassador program that the school is taking part in this year. With the help of the Microsoft Dreamspace team, they learned how to design a space-themed game on the computer using Microsoft MakeCode Arcade. We reckon it won't be long before they steal the limelight from the Collison brothers as billionaire computer geniuses from Co. Tipperary.

GAA

After the mid-term, children will need their gum shields for Gaelic football training each Friday.

We wish the very best of luck to Daniel Coleman, James Barry, Tommy Bourke and Sophie Kiely as they take part in the Mid-Tipperary GAA quiz in Revel in the Ragg on Sunday, 12th November at 6pm.

MATHS WEEK

Maths Week Ireland took place from October 14th – 22nd and involved a wide range of mathematical activities and events for young and old throughout the island of Ireland. Maths Week Ireland is organised by Calmast in the Waterford Institute of Technology and is designed to highlight the benefits of mathematical thinking and the opportunities this creates for students, society and the economy.

Here, in Drom National School, we had a hugely enjoyable and busy Maths Week in each class.

The Junior Room had a jam-packed week of activities to celebrate Maths Week starting with Pumpkin Ring Toss. The children practised their counting and comparing skills as they tried to toss a hula hoop around a variety of different sized pumpkins. This was followed by a game of Ghost Bowling where the children had to knock 'ghost' toilet rolls down and add together their scores from each round. Then, our Incredible Infants engaged in some shape art creating a witch and a haunted house from 2-D shapes. They ended the week by taking part in a Maths Week event organised by the Microsoft Dreamspace Ambassador team. The ambassadors helped the children to create and test their pattern making skills by coding a pattern on the micro:bit computer using the Microsoft MakeCode website.

From mathematical games to a table quiz and a very puzzling brainteaser from the principal to solve, a super week was had by all in Ms. Kirwan's room for Maths Week. For their Microsoft Dreamspace Ambassador event, the children of First, Second and Third Class coded virtual dice. They then used these to play the PIG game. To learn more about this exciting Maths game, head to <https://www.mathsweek.ie/2023/pig-dice-game/>.

The Senior Room also took part in the Maths Week table quiz, ably organised by Ms. Kirwan. Not only that, but they also took part in an event organised by the Dreamspace Ambassadors team. They too coded virtual dice, but used them to play the MultiPIGation Game. Let's just say that the competition was fierce!

Of course, Maths Week Ireland would not be complete in Drom National School without our annual Maths Week Puzzle Booklet. From the reports that we received from the children, there were certainly a few torturous teasers amongst the puzzles for each class. That said, we received a great response once again and were delighted to see Leah McNamara, Tom Cahill, Clodagh Ryan and Grace Nolan receive a hamper full of Halloween goodies for their efforts.



DROM NOTES!



EVERYBODY CUT FOOTLOOSE!

The students of Drom National School kicked off their Sunday shoes as they enjoyed an electric performance of Footloose from the students of Our Lady's Secondary School on Wednesday, 18th October 2023. To say that we are proud of all our former students who were part of the performance is an understatement. A sincere word of thanks to the staff and students of Our Lady's for the wonderful welcome and of course for all the wonderful prizes of sweets and selection boxes. One of our amazingly kind students shared his sweets with everyone on the way back. Now that is why we are so rightly proud of our students!

U13 GAELIC FOOTBALL BLITZ BT EMMA-JANE MAHER

On Tuesday, 10th October 2023, the six girls of 6th class, James Barry and Tadhg Heaney travelled to the GAA pitch in the Ragg to play in an U13 football blitz. When we got to the pitch in the Ragg, we ran straight to the changing room, where we put on our shorts, boots and gloves. We then put on our gumshields and trotted up to the main field.

We started warming up with some kicking drills and then Tony, our GAA trainer, came along and warmed us up even more! Tony lined us up for the first match against Littleton. Our first half was horrible - we didn't score at all, whilst Littleton were scoring goals like it was nobody's business! In the second half, Littleton scored a few more goals but we scored 3 goals as well! I even scored our first goal!

We were up against Templetuohy in the next match. They were very strong. We lost against them too, but we managed to score more in this match! We really only woke up in the second half and that cost us dearly.

For our last match, we were up against Barnane. Barnane are a strong team but we felt we could match them, having improved with each match. That said, we were both tired and with Barnane having more substitutes available than us, we couldn't quite overcome them. However, we were quite close in score, which was something to be proud of.

We had a disappointing day results wise but at the same time it was fun and I'm sure we will do better next year.

U11 GAELIC FOOTBALL BLITZ BY JAMES BARRY

On Thursday, 12th October 2023, we went to the GAA pitch in the Ragg to play Clonmore, Castleiney & Barnane in an U11 Gaelic Football blitz. When we got there, we got dressed and ready to go. First, we played Castleiney and we hammered them! Then we played Barnane and I scored 1 goal and 2 points. We were delighted to finish that game 9 points ahead, thanks to great teamwork from all involved.

In the final, we faced Clonmore. They had won their two matches well, so I knew we were in for a tough match! We were ready! The game started and we got a quick goal. Clonmore, however, responded with 3 rapid points. Soon, the whistle blew and it was half time. We were exhausted, but we got back into our positions and the second half got under way. Then, out of nowhere, Clonmore got two goals. This coupled with the fact that we had a lot of wides in the second half, meant that Clonmore emerged the victors with 2 goals between us. We were heartbroken but we shook hands with our competitors and went back to the changing room and got back on the bus. It was a good day out and will be remembered.

FIRST & SECOND CLASS GAELIC FOOTBALL BLITZ BY KELVIN, CAITLIN, CHARLOTTE, HELENA-MAY & KAYLA

We had a First and Second Class football blitz on Wednesday 25th October. First, we got ready to go. Then we went out to the school yard to wait for the bus. It was a little late! We shared the bus with Barnane N.S. Then we went to Dr. Morris Park in Thurles.

After we arrived at Dr. Morris Park we got off the bus and put our gear against the wall. Then we did a warm-up. After that, we put on our gumshields. We saw some of our friends from other schools at the blitz. We played our first match against Hollyford. We won! After that we drank some water. We were so thirsty! Then we played against Barnane NS. It was a draw. Then Ms Kirwan gave us some Jaffa Cakes. We played our final match against Scoil Aillbhe. We lost. Finally, we got our gear, went back to the bus and went back to school. It was great fun. We had a great day!



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PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday, 21st November 2023 and Wednesday, 22nd November 2023. We will contact you with available times shortly. If suitable, we would ask parents / guardians with more than one child in the school to choose slots where all the relevant teachers are available.

CHRISTMAS ANNUALS

If you wish to purchase a Christmas annual, please complete the form which was sent home before the mid-term break and return it to the school with the correct money as soon as you can but no later than Friday, 10th November 2023. The school will order the annuals on Monday, 13th November 2023 in order to avail of special offers. Unfortunately, we cannot accept late orders. If you require a new form, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a note in your child's diary, by email to secretary@dromns.com or by phone on (0504) 51688.

TEAM HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

As you are aware, the school is taking part in the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign that delivers gifts, kindly donated by children and their parent(s) / guardian(s) around Ireland, straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. If you choose to take part, we would be grateful if you could return your Team Hope Shoebox to the school before Friday 10th November 2023, as shoeboxes will be collected by Team Hope shortly thereafter. Thank you, as always, for your kind support of this initiative

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are delighted to share with you that we are holding a Christmas concert this year. The children will work together as a whole school group to bring you a performance of Straw and Order - a lawfully good nativity with an fun-filled script and songs that we hope everyone will enjoy.

OUR LADY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL TEMPLEMORE



PRIMARY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY



Saturday 11th November 2023
from 9.15am to 1.30pm



5th & 6th Class pupils
experience a real school
day in state of the art
facilities





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Open Evening



16th November 2023 Tours start at 6.30pm

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SPORTS

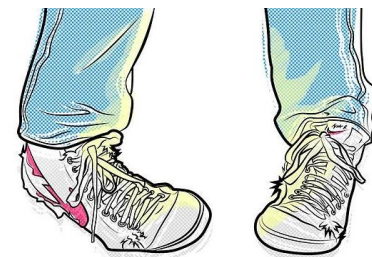
GAELIC FOOTBALL BLITZES



October

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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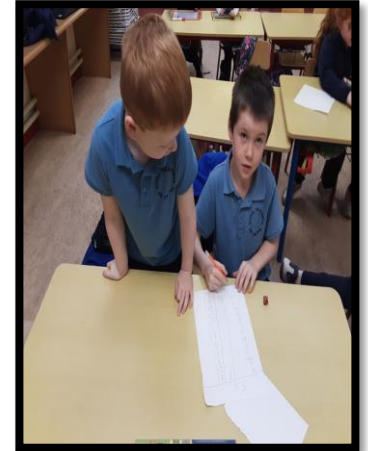
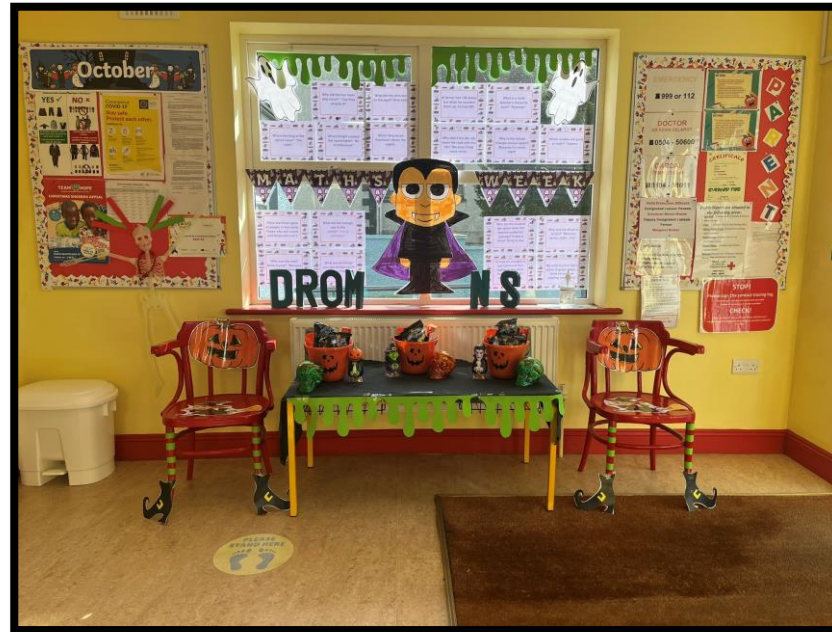
Footloose



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MATHS WEEK

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN



**FIRST,
SECOND
& THIRD**



**FOURTH,
FIFTH &
SIXTH**

**MATHS
WEEK
WINNERS**

