

# DROM News

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Since 2011

## Super September

### *A Note from the Editor*

Welcome back to another year at Drom National School. A particularly warm welcome to our new students. Twelve new children started in Drom National School this year. Our new students are Eleanor Barry, Donagh Cahill, Joe Collins, Michael Kennedy, Nathan Maher, Leah McNamara, Sonny O' Dwyer, Ellen Phelan, Kate Phelan, Aoife Ryan, Tom Ryan and Lee Shanahan. We wish them every happiness as they start their primary school journey.

We are delighted also to welcome many new families to our school community and hope that our school can continue to grow and be an integral part of Drom community into the future.

We have many new things planned for this year including the Blast Arts program, the ESB Science Blast program and the Microsoft Dream Space Ambassador program, alongside those programs that have been in place for a number of years including the Music Generation program and the Say Yes to Languages program.

September



# DROM NOTES!



# EVENTS

## OCTOBER 2023



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCT 3

**DREAMSPACE AMBASSADORS**  
MICRO:BIT 101 IS THE FIRST WORKSHOP FOR OUR 10 DREAMSPACE AMBASSADORS.

### OCT 4 - 10

**SPACE WEEK**  
OUR PLANET, OUR SPACE, OUR TIME! OUR SENIOR ROOM WILL CODE THEIR OWN SPACE THEMED GAME.

### OCT 4

**MUSIC GENERATION**  
OUR PERCUSSION WORKSHOPS CONTINUE EACH WEDNESDAY WITH TOMMY COSGRAVE OF MUSIC GENERATION TIPPERARY.

### OCT 10

**BLAST ARTS PROGRAM**  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH GILLIAN GRATTAN, PLAYWRIGHT, OVER THE NEXT 5 WEEKS TO EXPLORE DRAMA AND LOCAL HISTORY.

### OCT 10

**U13 FOOTBALL BLITZ**  
OUR U13s HEAD TO THE RAGG FOR A FOOTBALL BLITZ, STARTING AT 11:30AM.

### OCT 12

**U11 FOOTBALL BLITZ**  
OUR U11s HEAD TO THE RAGG FOR A FOOTBALL BLITZ, STARTING AT 11AM.

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## OCTOBER 2023



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCT 14 - 22

**MATHS WEEK**  
HELPING CHILDREN TO ENJOY MATHS AND EXPLORE THE CREATIVITY OF THE SUBJECT.

### OCT 18

**CUT LOOSE ... FOOTLOOSE!**  
CHILDREN FROM 1ST TO 6TH CLASS WILL ATTEND OUR LADY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL'S PERFORMANCE OF FOOTLOOSE!

### OCT 23 - 27

**FRIENDSHIP WEEK**  
A CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP IN DROM NATIONAL SCHOOL!

### OCT 26

**HALLOWEEN COSTUMES**  
THE CHILDREN OF DROM NS ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR HALLOWEEN COSTUME TO SCHOOL.

### OCT 27

**MID-TERM BREAK**  
THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FROM MONDAY, 30TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER.

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### FUTSAL IN THE YARD WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, we welcomed Tracy Glesson of the North Tipperary division of the FAI to Drom National School to deliver a workshop in Futsal in the Yard programme to the children of the middle and senior rooms.

The Futsal In The Yard programme focuses on introducing participants to the game of Futsal, using fun games and activities to improve agility, balance and coordination, while also emphasizing important Futsal techniques. Futsal is an exciting, fast-paced small-sided football game that originates from South America. It is widely played across the world, and is the small-sided football format that is officially recognised by both UEFA and FIFA. Futsal is played between two teams of five players, one of whom is the goalkeeper and up to seven substitutes per team may be used. Unlike some other forms of 5-a-side football, the game is played on a hard-court surface delimited by lines. Walls or boards are not used. Futsal is also played with a smaller ball with less bounce than a regulation football. The ball and rules create an emphasis on improvisation, creativity and technique as well as refining ball control, passing and dribbling in small spaces.

### MUSIC GENERATION TIPPERARY

This year, as part of the Music Generation program, the children will engage in a ten week percussion program with Tommy Cosgrave. This will involve them learning about the elements of music alongside learning how to play tuned and untuned percussion instruments. The children will also use percussion instruments to compose their own music. In time, we will return to the ukulele also. Avril Kinane will return in February following the completion of our percussion workshop.

### TIPPERARY CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Hearty congratulations to all our athletes who took part in the Tipperary Athletics Association Cross County Competition in the Thurles Crokes Complex. We are so proud of each and every one of the students who took part. Well done to Daniel Coleman, who once again brought home the gold in the Third & Fourth Class race. We are sure to be celebrating this amazing athlete well into the future when he, no doubt, represents his county or country in the sporting field of his choice. Congratulations also to the Third and Fourth Class Boys team who placed 2nd overall. Cathal Kennedy was another medal winner in the Third & Fourth Class race, placing 8th overall.

In the Fifth & Sixth Class race, Emma-Jane Maher raced past the post in 4th place in a very competitive race, while the Fifth and Sixth Class girls placed 3rd overall. Our senior boys also placed well, narrowly missing out on a spot in the top three by placing fourth overall. A wonderful array of successes to celebrate - not least the wonderful attitude and spirit shown by all our athletes at the competition. Thanks sincerely to Ms. Butler and Ms. Scanlan for their help on the day and to Ms. Butler for her dedication throughout September in training the children for the competition.

### MICROSOFT DREAM SPACE AMBASSADORS

This year, we are taking part in the Microsoft Dream Space Ambassador program.

The Dream Space Ambassador Program is a flagship Dream Space Student Leadership and training program, supported by the Dream Space Team in Dublin.

The program is open to schools in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. It is designed for students in 5th class and Transition Year. This program is open to students who have a passion for learning and a desire to support, train, and mentor others in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education.

The Dream Space Ambassadors in Drom National School are Sadbh Walsh, Niamh Heaney, Tommy Bourke, Clíona Cahill, Tadhg Heaney, Harlow Cawley, Sophie Kiely, Ciara Mockler and Emma-Jane Maher. They will take part in the following workshops:

- Micro:bit 101 - October 3rd
- Micro:bit Next Level - November 7th
- Hour of Code - November 28th
- Safer Internet Day - January 9th
- Safer Internet Day with OWL - January 23rd
- MakeCode Arcade 101 - February 27th

Through these workshops, the Dream Space Ambassadors will become Dream Space Specialists and will then offer assistance to fellow students and their teachers in the form of demos or training.

There are four levels of awards for the Dream Space Ambassador team – bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Our aim in Drom National School is to achieve the Platinum award. For this, we must attend 4 online workshops, complete 4 school related activities and take part in 2 Dream Space LIVE events.

The Dream Space Ambassadors will then visit Microsoft Dream Space in Dublin for an award ceremony.



### SPACE WEEK

Space Week runs from 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The theme of this year's Space Week is Our Planet, Our Space, Our Time. To celebrate Space Week, the Infants will learn all about the planets, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class will make rockets, while 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class will code their own space-themed game as part of the Microsoft Dream Space Ambassador program.

### BLAST ARTS PROGRAM

We were delighted to receive the news that our application for the 2023 Arts-in-Education BLAST Residency Programme was successful. As part of this program, we will work with Gillian Grattan, playwright, over the next 5 weeks to develop the children's drama skills and to help the children of the middle and senior room to explore local history through the medium of drama.

### HANDY TIPS!

- The school asks students to bring a healthy lunch to school. Please see the school's Healthy Eating policy on [www.dromns.com](http://www.dromns.com) or request a copy from the school office by ringing (0504) 51688 during office hours. **Popcorn, fruit winders, chocolate spread sandwiches and snack items with a high sugar content e.g. chocolate covered cereal bars etc. are permitted on Fridays only.**
- As we approach winter, we would ask that all students bring a coat to school. With our unpredictable weather, we must prepare for all eventualities. It may also be useful for students to bring a packet of tissues to school if they have a cold. Antibacterial gel is available for use in each classroom.
- In order to ensure the safety of the children, please leave a space for the bus to park outside the school bus gate. We would ask that children are collected at the school gate.
- We would ask parents / guardians of children with extra care needs regarding the toilet to provide them with a small bag containing a change of clothing (similar in colour to the school uniform) including underwear and socks. This will be stored in the classroom and can be accessed by the child in case of an accident. In this way, the child is comfortable in their own clothing.
- The school will open to receive pupils at 9.00a.m. and close at 2.40p.m. Children are supervised in the school grounds between 8.50a.m. and 9.00a.m. **THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUPILS BEFORE 8.50A.M. AND ENTRY TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS PRIOR TO THIS TIME IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN**

### SWIMMING

The school has applied for the use of the swimming pool in the Garda College once again this year. If successful, students from Second to Sixth Class will receive swimming lessons in the pool in Term 3 this year.

### PARENTAL CONCERNS

Should you have any concerns about your child's progress please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. Your child's teacher is best placed to speak with you about your child's progress.

### CROKE PARK HOURS

The provisions of the Croke Park Public Service Agreement provides for an additional 36 hours per school year per teacher at primary level. The Board of Management of Drom National School designates the use of the 36 hours to provide additional time to deal with the following items: school planning, professional development, staff meetings and pre-school supervision.

### TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Once again, the school is taking part in the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Leaflets will be distributed to all children in the coming weeks. Please ensure that boxes are returned to the school before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES POLICY

As we approach the winter season, we take the opportunity to remind parents of the school's Administration of Medicines Policy. The following points should be noted:

- Prescribed medicines will only be administered after parents of the pupil concerned have written to the Board of Management requesting the Board to authorise a member of the teaching staff to do so.
- The Board will seek indemnity from parents in respect of any liability arising from the administration of medicines.
- Parents are responsible for the provision of medication and notification of change of dosage.
- Under no circumstance will non-prescribed medicines be either stored or administered in the school. e.g. lozenges, pain medication such as Calpol etc.

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# AMAZING ATHLETES



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# MUSIC GENERATION



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