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Amazing April to Magnificent May

Communion Class 23/24



The picture shows the boys and girls of 2nd Class in Drom National School who received their Communion on Saturday, 11th May 2024. The children were truly the pride of the parish and a credit to both their school, their parents / guardians, their families and their parish.

This month we have a bumper issue for our readers filled with news of ceremonies and activities in our school, sporting events and upcoming dates for your diary.

We look forward to June which will see us enjoy a jam-packed schedule of trips, workshops, activities, presentations and ceremonies. We hope you enjoy reading all about our adventures since Easter! Don't forget to visit our Instagram and X (Twitter) page, @dromns1, for all the latest news from Drom National School.

JUNE 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 3	PUBLIC HOLIDAY THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.
JUNE 4	SCOOTING / CYCLING WORKSHOP WITH CHARA HANRAHAN OF AN TÁISCÉ. WE CELEBRATE ACHIEVING OUR GREEN FLAG FOR TRAVEL WITH A GREEN TRAVEL WORKSHOP.
JUNE 5	FETHARD HORSE COUNTRY EXPERIENCE THE CHILDREN OF 3RD TO 6TH CLASS TRAVEL TO FETHARD HORSE COUNTRY EXPERIENCE AS PART OF A PRIZE FOR THEIR DIGITAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES IN 22/23.
JUNE 7	POLLING STATION THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY AS THE SCHOOL WILL BE USED AS A POLLING STATION.
JUNE 11	UKULELE WORKSHOP THE CHILDREN WILL ATTEND A UKULELE WORKSHOP IN SCOL ANGELA, THURLES WITH MUSIC GENERATION TIPPERARY.
JUNE 12	MUSICAL WORKSHOP WE WELCOME AVRIL KINANE AND TOMMY COSGRAVE OF MUSIC GENERATION TIPPERARY TO ENGAGE THE CHILDREN IN A MUSICAL WORKSHOP.
JUNE 14	MUSICAL PERFORMANCE WE INVITE YOU TO A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY THE CHILDREN OF DROM NS IN THE SCHOOL FROM 11.30AM.

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JUNE 14	GRADUATION MASS WE CELEBRATE THE GRADUATION MASS FOR THE SIXTH CLASS STUDENTS OF 2023 - 2024.
JUNE 17	RECEPTION OF NEW INFANTS WE WELCOME OUR NEW JUNIOR INFANTS TO DROM NATIONAL SCHOOL FOR A DAY IN BIG SCHOOL.
JUNE 18	SCHOOL HURLING LUNCHTIME LEAGUE FINAL, POC FADA COMPETITION AND JERSEY PRESENTATION WE HOLD OUR LUNCHTIME LEAGUE FINAL AND POC FADA COMPETITION. WE ALSO CELEBRATE THE FORMAL PRESENTATION OF OUR SCHOOL JERSEYS TO THE SCHOOL.
JUNE 20	THE FUNDAMENTALS WORKSHOP WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING DAVID COLLINS OF THE FUNDAMENTALS TO LEAD THE CHILDREN IN TEAM WORK ACTIVITIES.
JUNE 21	SUMMER HOLIDAYS THE SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 12.30PM FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS. HAVE A WONDERFUL BREAK.



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CALENDAR 2024 – 2025

The calendar for 2024 – 2025 has issued to each family. The school year will start on Wednesday, 28th August 2024 and end on Friday, 20th June 2025.

CLASS ALLOCATIONS 2024 – 2025

The class groupings for next year are as follows:

Junior & Senior Infants	Ms. Moore-Walsh
First, Second & Third Class	To be appointed
Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Class	Ms. Butler

FREE BOOK SCHEME

In recognition of the cost of preparing children and young people for the return to primary school each September Minister for Education Norma Foley T.D. has announced funding to provide free schoolbooks, including workbooks and copybooks again, from September 2024. This scheme will eliminate the cost to parents of providing these resources. Funding is being provided directly to primary schools and special schools by the Department to implement the scheme and schools will now have responsibility for providing schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks to all children and young people at the start of the school year. All schoolbooks will remain the property of the school so that books can be reused in future years. Schoolbooks will be provided on loan to children and young people for the duration of the 2024/25 school year and must be returned to school at the end of the school year. The booklists for 2024 – 2025 are included with this newsletter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND TRACKSUIT

The school uniform can be purchased in most major department stores and supermarkets. The school uniform consists of a blue jumper, light blue shirt, grey trousers / skirt / pinafore and a blue tie. The school tracksuit can be purchased in Greys of Templemore. It consists of a crested light blue t-shirt, a crested navy half zipped tracksuit top and navy skinny tracksuit pants. A pair of plain navy shorts is recommended for warmer days and for use with the school jersey. (Available in many department stores and supermarkets) See the attached advice regarding the use of a wide brimmed hat for sun protection.

SAY YES TO LANGUAGES BY SADBH WALSH

On the 18th April 2024, the children of First to Sixth Class started learning French with Patricia McLoughney as part of an eight week modern language program called Say Yes to Languages. This program is funded by the Department of Education and is designed to make the children aware of the wide variety of languages spoken around them. In our school, the focus of our learning has been French with the children learning the language through song, games and activities. The children have also been learning about French culture and hope to finish their modern language program with a French breakfast. The school has applied for the Say Yes to Languages program once again for 2024 – 2025 and hopes to be successful in its application.

U13 CAMOGIE BLITZ BY SOPHIE KIELY

On the 18th April 2024, 5th and 6th class girls took part in an u13 camogie blitz in Templetuohy GAA field. We arrived at the pitch at around quarter to eleven. We changed into our jerseys and warmed up with our coach Tony Shanahan. Our first match started at 11, with 10 minutes a side. Emma-Jane Maher was appointed captain for the first game. Unfortunately, Templetuohy were very strong and won the first match. We held our heads high and played on. Ciara Mockler was the team captain for the 2nd match. The second match didn't go our way against Barnane, but the team put up a great fight. With no breaks in-between the games, the third match went ahead straight away. Lisnamrock were a talented team, but Drom were just as talented. Grace Nolan was our captain for this match and led us to a draw with Lisnamrock. The last match was against Holycross. Cliona Cahill was our captain for this one. We won the last match. Everyone played brilliantly. Up Drom!

VISIT TO THE GARDA COLLEGE

On Monday, 22nd April 2024, the children of Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class visited the Garda College in Templemore as part of their learning theme in April, The Garda Station. The children marched with the new recruits, watched the motorcycle traffic corps as they trained, took part in a self-defence class, had their fingerprints taken and even graduated as seatbelt sheriffs and Junior Gardaí. Our sincere thanks to Aoife and Paddy Ryan's mum, Dympna, who organised this most fantastic experience for the children and indeed, to all the staff and students of The Garda College in Templemore for their kindness and care. You are truly a credit to your profession.

U11 HURLING BLITZ BY JAMES BARRY

On the 7th May 2024 the U11 boys from 3rd, 4th & 5th Class went to Ballycahill for a hurling blitz. We left school at 10:30 AM and arrived at the pitch at 10:50 AM and had a small warm up before the first match as one of the referees was late. In the first match we played Barnane and beat them by 2 points. Then we played Templetuohy and lost by 4 points. After that we had a 10-to-15-minute break before playing Ballycahill and destroying them by 13 goals and 1 point.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

A sincere word of thanks to all those who contributed to our recent clothing collection. We received 400kg of clothing. We await news of how much was raised from our recent collection from the clothing collection company.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Charlotte Kennedy, Caitlin Fahey, Kelvin Cawley, Helena-May O' Dwyer and Kayla Kennedy-Hogan – our fab five from 2nd Class who received their First Holy Communion on 11th May 2024. From the flowers and decorations put up by members of our local community to the spectacular singing from members of the Drom Parish Choir; from the careful preparation of the church undertaken by Celia, the sacristan, to the beautiful words spoken by Fr. Murphy; from the two senior students who not only served but also played at the offertory, to, of course, our fantastic second class – the ceremony could not have been more beautiful.

FOOD DUDES WEEK

From Monday, 13th May 2024 to Friday, 17th May 2024, we celebrated Food Dudes Week. During this week, the children received portions of fruit and vegetables each day to try and learned all about the importance of these foods to our diet. Junior Infants then received a lunchbox to help them to bring fruits and vegetables to school each day for their snack.

HOT MEALS SCHEME

We were thrilled to start our Hot Meals program on 20th May 2024. Delicious aromas now fill the school each day at lunchtime and the children are enjoying a nutritious warm meal each day. The pizza sub, chicken goujons and pasta dishes are particularly popular, although it is great to see children trying a wide variety of foods each day that they may not have tried before.

GREEN SCHOOLS AWARD

Congratulations to Ms. Butler and the Green Schools' Team, whose gargantuan efforts throughout the year saw them achieve a fourth Green Flag for the school for travel. The team organised poster competitions, created songs and raps to encourage people not to idle in their vehicles and held green travel workshops. Thank you to Green Schools' team member, Tommy Bourke, who travelled to Kilkenny to accept the Green Flag Award on behalf of the school. Green Schools' Team: Tom Ryan, Allie Gleeson, Sophie Mai Gardiner, Caitlin Fahey, Martin Kennedy, Sadbh Walsh, Tommy Bourke, Grace Nolan

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN

This year, children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class took part in the National Spring Clean. Each classroom was responsible for a different zone in the school and the village. The teachers spoke to the children about safety and highlighted possible dangers before we left. Then we collected the relevant equipment for the task ahead – bags, gloves, litter pickers and brushes etc. We were delighted with our efforts and everyone agreed it had been a successful day. Our village sparkled after all our hard work so we hope that all can keep it up! Well done to all involved.

MICROSOFT DREAMSPACE AMBASSADOR TEAM GRADUATION DAY

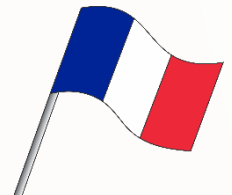
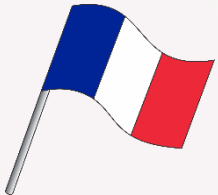
One Microsoft Place in Dublin is starting to feel like home to the children of Drom NS who celebrated receiving a platinum award for their work as Dreamspace Ambassadors at a graduation ceremony hosted by Neeve Hyland of Microsoft Ireland on 15th May 2024. The children played games, used Minecraft to create Pixel Art and even created a path for a self driving car powered by AI. Not only that, but then the children enjoyed the most delicious pizza and wedges for lunch, followed soon after by a spectacular awards ceremony.

ESB SCIENCE BLAST

Third & Fourth Class had a 'blast' at the ESB Science exhibition in the University of Limerick on 22nd May 2024. Their project, which examined organic v inorganic growing, received high praise from esteemed judge Professor Declan Gilheany of University College Dublin and the children had such a great time at the many shows, stands and project stalls. Mark, the Science Guy, was a particular hit on the day. We can't wait for next year's exhibition.

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