



DROM NEWS



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Fantastic February & March Madness

**APRIL
2024**



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

APRIL 8

SWIMMING LESSONS

CHILDREN FROM 2ND TO 6TH CLASS WILL ATTEND SWIMMING LESSONS IN TEMPLEMORE GARDA COLLEGE EACH MONDAY FOR 8 WEEKS.

APRIL 18

SAY YES TO LANGUAGES

CHILDREN IN THE MIDDLE AND SENIOR ROOMS WILL LEARN ABOUT THE DIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES ALL AROUND THEM, WHILE FOCUSING ON LEARNING FRENCH. OOH LA LA!

APRIL 26

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN

THE CHILDREN OF THE SCHOOL WILL TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN BY PICKING LITTER IN THE SCHOOL, THE GAA PITCH AND THE VILLAGE.

APRIL 26

STAFF MEETING

THE SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 12:30PM ON THIS DAY FOR A STAFF MEETING.



3rd & 4th Class will take part in the ESB Science Blast program throughout April. They will explore organic growing to examine if it is the best way of growing food using a number of different criteria.

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

Where is the time going? It is hard to believe that we are already in March and looking forward to our Easter holidays!

February and March have been so busy, we have hardly had time to catch our breath - from starting our gymnastics lessons and supporting our Junior B Hurling Heroes to continuing with our Music Generation and Green Schools programs, alongside our Microsoft Dream Space Ambassador training.

We also enjoyed delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and marked St. Brigid's Day, St. Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day with wonderful artwork, stories, music and song.

Second Class received their First Confession, while the wonderful children of 5th and 6th Class were the pride of the parish as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation at a beautiful ceremony held on the 14th March 2024.

Sporting fixtures included the FAI Primary 5s soccer blitzes for the senior room in Peake Villa in Thurles and a 1st & 2nd Class hurling blitz in Dr. Morris Park in Thurles also.

We hope you enjoy our February & March Bumper edition of our school newspaper and don't forget to follow us on our X (formerly Twitter) page @dromns1 and Instagram @Dromns1 to keep up with all the latest news from Drom NS!

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday, 9th January the ten children of our Dream Space Ambassador team took part in Internet Safety training with the Microsoft Ireland team. As part of their training, the ambassador team learned all about false news & deep fake images and learned how to check that online information is accurate. They were also given tips on how to protect their privacy online & be safe.

Our Microsoft Dream Space Ambassadors then held a poster competition to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2024 which took place on Tuesday, 6th February 2024. Each classroom learned how to stay safe on the internet & then used that information to design a poster. Well done to the winner, Emma-Jane, & all who took part.

GREEN SCHOOLS TRAVEL THEME

Our Green Schools' Team has been busy working on their Travel Theme with Chiara Hanrahan of An Taisce. They want us to know that, even in a rural area, there are ways we can travel greener and help our environment such as by carpooling or by not idling.

Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.

FAI PRIMARY 5s

The senior room had a 'ball' at the FAI Primary 5s in Peake Villa Football Club in Thurles on 19th February 2024. The PRIMARY 5s is a 5-a-side soccer competition which is open to boys and girls from 4th, 5th and 6th class, and puts emphasis on fun and inclusivity.

Our super soccer players showed great skill and teamwork on the day and have clearly benefitted from the Futsal program that they engaged with earlier in the year.

We can't wait for next year's competition.

FIRST CONFESSION

On Thursday, 22nd February 2024, the children of Second Class received their First Confession. We thank Fr. Murphy for his guidance for the children as they continue their Christian journey. We look forward to the next step in this journey – First Holy Communion. The First Holy Communion ceremony will take place on 11th May 2024 at 10.30am in St. Mary's Church, Drom.

DREAMSPACE AMBASSADORS

This year, 10 children from 4th, 5th & 6th Class took 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 Microsoft Ireland.

The Dream Space Ambassadors in Drom National School are Sadbh Walsh, Niamh Heaney, Tommy Bourke, Cliona Cahill, Tadhg Heaney, Harlow Cawley, Sophie Kiely, Ciara Mockler and Emma-Jane Maher. Throughout their journey they took 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
- MakeCode Arcade 101 - February 27th

The Dream Space Ambassadors have become Dream Space Specialists and have offered their assistance to fellow students and their teachers in the form of demonstrations and training. They have also organised events for Maths Week, the Hour of Code, Safer Internet Day, and Easter and have taken part in a number of live events with Microsoft Ireland for Space Week and Science Week to mention just a few.

We look forward to the Graduation Day for our Dream Space Ambassador team which will take place on 15th May 2024 in One Microsoft Place, Dublin. We are aiming for a Platinum award and have every confidence that we can achieve this in the coming weeks.

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place from the 1st – 17th March 2024. To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, we practised using simple Irish phrases throughout the school to converse with one another. We also incorporated Irish into our Music Generation program with Avril Kinane, who we were delighted to welcome back in February. Our now annual ‘Lá Glas’ saw us celebrate our Irish dance, music and song and culminated in a short parade around the school.

ENGINEERS’ WEEK

Engineers’ Week took place from 2nd – 8th March 2024. Engineers’ Week aims to promote engineering and the importance of the profession to children in Ireland. It is coordinated by Engineers Ireland’s STEPS team and funded by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and by industry leaders Arup, ESB, Intel, the Environmental Protection Agency and Transport Infrastructure Ireland. The children celebrated Engineers’ Week by designing towers using construction materials and creating paper cup telephones to explore how sound is transmitted through sound waves.

FIRST & 2ND CLASS BLITZ

By Helena May O’ Dwyer and Caitlin Fahey in 2nd class

First we got on the bus. We went to Dr. Morris Park in Thurles. When we got there we went over to the astro-turf. We played Templetuohy’s 2nd team first. We scored a few goals and had a comfortable victory in that game. Then we played Templetuohy’s 1st team and we also won that game. Last we played Clonmore NS. That game resulted in a draw. We worked very well as a team and Tony Shanahan, our GAA coach, was delighted that each player had played a part in our success on the day. Finally we went back to school. We all had a great time.

We thank the Transition Year students of CBS Thurles and Coláiste Mhuire, Thurles for helping us on the day.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and reading. They are a charity that operates in the UK and Ireland. Their mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Did you know that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child’s future success?

Here in Drom NS, we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday, 7th March 2024 by displaying quotes from popular books, dressing up as our favourite character from a book and reading our favourite book with our Friendship Week buddies – all while enjoying a World Book Day bun and some refreshing cordial.

ESB SCIENCE BLAST

This year, Third and Fourth Class will take part in the ESB Science Blast. ESB Science Blast is a free, non-competitive educational programme for primary schools (3rd to 6th Class/Key Stage 2), involving the whole class investigating the science behind a simple question. In Drom National School, our question is ‘How does your Garden Grow? As part of our project, Third and Fourth Class will examine the effectiveness of growing organically in comparison to growing with the use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.

The class predict that organic production methods will be less effective at controlling weeds and pests than synthetic pesticides and herbicides. However, they predict that soil quality will be better using organic production methods and produce will be of a better quality and tastier than non-organic produce.

They will grow easy to grow food plants such as lettuce, spinach and radishes in two separate beds that will be side by side to examine the effectiveness of both methods.

A survey will be sent to parents / guardians seeking help with this project after Easter and the Science Blast team will attend an exhibition in University of Limerick on Wednesday, 22nd May 2024, where they will present their project.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Term 3 sees us all become more active. Therefore, children from First to Sixth class are asked to wear their tracksuit on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays next term. Children from 1st to 6th can choose to wear their tracksuit or uniform on Wednesdays each week. This will allow for tracksuits to be washed on Wednesdays if parents / guardians deem it necessary.

Junior Infants and Senior Infants are asked to wear their school uniform on Mondays and Wednesdays. They should wear their school tracksuits on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays as usual.

Tony Shanahan, our terrific trainer from Drom & Inch GAA club, will run the lunchtime league for 1st to 6th Class once again in Term 3 each Tuesday, so hurling gear will be required on that day as well as each Friday for training.

GARDA COLLEGE SWIMMING

We will start swimming lessons in the Garda college for the children of Second to Sixth Class directly after Easter. The lessons will take place each Monday in Term 3, between 9.30am and 10.30pm for 8 weeks.

It is vital that children arrive to school on time each Monday, as the bus will leave shortly after 9am for the college to ensure that the children have adequate time to change before their lesson.

The school's swimming policy and details of what the children will require for lessons has been sent to the Eolas app and to parent / guardian emails where relevant. If you require a hard copy of this information, please do not hesitate to email Debbie on secretary@dromns.com.

The cost of swimming is €7 per student per week or €56 for all 8 lessons.

Children should bring a towel, swimming togs, swimming socks / flip flops, goggles and a swimming hat. It is most important that children bring each of these items for hygiene reasons. Children often find it handy to bring a plastic bag in their gear bag for their wet clothes. Children with long hair find it useful to braid it or use a towelling turban after swimming.

HOT MEALS

It is not envisaged that the Lunchbag.ie will be ready to provide the school with the necessary equipment to provide hot meals to the students immediately after Easter. In addition, we are still awaiting funding from the Department of Social Protection. The Lunchbag.ie have said that they will update us as to when they hope to install the necessary equipment and this information will be communicated to parents / guardians soon thereafter.



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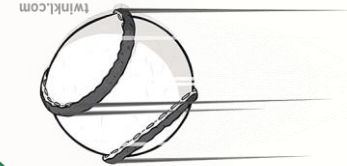
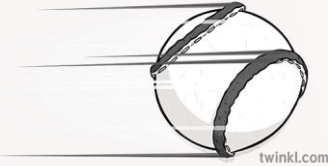
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