



# DROM NEWS



[www.dromns.com](http://www.dromns.com)

**DROM'S FAVOURITE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER** X / Instagram: @dromns1

## Super September



### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...



*Welcome Back to Drom National School!*

*We're delighted to welcome everyone back for another exciting year at Drom National School. A special, warm welcome goes to our new student, Norah O'Sullivan. We wish her every success and happiness as she begins her primary school journey with us.*

*This year, we have some fantastic new initiatives lined up, including the Artist in the Primary School Scheme, Peace Proms, and an exciting new coding project called Exploring the Sustainable Development Goals through Coding. These will complement our established programs like Music Generation, the Say Yes to Languages program, and the ESB Science Blast Project.*

*We've had a busy start to the year, with plenty of sporting activities both in school and within the wider community. Our athletes made us proud by achieving outstanding results in the Tipperary Cross Country Competition, and our U13 footballers put in a strong performance at the Cumann na mBunscol Blitz in Templetuohy. Additionally, we cheered on many of our students as they represented the Drom and Inch GAA and the Drom and Inch Camogie Club.*

*We hope you enjoy reading this September edition of our school newsletter. To keep up with all our latest news, don't forget to follow us on X (formerly Twitter) at @dromns1 and on Instagram @Dromns1.*

OCTOBER  
2024



UPCOMING  
EVENTS

OCT 3

### U13 FOOTBALL BLITZ

THE SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM WILL ATTEND A CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL BLITZ IN TEMPLETUOHY.

OCT 4 - 10

### SPACE WEEK

THE THEME OF SPACE WEEK IS SPACE AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

OCT 4

### ARTIST IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHEME

OUR CREATIVE DANCE PROJECT, 'DANCING AT THE CROSSROADS' STARTS WITH MS. KATY WALLACE. OF DAPA STUDIOS.

OCT 15

### COPACABANA

THIRD TO SIXTH CLASS TRAVEL TO OUR LADY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, TEMPLEMORE FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE OF COPACABANA.

OCT 16

### COUNTY PHOTOS

WE TAKE OUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS FOR 2024-2025. CHILDREN SHOULD WEAR THEIR UNIFORM.

OCT 12 - 20

### MATHS WEEK IRELAND

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A SPOOKTACULAR WEEK FILLED WITH MATHS FUN!

OCT 22

### SAY YES TO LANGUAGES

WE START OUR GERMAN LANGUAGE LEARNING JOURNEY WITH PATRICIA MCLOUGHNEY.

## ATHLETICS BY TADHG HEANEY

On Wednesday, September 25th, Drom NS participated in the Tipperary Primary School Cross Country Championship. The day began with us putting on our jerseys, full of excitement and a few nerves, as we waited under the arch for the bus to arrive. After about ten minutes, the bus came, and we set off for Thurles Crokes.

Upon arriving, we received our race numbers just in time for the first event: the 3rd and 4th Class Girls' race. Unfortunately, it started off with some confusion. An official blew the whistle to get the crowd's attention, but the runners mistook it for the starting signal and took off. By the time the girls realized the mistake, many had nearly completed the course. They had to rerun the race later in the day after Race 5. Next up were the 3rd and 4th Class Boys, and they put in a fantastic performance. Martin Kennedy took 1st place, Cathal Kennedy finished 4th, and Tom Cahill placed 7th. Their strong individual performances also earned the boys 1st place in the team event.

After about half an hour, it was time for the 5th and 6th Class Girls' race. Despite their best efforts and running in rainy and challenging conditions, they didn't manage to place in the top ten. Nevertheless, they ran a strong race and should be proud of their efforts. Finally, it was time for the 5th and 6th Class Boys' race. Tadhg Heaney earned a bronze medal for finishing 5th, and Micheál Maher narrowly missed out on a medal, finishing 11th.

DON'T FORGET YOUR  
COSTUME ON  
FRIDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER!



Although the weather was tough, everyone gave their best. On the bus ride home, we all felt proud of our performances. But the good news didn't end there! When we returned to school, Mrs. Butler announced that the 5th and 6th Class Boys had won silver in the team event.

Just when we thought the day couldn't get any better, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Scanlan surprised us with a bag of crisps and a Freddo bar each. And that was the story of Drom NS's unforgettable day at the Cross Country Championship 2024.

## **U13 FOOTBALL BLITZ**

### **BY TOMMY BOURKE & CLIONA CAHILL**

On Thursday, October 3rd, the Fifth Class boys and all of Sixth Class geared up for an exciting football blitz. We put on our jerseys and boarded the bus to Templetuohy GAA grounds, buzzing with excitement.

When we arrived, we headed straight to the dressing rooms to get our boots and gumshields on, and then made our way out onto the pitch for a warm-up. Since we weren't scheduled to play the first match, we put on our jumpers and watched the other teams compete.

Our first match was against Barnane, and we got off to a great start. We played really well and secured a solid win, beating them by two goals and two points.

Next up was Ballycahill. We scored the first couple of goals, but Ballycahill fought back, scoring a goal and a point. Fortunately, we held on and managed to win by two points — another great victory for Drom National School!

Our third match was against Templetuohy, which we knew would be one of our toughest challenges. We gave it everything, but despite our efforts, we lost by just a few points.

Finally, we faced Littleton. By this stage, we were all pretty tired, and unfortunately, we didn't play our best. We lost the match and, as a result, didn't make it through to the next round.

Although we were disappointed, we headed back to the dressing rooms to change into our school tracksuits. The bus ride home was full of laughter and fun, which helped lift our spirits after the loss. When we got back to school, we enjoyed our delicious hot lunches and excitedly shared stories about our amazing day in Templetuohy.

### **SUPER SHOWJUMPER!**

A huge well done to Mairéad-Kate Barry, who recently became the individual winner of the 128cm 80cm class at the All-Ireland Show Jumping Interprovincial Final in Barnadown, Co. Wexford.

Mairéad-Kate also had the honour of jumping as part of the Munster team, who took first place in the U10 All-Ireland Interprovincial Final. What an incredible achievement!

With talent like this, we can't wait to see what's next for this rising show jumping star. A bright future certainly lies ahead for Mairéad-Kate!





## CONTACT US

Our school secretary is available to take your call on (0504) 51688 between 9.00a.m. and 12.00p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. After this time, should you need to contact the school, please call during lunch time, namely: 12.35pm – 1.00pm. Alternatively, you can email the school during school hours on [secretary@dromns.com](mailto:secretary@dromns.com).

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.

Teachers can be reached by email during school hours using the following addresses:

- ✉ Junior & Senior Infants: Ms. Amadean Moore-Walsh: [principal@dromns.com](mailto:principal@dromns.com)
- ✉ First, Second & Third Class: Ms. Emma Ryan: [eryan@dromns.com](mailto:eryan@dromns.com)
- ✉ Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Class: Ms. Margaret Butler: [mbutler@dromns.com](mailto:mbutler@dromns.com)
- ✉ Special Education Teacher: Ms. Charlotte Scanlan: [cscanlan@dromns.com](mailto:cscanlan@dromns.com)

Alternatively, please phone (0504) 51688 to arrange an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher.

## 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.

## HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Children are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Friday, October 25, 2024. We kindly ask that any accessories (such as toy swords or similar items) be left at home for safety. Please also ensure that your child's costume is easy for them to manage independently, especially when using the bathroom.

## 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. We would ask parents / guardians to be mindful of our Healthy Eating policy when ordering snack items from our school meal provider, The Lunchbag.**
- 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**

## MUSIC GENERATION

We are thrilled to welcome Avril Kinane back to our school this year for the Music Generation program! In the Junior and Senior Infant classroom, the children are participating in the Primary Beats program, where they explore essential musical elements such as pulse, tempo, pitch, and dynamics in a fun and engaging way.

Students from First to Sixth Class are enjoying the Tune Up Tipp program. Along with learning about the elements of music, they are also learning to play the ukulele. We look forward to sharing their progress with you at our Christmas Carol Service on December 18, 2024.

## DANCING AT THE CROSSROADS

We recently launched an exciting creative dance program called Dancing at the Crossroads with Ms. Katy Wallace from DAPA Studios. Historically, crossroads dances were lively social gatherings, where people would meet at open spaces to dance, fostering a vibrant and communal atmosphere. This project aims to explore Ireland's rich dance heritage while evoking in the children a sense of community and joy, similar to those who danced at the crossroads. The children will collaborate to create a group dance that blends elements of traditional Irish dance with modern styles. This initiative is part of the Artist in the Primary School Scheme and is generously funded by the Tipperary County Council Arts Office.

## SAY YES TO LANGUAGES

We are excited to announce that our school has been selected to participate in the *Say Yes to Languages* Primary School program. Through this initiative, students in the Middle and Senior Room will embark on a ten-week German language course, running from October 22<sup>nd</sup> onwards.

The *Say Yes to Languages* program aims to introduce young learners to new languages and cultures, fostering early language acquisition skills and promoting multicultural awareness.

By engaging with the German language, students will not only develop basic communication skills but also broaden their understanding of the wider world. This valuable learning opportunity is fully funded by the Department of Education and will be guided by Ms. Patricia McLoughney.

## SPACE WEEK

World Space Week, celebrated from October 4th to October 10th each year, is a special time when people all over the world come together to celebrate the wonders of space! It's an opportunity to learn about amazing things like planets, stars, rockets, and space exploration. Schools and space organizations hold fun activities to teach children how astronauts travel to space, how scientists study the universe, and why space is important for our future. It's a week to get excited about discovering new things about our solar system and beyond! In the Junior and Senior Infant classes, the children celebrated Space Week by learning a song called The Eight Planets, where they memorized the names of the planets in our Solar System. They also enjoyed listening to a space-themed story called Back to Earth with a Bump. With their love for arts and crafts, they made beautiful galaxy artwork to mark the special occasion. As far as we're concerned, no stars shine brighter than the ones in our own classroom here at Drom N.S.! The celebrations ended with a fun space-themed dice game, with some fantastic help from the 6th Class students.

## GAA TRAINING – UPDATE

We're excited to resume training with Tony Shanahan from Drom and Inch GAA Club after the mid-term break. Our students are eager to get back on the field, and we can't wait to see their progress! With the recent success our students have had in their Hurling and Camogie clubs, we have high hopes for our GAA teams this year.

Wishing the Drom and Inch Senior Camogie Club the very best of luck in their county semi-final match against Clonoulty-Rossmore this Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. The match takes place at 1pm in the County Camogie Grounds. We are all shouting for you! Druim agus Inse Abú.

## MATHS WEEK

Maths Week Ireland is a national event that celebrates math in a fun and engaging way. It happens every October and is aimed at getting people of all ages, especially students, interested in math. Schools, colleges, libraries, and community groups across Ireland take part in various activities like math puzzles, games, workshops, and talks to show how math is important in everyday life and can be enjoyable to learn. The goal is to help everyone, from young kids to adults, feel more confident about math and to see it as something useful and exciting, not just a school subject. It's a week full of fun challenges, interactive events, and opportunities to explore math in new ways!

## ANNUALS

Christmas annual forms have been sent home with each child. The form has also been sent to parents / guardians via the Eolas App. Two companies are offering annuals this year – FOLENS AND EDUCATE.IE. If you wish to purchase an annual, please choose which company you wish to purchase an annual from, complete the relevant form and return it to the school with the correct money as soon as you can but no later than Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024.

The school will order the annuals on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in order to avail of special offers. Unfortunately, we cannot accept late orders.

EDUCATE.IE ANNUALS: €2.50

FOLENS ANNUALS: €2.80. Comes with a free pen or pencil.

## CHILDRENS BOOKS IRELAND

The school is partnering with Aoife Murray from Children's Books Ireland and Drom Broadband Connection Point (BCP) to host a "Book Clinic." This initiative will give 8 students from Drom National School the opportunity to have a personalized session with a "Book Doctor" (a children's literature expert) via Zoom, under the supervision of the school principal. Each child will have an individual "appointment" lasting about 10 to 15 minutes, during which the Book Doctor will discuss their interests and suggest books tailored to them. In addition, Children's Books Ireland has provided Drom BCP with a selection of books for those attending the clinic. The Book Doctor will also recommend titles available for borrowing from the local library. Soon, we will be sending out a digital form to gather interest in the Book Clinic, and we hope to launch it in the near future.

## TEAM HOPE 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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Often these shoebox gifts are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they bring is incredible.

**How to fill a shoebox**

Filling a shoebox can be a very personal and thoughtful process. Creating a gift for a child living in poverty means that you can include some essentials along with some fun bits. See below how to create the perfect shoebox gift.

**1. Wrap the box**  
Wrap your regular sized shoebox in snazzy Christmas wrapping paper. Please wrap the box and lid separately so we can easily open it up.

**2. Decide who your gift is for**  
Decide who your gift is for, a girl or boy aged between 2-14. Print off your label or use the one on your leaflet - tick the age group and stick it on the top right-hand corner of your shoebox lid.  
[Download label PDF →](#)

**3. Fill your box**  
Fill your box with lovely gifts using items from the 4 W's list below. Please don't include anything on our 'what not to include' list or something you would not be happy to receive yourself.  
[Download 4W's PDF →](#)

**4. Pay for your shoebox**  
Don't forget to add €5 to help us get your box to a child. You can donate online or include cash in the envelope provided with the leaflet. You can place the cash envelope on top of your gifts inside the box.  
[Donate online →](#)

**5. Secure your box**  
Hold the box together with a large elastic band. Please don't seal it with tape as we have to check each box for custom purposes. Get your boxes to us by November 10<sup>th</sup> by dropping them at one of our national drop off points.  
[Find my local drop off point →](#)

**What can I put in my box?**

Write: Please provide stationery, paper or copy books, coloring books, markers, sharpeners and rulers.

Wash: Soap (unscented), toothbrush, comb, towel/wall, comb/comb and hairbrush.

Wear: Socks, underwear, flip flops, hat, scarf and gloves.

Play: Quality toys, building blocks, a pop-up book, a ball, a yo-yo, a string, a jump rope, a skipping rope, a ball, a yo-yo, a string, a jump rope, a skipping rope.

**What not to include?**

If you include items from the below list, they will be removed. Please don't include any items that are not on the list.

- Alcohol**: Alcohol, tobacco or drugs.
- Chocolate**: On food that can't be eaten or is not suitable for children.
- Sharp objects**: Knives, tools, pens, pencils, etc.
- Sharp things**: Sharp objects, tools, pens, pencils, etc.
- Perfumes**: Perfumes, cologne, etc.
- Medicine**: Medicine, pills, etc.
- Books with lots of words**: Books with lots of words.
- Large clothing items**: Any items of clothing that are too large to fit in the box.



September

# SPORTS

## ATHLETICS TIPPERARY CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION



September

**SPORTS**



## **U13 GAELIC FOOTBALL TEAM**

