



# DROM NEWS



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## Outstanding October



**NOVEMBER  
2024**



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**NOV 6**

### VISIT FROM PAMELA O' BRIEN

WE START OUR EXPLORING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS THROUGH CODING PROJECT.

**NOV 8**

### TEAM HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

PLEASE RETURN YOUR TEAM HOPE SHOEBOX TO THE SCHOOL.

**NOV 8**

### GAA TRAINING WITH TONY SHANAHAN RESUMES

WE ARE OVER THE MOON TO WELCOME BACK TONY SHANAHAN TO THE SCHOOL FOR GAA TRAINING. WE START WITH HURLING SO DON'T FORGET YOUR GEAR!

**NOV 10 - 17**

### SCIENCE WEEK

SCIENCE WEEK IRELAND IS AN ANNUAL WEEK-LONG EVENT IN IRELAND EACH NOVEMBER, CELEBRATING SCIENCE IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

**NOV 15**

### ONLINE BOOK CLINIC

WE HAVE TEAMED UP WITH CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND TO GET RECOMMENDATIONS OF GOOD READS FROM THE BOOK DOCTOR.

**NOV 15**

### PEACE PROMS WORKSHOP

THIRD TO SIXTH CLASS WILL TRAVEL TO THE UL SPORTS ARENA FOR A PEACE PROMS WORKSHOP. WE CAN'T WAIT!

**NOV 16**

### DROM NS TIMBER AUCTION

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR TIMBER AUCTION WHICH TAKES PLACE AT 6.30PM OUTSIDE DROM COMMUNITY HALL.

**NOV 20 - 21**

### PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

PLEASE SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT ON THE EOLAS APP.

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

October has been an incredibly vibrant and memorable month here at Drom National School! Our students have been buzzing with excitement as we celebrated a range of engaging events, from Space Week and Maths Week to our heart-warming annual Friendship Week to end the half-term.

A highlight of the month was undoubtedly our visit to the musical Copacabana at Our Lady's Templemore. We were thrilled to see our talented past pupils shine on stage—some in the chorus and others, like Keira Patterson, in lead roles. The show's impressive set, brought to life with the artistic skills of our former students, left us in awe and filled with pride.

In other news, we kicked off our Say Yes to Languages program, led by Patricia McLoughney. Over the next 10 weeks, students from 1st to 6th Class will embark on a Department of Education-funded course in German language and language awareness, enriching their cultural understanding and linguistic skills.

And, of course, October wouldn't be complete without a bit of Halloween fun. Recently, the halls of Drom NS have been haunted by spooky characters and bloodied, and bandaged "sportspeople" roaming the corridors—a sight that made us question just what happens in sports training these days!

All in all, it's been a month of learning, laughter, and lasting memories. Here's to more adventures in the months ahead!

We hope you enjoy reading this October 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.

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# TIMBER AUCTION



IN AID OF  
DROM N.S.

DROM COMMUNITY HALL  
SATURDAY, 16TH NOV. 2024  
6.30PM  
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## CHILD SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

The Board of Management of Drom National School wishes to inform you that:

*The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board meeting of 16th October 2024.*

*This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the Department's website [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie).*

The Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment is available to view in hard copy in the school or by request to [secretary@dromns.com](mailto:secretary@dromns.com). It is also available on the school website [www.dromns.com](http://www.dromns.com).

The Board of Management of Drom National School seeks the feedback of parents / guardians in relation to the school's compliance with the requirements of the child safeguarding requirements of the 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools' (Revised 2023). Should you wish to provide the Board with feedback, please send your written submission to the Chairperson of the Board, Drom NS, Drom, Templemore, Co. Tipperary, E41PC86 or [secretary@dromns.com](mailto:secretary@dromns.com) before November 1st 2024.

## ANTI-BULLYING POLICY REVIEW

The Board of Management of Drom National School wishes to inform you that:

*The Board of Management's annual review of the school's anti-bullying policy and its implementation was completed at the Board meeting of 16th October 2024. This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in Appendix 4 of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools.*



## **HURLING TRAINING**

Hurling training with Mr. Tony Shanahan will resume on Friday, November 8th.

For hurling training, children will need to wear their tracksuit and runners / studded boots (if available). It is very important that students have their own hurley and helmet for training each Friday. For hygiene reasons, we cannot provide hurling sticks or helmets. Sporting gear should be brought to school in a small bag. Large gear bags are not permitted in the school as the school does not have the necessary space to store them safely.

## **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 in the Infant Room ended with a fun space themed dice game, with some fantastic help from the Senior students

The Mighty Middle Class also had a blast celebrating Space Week with an exciting array of activities. They explored each planet through creative projects and dove into art and crafts inspired by the wonders of our solar system. The week wrapped up with an interactive space-themed quiz, making the learning truly out of this world!

## **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!

In the Infant classroom, students had a week filled with exciting math activities! On Monday, they explored patterns by helping a teacher distribute Halloween treats in a specific sequence to 20 students. Tuesday brought a creative twist as they crafted "wicked witches" using a variety of 2-D shapes. On Wednesday, they played Pumpkin Ring Toss, where they added the numbers on each pumpkin to find the top scorer from three successful throws. Thursday's challenge required logic as they competed to pick the last apple from a group of 10 bobbing in the witch's cauldron, with the rule that they could only pick apples in sets of 1 or 2—a true brain teaser! The week wrapped up with a round of the always-popular Ghost Bowling with Ms. Power, ending on a spooky high note!

In the Middle Room, students tackled the Maths Week quiz booklets daily, sharpening their skills with each challenge. They also enjoyed a more advanced version of Ghost Bowling, where they added up numbers from 1 to 12 on the ghost pins to calculate their total score. Additionally, they played a variety of educational games from the Topmarks website, blending learning with fun!

The Senior Smarties were fully engaged in celebrating Maths Week! They embraced the new Primary Maths Curriculum by diving into a series of open-ended tasks from the Oide website, a newly launched resource funded by the Department of Education to support teachers and school leaders. This innovative approach made Maths Week both challenging and rewarding for the students, sparking curiosity and enhancing their problem-solving skills.

## FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Each year at Drom National School, we celebrate Friendship Week as part of our commitment to building a strong sense of community and supporting our anti-bullying policy.

During Friendship Week, students explore the qualities of being a good friend and reflect on moments when they may not have been as kind as they could be.

A central focus is placed on understanding bullying and knowing how to respond if a child is bullied or witnesses bullying.

In the Infant Room, the children learned about the qualities of a good friend by playing a game where they identified friendly and unfriendly actions.

The Mighty Middle Class took a proactive approach, creating posters on how to be a good friend and identifying five trusted people they could turn to for support if they experienced bullying. They also explored a friendship-themed poem and made friendship bracelets and cards, reinforcing the value of kindness and empathy.

In the Senior Room, students delved into the topic of cyberbullying and discussed strategies to handle it responsibly.

During Friendship Week, Junior students (Infants to Second Class) also got to meet their Senior buddies (Third to Sixth Class) for the first time. These Senior buddies played with their Junior companions throughout the week and will continue to be there for them throughout the year, providing a helping hand during break times if needed.

Special congratulations to Tom Cahill, who was named Senior Buddy Champion for Friendship Week 2024. Tom went above and beyond each day to look after and play with his Junior Buddy, Michael Kennedy, embodying the spirit of friendship and support.

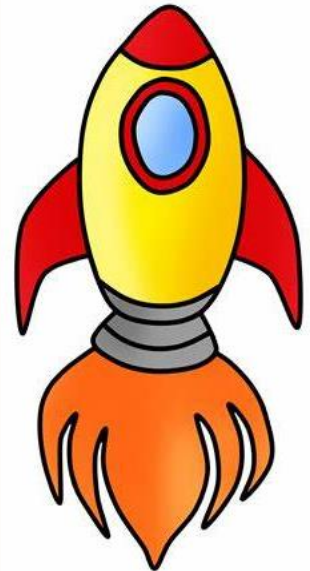
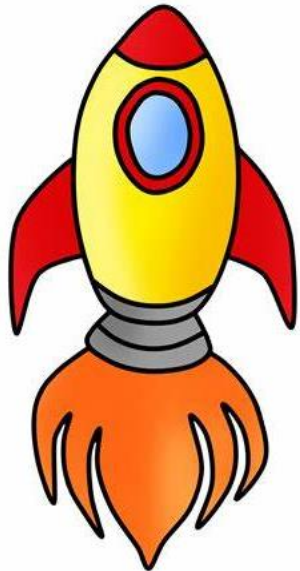
Indeed, all Senior students deserve recognition for the kindness and care they showed to their younger companions, making us proud as a school community to witness such responsibility and compassion among our students.



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## SPACE WEEK



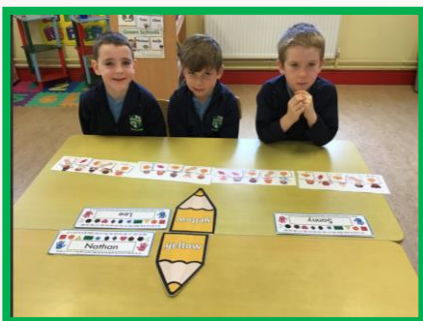


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## MATHS WEEK

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## FRIENDSHIP WEEK





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## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

