



# DROM NEWS



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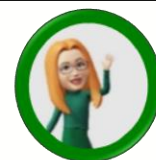
**DROM'S FAVOURITE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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## Jam Packed January to Amazing April

### UPCOMING EVENTS



### A Note from the Editor...

They say time flies when you're having fun—and that's certainly been the case here at Drom NS during Term 2! In fact, things have been so busy that our beloved school newsletter, *Drom News*, will now be issued on a termly basis instead of monthly. But don't worry—it will still be packed with exciting student stories, upcoming events, and all the essential school updates you love.

Term 2 was bursting with activity. In January, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week and took part in a dynamic coding workshop led by Pamela O'Brien from TUS Thurles Campus. February brought a special trip for our Third to Sixth Class students, who visited TUS once again—this time to mark their involvement in the *Exploring the Sustainable Development Goals through Coding* project. We also proudly took part in the Credit Union Quiz, represented by enthusiastic teams from Third & Fourth and Fifth & Sixth classes.

March was a whirlwind of excitement! We took part in the Peace Proms, flipped our way through Pancake Tuesday, participated in World Book Day, celebrated St. Patrick's Day, and hosted a hugely successful Bake Sale in support of the Irish Cancer Society.

By April, we were 'Singing into Spring' with Music Generation Tipperary, finishing up our gymnastics sessions with School Fitness Ireland, and hitting the pitch for an U11 Hurling Blitz.

To stay in the loop with everything happening at Drom NS, be sure to follow us on X (@dromns1) and Instagram (@dromns1). There's always something going on—don't miss out!

**MAY 2025**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MAY 2**

**NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN**  
THE CHILDREN WILL PICK LITTER IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS, OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL AND IN THE GAA FIELD AS THEY TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN

**MAY 5**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY AS WE ENJOY A LONG WEEKEND FOR THE MAY BANK HOLIDAY.

**MAY 10**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONY**  
FIVE WONDERFUL CHILDREN FROM SECOND CLASS WILL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DROM AT 11AM.

**MAY 19 - 23**

**FOOD DUDES WEEK**  
THE CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A PORTION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES EACH DAY THIS WEEK, AS PART OF THE FOOD DUDES PROGRAM.

**MAY 19 - 30**

**ASSESSMENTS**  
ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THIS WEEK. WE ASK THAT EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO ATTEND SCHOOL DURING THESE IMPORTANT WEEKS.

**MAY 20**

**ESB SCIENCE BLAST**  
THIRD AND FOURTH CLASS WILL TRAVEL TO THE UL SPORTS ARENA TO PRESENT THEIR PROJECT ENTITLED 'DOES REGULAR PHYSICAL EXERCISE HELPS STUDENTS PERFORM BETTER ACADEMICALLY?'

**MAY 28**

**SENIOR SCHOOL TOUR**  
THIRD TO SIXTH CLASS TRAVEL TO DERG ISLE ADVENTURE CENTRE IN SCARIFF, CO. CLARE FOR A DAY FULL OF ACTION AND ADVENTURE.

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**MAY 2025**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MAY 29**

**JUNIOR SCHOOL TOUR**  
CHILDREN FROM JUNIOR INFANTS TO SECOND CLASS WILL TRAVEL TO CASTLEVIEW OPEN FARM IN CULAHILL, CO. LAOIS. WE CAN'T WAIT!

**MAY 30**

**HALF DAY CLOSURE**  
THE SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 12.30PM ON THIS DAY AS STAFF EXPLORE THE NEW ANTI-BULLYING PROCEDURES - BI CINEÁLTA.



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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

*By Máiréad-Kate Barry, Daniel Ryan & Micheál Maher*

Catholic Schools' Week was celebrated in Drom NS from Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th January. The theme for this year was "Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full," with each day focusing on a different aspect of that theme:

Monday: Life to the Full in Our Community of Friends

Tuesday: Life to the Full in Our Faith Community

Wednesday: Life to the Full in Our Families

Thursday: Life to the Full, for and with Others

Friday: Life to the Full for the Common Good of All

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly Grandparents' Day, which took place on Thursday, the 23rd of January. The whole school was buzzing with excitement as we prepared for this special occasion. One of our pupils, Máiréad-Kate Barry, described the day beautifully:

*"First, we got ready for Mass. Then we headed to the church. When we got there, we got seated and waited for the Mass to start. While we were waiting, we saw some of our grandparents and our parents. During the Mass, 4th, 5th, and 6th Class did a reading."*

As part of the ceremony, a lovely photo display was arranged in both the church and the school to honour our grandparents—those with us and those who have passed on.

A particularly touching moment came when Tom Ryan from Senior Infants, his father Tom Ryan, and his grandfather John Ryan lit candles together. This moving act symbolised the passing of faith through the generations and added great meaning to the celebration. The children provided beautiful instrumental music throughout the Mass, creating a peaceful and reflective atmosphere.

After the ceremony, families returned to the school for a warm welcome, delicious refreshments, and time to chat and connect.

*"After the Mass was done," Daniel and Micheál continued, "the grandparents and parents got some refreshments. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class did a dance for the grandparents. We got some photos of us and our grandparents. Once all the grandparents went home, we got some sweet treats. It was a great day with our grandparents."*

Grandparents' Day was truly a joyful and memorable celebration of love, family, and faith. It was a day filled with smiles, stories, music, and laughter – a wonderful way to live "Life to the Full" together in Drom NS.



## TUS – THURLES CAMPUS VISIT

*By Chloë Kieley & Annie Ryan*



On Friday, the 7th of February, 3rd to 6th Class visited TUS College in Thurles for an exciting and educational day. We left the school at around 10:15am and arrived at the college just before 10:45am.

When we arrived, we were greeted warmly and given a tour of the campus. We saw the lecture rooms, the science lab, and the computer room—everything was so cool!

After the tour, we visited the sports hall where the leaders tested our running speed. Tadhg Heaney was the fastest runner of the day—well done, Tadhg!

Next, we took part in a fun coding session where we used MakeCode Arcade to program a game featuring a monkey in the jungle and a ranger trying to find it.

After a break from coding, we moved to a hall to complete some Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) puzzles. These puzzles helped us learn more about how we can take care of the world.

Once the puzzles were finished, we returned to our coding project to put the finishing touches on our games.

After all that learning and fun, it was time for lunch—we had delicious chicken goujons and chips!

Finally, we got back on the bus and returned to school after an amazing day. We all agreed it was a fantastic experience, and we learned so much while having fun!

## CREDIT UNION QUIZ

*By Niamh Heaney, Clodagh Ryan & Tommy Bourke*

On the 7th of February 2025, eight students from our school took part in the annual Credit Union Quiz held at the Templemore Arms Hotel.

There were two teams representing the school: one from 3rd and 4th Class and one from 5th and 6th Class. Each team had four members. The 3rd and 4th Class team included Cathal Kennedy (captain), Kayla Kennedy Hogan, Charlotte Kennedy, and Kelvin Cawley. The 5th and 6th Class team was made up of Tommy Bourke (captain), Clodagh Ryan, Jack Cleary, and Niamh Heaney.

In the weeks leading up to the quiz, the teams dedicated their lunch breaks to practice sessions with Ms. Moore and Ms. Ryan. Their help and encouragement were a huge support as we prepared for the big night.

On the day of the quiz, we arrived at the venue about half an hour early to find our seats and settle in. We got to chat with friends from other schools before the quiz officially began at 7:00pm. There were twelve rounds of challenging questions, plus a few tiebreakers. We took turns writing down the answers and worked hard as a team. After round six, we had a short break where we got to catch up with the other team and recharge.

Before the winners were announced, we were all given a snack bag with crisps, a chocolate bar, and a bottle of water. We crossed our fingers, hoping to place in the top three. Unfortunately, neither of our teams made it into the top spots this time—but we all agreed that the experience was fun, exciting, and totally worth it!

A huge thank you to Ms. Moore and Ms. Ryan for giving up their time to help us prepare, and especially to Ms. Moore for coming along in the evening to cheer us on. We had a brilliant time and hope to try again next year!





## CREDIT UNION QUIZ



## SAY YES TO LANGUAGES

*By Sadbh Walsh, James Barry & Tadhg Heaney*

During Term 1 and Term 2, 1st to 6th Class took part in the Say Yes to Languages programme—a brilliant opportunity to explore new languages and cultures in a fun and engaging way. Over the course of ten weeks, we had eight lessons in German, followed by two final sessions in French, with the programme concluding in February.

Throughout the German lessons, we learned everyday words and phrases, played language games, and sang songs—including a fun one to help us remember the days of the week. Our German teacher Patricia made each class enjoyable and exciting, and every week she awarded a Golden Bird Stamp to a student who showed great enthusiasm and effort.

To finish the programme, we had two very special French sessions led by Mikey and Norah O' Sullivan's uncle in law, Synzi Dadié, who originates from the Ivory Coast. He not only helped us revise French vocabulary and greetings but also taught us about life in his home country.

Dadié spoke about the challenges people face in the Ivory Coast, like poverty and small wages, and shared fascinating facts—such as the fact that only about 225 elephants remain in the country. He also introduced us to his native language, Dida, and explained how one word—"Ayoka"—can mean hello, goodbye, and many other things depending on how it's used.

Dadié told us about his tribe and how his family grows cocoa beans, which are important to the country's economy. To wrap things up, we played games like Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes in French and had great fun practicing our new words in a playful way.

The Say Yes to Languages programme was a fantastic experience. We didn't just learn two new languages—we also learned about different cultures and ways of life around the world. We're really thankful for the chance to be part of it and hope we can take part in more language adventures in the future!





## **GYMNASTICS WITH SCHOOL FITNESS IRELAND**

*By Tom Cahill, Georgia Maher, Cliona Cahill, Harlow Cawley and Myra Shanahan*

This term, pupils from 1st to 6th Class took part in an exciting six-week gymnastics programme led by the brilliant Gill from School Fitness Ireland. The lessons began on Thursday, 27th February 2025 and ran weekly up until the Easter holidays. The programme brought a wonderful mix of movement, fun, and new skills to our Thursday mornings—and we absolutely loved it!

Each Thursday, the children took turns heading out to the new soft play area at the back of the school, which was the perfect space for all our gymnastics activities. Ms. Moore's class went out first at 9:30am, followed by Ms. Ryan's class at 10:00am, and Ms. Butler's class at 10:30am. The lessons were well structured and thoughtfully delivered, giving each group a chance to enjoy a full session with plenty of time for learning and fun.

Gill came prepared every week with soft mats, a balance beam, tumbling equipment, and a big smile! She made sure everything was set up safely and encouraged everyone to try their best, regardless of experience or ability.

Every session began with a warm-up and stretches to prepare our bodies, followed by exciting activities like cartwheels, tumbling, balance challenges, acrobatics, and partner work. It was amazing to see how much progress we all made in just a few weeks! At the end of each lesson, we did a relaxing cool-down, giving our muscles time to rest. Gill was always kind, patient, and encouraging. She made everyone feel included and confident to give things a go—even when they were tricky!

To top off the programme, we were delighted to have two bonus coaching sessions led by Phoebe and Mike, who focused on fundamental movement skills, cooperative games, dancing, and a taste of athletics. These final two sessions were provided free of charge as a complementary addition to the gymnastics programme, and they were such a fun way to finish off the term. We played teamwork games, learned new dance moves, and worked on important skills like balance, coordination, and rhythm.

Although the programme has now come to an end, it has been one of the highlights of our term. The variety of activities kept us moving, learning, and smiling. It helped build our confidence, flexibility, strength, and teamwork skills—and most importantly, it was loads of fun! We're very happy to share that gymnastics will be returning again next year, and we're already looking forward to it. A huge thank you to Gill, Phoebe, Mike, and School Fitness Ireland for giving us such a wonderful experience. Until next time—thank you!



## DAFFODIL BAKE SALE

What an incredible morning it was on Friday, 28th March, as our school community came together to support the Irish Cancer Society on Daffodil Day 2025. Our Bake Sale was a heartwarming display of kindness, generosity, and unity—and thanks to the overwhelming support from everyone involved, we raised an amazing €1,020.86 for this incredibly important cause.

From the moment the doors opened, the school hall was filled with the delicious aroma of cakes, buns, cookies, and every treat imaginable. But even sweeter than the baked goods was the spirit of giving that filled the room. Parents, children, staff members, and the wider community poured in to show their support—not only by purchasing treats but by taking time to connect, share stories, and stand in solidarity with those affected by cancer.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who baked, bought, donated, or helped out in any way. Your contributions—big and small—made all the difference. Events like these remind us of the power we have when we come together for a common cause.

We want to give a special round of applause to our incredible Sixth Class students, who took the lead in organising the entire event from start to finish. From planning and promoting, to setting up stalls and serving customers, they showed leadership, teamwork, and heart in abundance. Their energy, creativity, and sense of purpose turned a simple idea into a beautiful reality. What a fantastic legacy they've created—one we know will inspire younger students for years to come.

We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Hazel Ryan, our former student from Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore, who has been with us on work experience. Hazel's dedication, maturity, and kindness shone brightly throughout her time with us, and she was an absolute star during the Bake Sale. We feel so lucky to have had her with us. Her presence was a true reminder of how our school continues to be shaped by those who have passed through its doors.

This Daffodil Day was more than just a fundraiser—it was a celebration of community, hope, and compassion. We are so proud of what we achieved together, and we know that 28th March 2025 will be remembered as one of the highlights of our school year. Thank you once again to everyone who helped make this day so special.



## PEACE PROMS

We were incredibly proud to see our talented students take to the stage at the Peace Proms 2025 on Sunday, 2nd March at 1pm in the UL Sports Arena. Representing our school with pride and joy, the children performed alongside hundreds of others from across the country as part of the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland's inspiring celebration of peace, unity, and music.

The atmosphere was electric, the music uplifting, and the smiles on our students' faces said it all. It was a truly unforgettable experience, and one that will stay with them for years to come. Well done to all involved—you did Drom NS proud!

## **SING FOR SPRING**

*By Cathal Kennedy & Clodagh Ryan*

On Wednesday, 2nd April 2025, hundreds of children from across County Tipperary gathered at the Horse and Jockey Hotel Theatre for Sing for Spring 2025 — a joyful celebration of music, learning, and togetherness, brought to life by Music Generation Tipperary. Our pupils from 1st to 6th class were thrilled to be part of this vibrant event, joining children from other local schools in a lively and uplifting performance. The experience was made even more special by the presence of some of Tipperary's most talented and well-known musicians, who brought a wonderful sense of energy and inspiration to the day. Among the artists performing were Stephen McGrath (Crow Black Chicken), Richie Delahunty (Moxie), Aishling Rafferty (Country star and Glór Tíre 2022 winner), and Mary Claire Ryan (Kilfenora Roadshow). They were joined by the exceptional Musician Educators Maria Fennessy, Avril Kinnane Stapleton, and Niamh Fenton, who led the children in an engaging programme of song and rhythm.

Throughout the event, our pupils sang a range of uplifting songs including Slievenamon, Sounds of Semple, and Count on Me. They also had the chance to take part in rhythm and percussion workshops, which gave them a hands-on musical experience and plenty of fun along the way. The atmosphere was one of celebration and creativity, and our students thoroughly enjoyed every moment. A warm thank you goes to Margaret, who welcomed everyone so kindly on arrival, and to Avril, whose encouragement and enthusiasm helped make the day such a success. Feedback from the pupils has been full of excitement and positivity. As Clodagh in 5th class shared, "It was a great day, full of music and fun!" And Cathal in 4th class echoed the sentiment, saying, "All-round we had a great time!" Sing for Spring 2025 was more than just a performance — it was a wonderful opportunity to experience the power of music in bringing people together. We are extremely proud of all our pupils who took part and are already looking forward to future opportunities to celebrate music as a school community.

## **U11 BLITZ**

*By Chloé Kieley, Annie Ryan & Sábh Walsh*

On the 4th of April, pupils from 3rd, 4th, and 5th class travelled to Littleton to take part in an exciting Under 11 Hurling Blitz. The excitement was building from the moment we arrived at school. At around 10:15, we got ready, boarded the bus, and set off on our journey, full of energy and team spirit.

After a 30-minute drive, we arrived in Littleton and were brought straight to the dressing rooms by our teacher, Ms Ryan. We got our hurling boots and helmets on, then headed out to the pitch for warm-ups.

We stretched, practiced a few drills, and met with our coach Tony, who helped us get into our positions for the first match.

Our opening game was against Lisnamrock N.S., an all-boys school. We gave it our all and played with great determination, but unfortunately, we didn't win.

After a short break and a chance to catch our breath, we played our second match against Ballysloe N.S., a mixed school. Once again, we showed great effort and teamwork, but luck wasn't on our side, and we lost that game too.

Even though we didn't win either match, both Ms Ryan and Tony told us how proud they were of our performance, attitude, and sportsmanship.

We finished off the day by cheering on the last match, enjoying a quick snack, and then heading back to school. Despite the results, we all agreed it was a fantastic day filled with fun, teamwork, and learning. A big thank you to Tony and Ms Ryan for organising such a great day out and supporting us all the way!